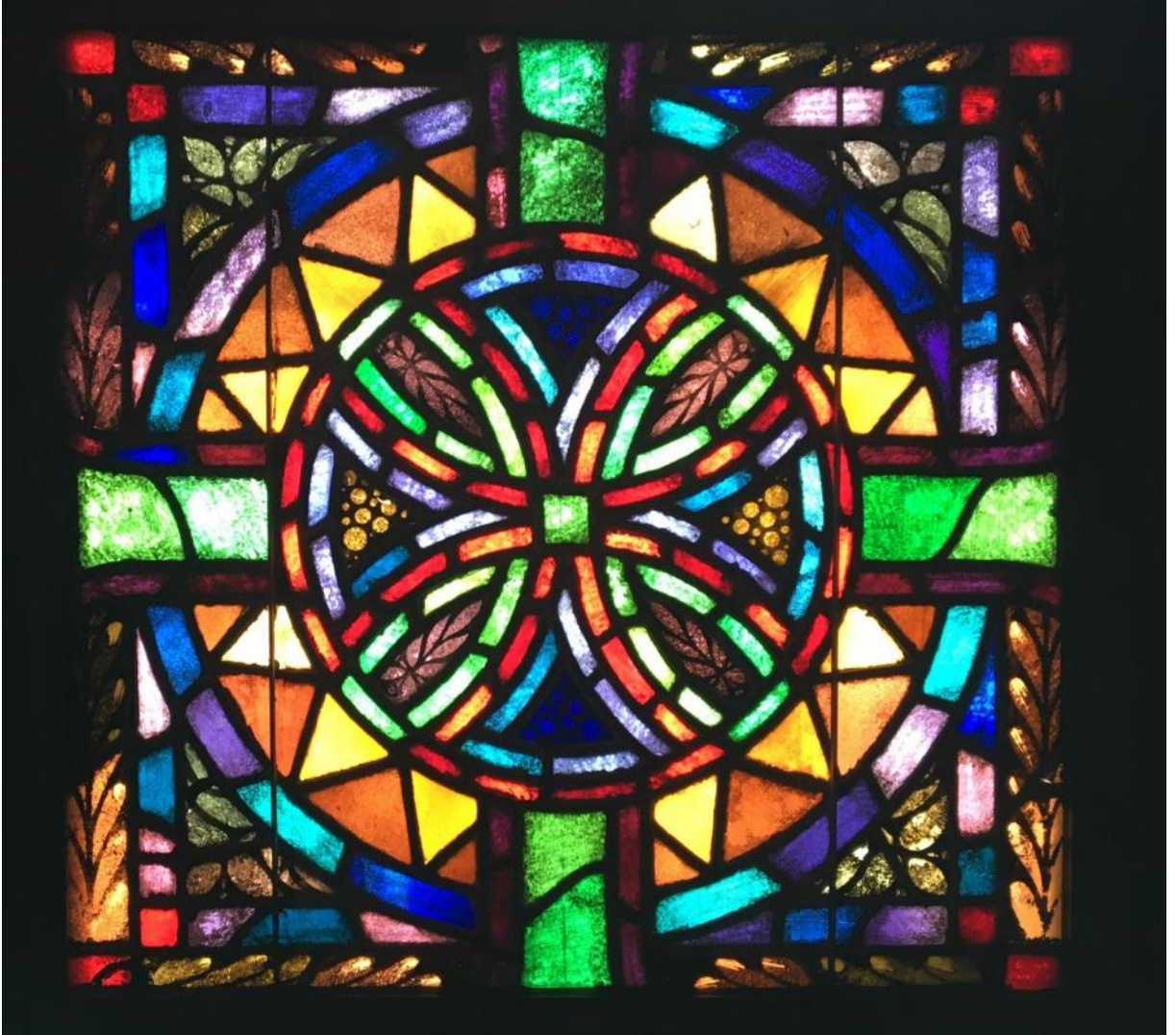




# Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to praise the Father, proclaim the Son  
and submit to the perfecting power of the Holy Spirit.



November 23, 2025 • 10:30 AM Worship

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## **Welcome to Covenant-First Presbyterian Church**

Whether you attend Covenant-First Presbyterian Church on a regular basis or are here for the first time, we are glad you are here. Covenant-First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1790, and has been a part of downtown Cincinnati ever since. Our almost 2,000 pound tower bell is from the Paul Revere Foundry in Boston, and first rang from the steeple of one of our earliest buildings. This building was completed in 1875, and the Austin Pipe Organ dates to 1915, with its approximately 3,500 pipes. We have traditional worship with Bible-based preaching each week. Our music program is enhanced by our Music Scholar program and we are excited to have them lead in worship most Sundays.

If you need help with directions to restrooms, the fellowship hall, or to the lower level nursery, the person who greeted you this morning will be glad to help you.

## **Children and worship**

We delight in children, and your children are always welcome to stay with you in worship. However, if you would prefer nursery care for your infants and toddlers, we do have a professionally staffed nursery in the lower level. We invite children ages 2 years to 5 years to participate in Junior Church. If your child wants to participate in Junior Church, you may escort them to the lower level during the singing of the Doxology. You may then pick your child up following the service from the downstairs classrooms.

## **Validated Parking**

Validated parking is available in the 222 W 7th St. Garage. Validation is done using your car's license plate number. Please locate a greeter to complete the validation process which requires your license plate number.

## **Fellowship Time**

After worship, we invite you to gather with us in Metzger Hall for a reception featuring coffee, treats, and encouraging conversation. Many of us travel from a distance to join together in worship on Sunday mornings, and we find this weekly fellowship time to be a valuable and enriching time for us to catch up and meet new people. Please join us!

## **About us**

If you are interested in learning more about Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, see your morning greeter, help yourself to any of the literature located on the back tables, contact the church office at 513-621-4144, or visit our website at [covfirstchurch.org](http://covfirstchurch.org).

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## Pre-Service Music

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

## Call to Worship

Jahlil Meatchem

One: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Come, love and serve him with all your heart.

## Prelude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on *St. George's Windsor*

## Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and  
onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## \*Hymn #565

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

## \*Invocation

Jahlil Meatchem

**All: O Lord, one God, to whom alone belongs our devotion, turn our hearts wholly  
unto you that our worship may be a fearless love, not divided with idols.**

## \*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Turis

**All: Lord, we confess we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We cling to idols,  
withholding soul and strength. Forgive our divided affections, write your Word  
anew upon our hearts.**

## \*Moments of Silent Confession

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Turis

One: Take courage: Though we fail to love perfectly, Christ has loved the Father wholly in our stead. His obedience is our righteousness; his Spirit now writes God's law upon our hearts. In him, divided souls are made whole, wavering love is strengthened, and sin forgiven. Therefore, rest in this promise: In Christ, you are pardoned, renewed, and equipped to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and might.

## \*Gloria Patri #575

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **Anthem**

Now Thank We All Our God

Arr. Benjamin Harlan

Covenant Choir

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way with  
countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed  
peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all  
ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them  
in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore. Amen!

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will  
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Call for the Offering**

*(If you would like to give online see the back of the bulletin.)*

### **Offertory**

He That Keepeth Israel

Adolphe Schlösser

Lea Nayak, Soprano

He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps, and he will give his angels charge over thee, to  
keep thee in all thy ways. Put thy trust in him and call upon him for his ears are open unto thy  
prayers. He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

### **\*Doxology #572**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*At this time all children are invited to go to Children's Church*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #25**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

With the Covenant Ringers

**Scripture Lesson**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

One: This is God's Word for God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Stewardship of Life

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

**\*Hymn #570**

We Gather Together

**Dedication of Our Pledges**

Please bring your pledge card to the front and place in front of the communion table during the singing of the hymn.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Improvisation on *Nun Danket*

Andrew Hackett, Organist

\*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Nancy Hobstetter in honor of her father John Hobstetter in celebration of his birthday.

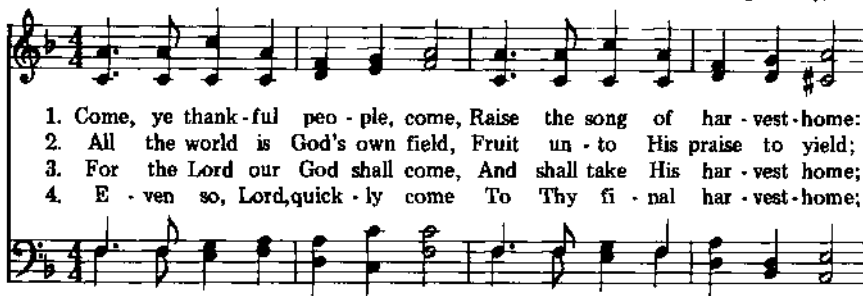
# Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 565

*The harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. Matt. 13:39*

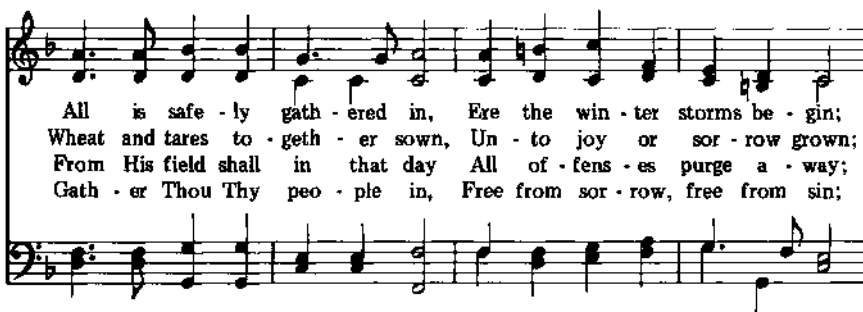
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George J. Elvey, 1858

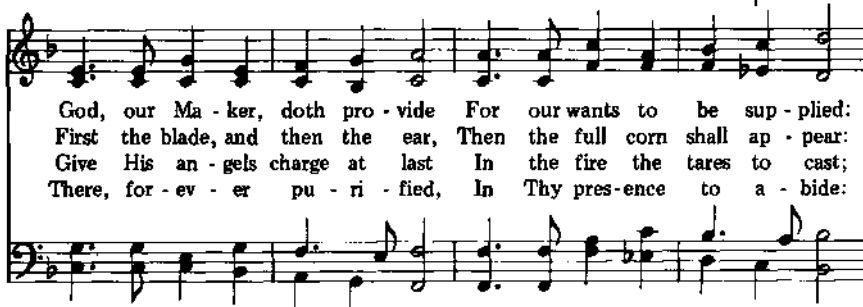
Henry Alford, 1844



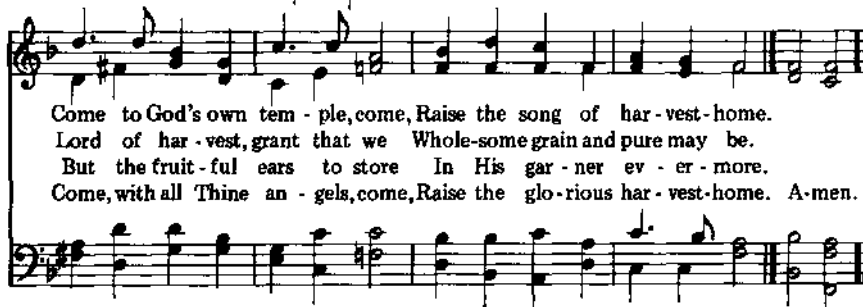
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest-home;  
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His har-vest home;  
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest-home;



All is safe-ly gath-ered in, Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
 Wheat and tares to-gether sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown;  
 From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way;  
 Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin;



God, our Ma-ker, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied:  
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear:  
 Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;  
 There, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy pres-ence to a-bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest-home.  
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 Come, with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest-home. A-men.

HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING

## 25 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord . . . Psal. 145:10*

HYMN TO JOY 8 7 8 7 D.

Henry Van Dyke, 1907

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals join the night - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.



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GOD THE FATHER

# We Gather Together 570

*If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31*

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Netherlands folk hymn  
Trans. by Theodore Baker, 1917

*Nederlandsch Gedenckelanc. 1626*  
Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou Lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;  
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;  
And pray that Thou still our De - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

Sing prais - es to His name: He for - gets not His own.  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be Thine!  
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free! A - men.

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