



Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

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



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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.

Service for the Lord's Day

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Pre-Service Music
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Two Voluntaries

Tomaso Albinoni

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Call to Worship

Karen Stine

One: Come hear the long story of grace; from Abraham to Antioch, the risen Christ still insists on being heard in every heart.

Prelude

Improvisation on Neumark

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Ringing 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 #420**

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

***Invocation**

Karen Stine

All: Storytelling God, who authored Israel's history and fulfilled every promise in Jesus, gather us into your narrative. As we listen and sing, connect our small stories to your big one. Let the same grace that propelled Paul's sermon awaken awe, repentance, and joy in us, and send us out as echoers of good news.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

All: Faithful Lord, we confess that we often treat grace like background music—nice, but ignorable. We know the story so well that we stop being astonished. We talk more about our opinions than about your mighty acts. Like sleepy synagogue listeners, we nod along but rarely tremble or rejoice. We forget that, as Martin Luther said, “We need to hear the gospel every day, because we forget it every day.” Forgive our gospel-boredom, our preference for novelty over good news, and our reluctance to speak of Christ when other topics feel safer.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

One: Good news: The grace you have grown bored with has never grown bored with you.

Jesus' death and resurrection are not old news in heaven; they are the eternal song. In him, your apathy, your quiet denials, your silences are forgiven. The righteousness Paul announced—justification by faith alone—is credited to you as you look to Christ. Grace will not stay quiet about you either; Jesus ever lives to intercede for you. You are pardoned, embraced, and enlisted by a Savior whose love is more persistent than your forgetfulness.

***Gloria Patri**

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

By Faith

Arr. Richard A Nichols

Covenant Men's Chorus

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness who walk by faith and not by sight. By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of his promise in their hearts of a holy city built by God's own hand a place where peace and justice reign

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise. We will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward
'till the race is finished and the work is done. We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave. By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

Minute for Ministry

Summer Program

Darlene Nored

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

Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

George Duffield and

Covenant Men's Chorus

George J. Webb

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army shall he lead, till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song. To him who over-cometh a crown of life shall be; they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally

*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 blessing 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 #498

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Scripture Lesson

Acts 13:13-52

From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak." ¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ¹⁷ The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; ¹⁸ for about forty years he endured their conduct in the wilderness; ¹⁹ and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. "After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he

will do everything I want him to do.’²³ “From this man’s descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised.²⁴ Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel.²⁵ As John was completing his work, he said: ‘Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’²⁶ “Fellow children of and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb.³⁰ But God raised him from the dead,³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.³² “We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: “ ‘You are my son; today I have become your father.’³⁴ God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, “ ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’³⁵ So it is also stated elsewhere: “ ‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’³⁶ “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.³⁸ “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.⁴⁰ Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:⁴¹ “ ‘Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.’”⁴² As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.⁴³ When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.⁴⁴ On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.⁴⁵ When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.⁵⁰ But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium.⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Grace That Won't Stay Quiet

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

***Hymn #378**

Lord Speak to Me

***Benediction**

Postlude

Litanies

Jehan Alain

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God
by Nancy Hobstetter in honor and celebration
of June Holley's 95th birthday which was on June 1.

This Week at CFPC

Sunday, June 14

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM — Worship

11:45 AM — Fellowship Time

Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM — Worship

11:45 AM — Fellowship Time

6 PM – Brady Block Party

Wednesday, June 17

12 Noon — Brown Bag Bible Study

8 PM — Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, June 24

12 Noon — Brown Bag Bible Study

8 PM — Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday, June 18

6 PM – Wedding Rehearsal

Thursday, June 25

6:45 PM – Wedding Rehearsal

6 PM – Senior Singles Outing, Mama's on Main, 621 Main St. Covington, KY. RSVP to Pat Beckman by noon on Wednesday.

Friday, June 19

Juneteenth Holiday – Church Office Closed

2 PM – Wedding

Friday, June 26

Courier Deadline

5:30 PM – Wedding

Saturday, June 20

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study

Saturday, June 27

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study

Planning Ahead

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee 420

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee . . . Psa. 55:22

Georg Neumark, 1641
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855
Based on Psalm 55

NEUMARK 989888
Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, And hope in Him through
2. On - ly be still and wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful hope, with
3. Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing; In all thy la - bor

all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,
heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure
faith - ful be, And trust His Word; though un - de - serv - ing,

And bear thee thro' the e - vil days; Who trusts in God's un -
And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent; Nor doubt our in - most
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er will for -

chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
sake in need The soul that trusts in Him in - deed. A - men.

COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Come, All Christians, Be Committed 498

Present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . be ye transformed. Rom. 12:1, 2

BEACH SPRING 8 7 8 D.

Traditional American melody

The Sacred Harp, 1844

Arr. by James H. Wood, 1958

Eva B. Lloyd, 1966

1. Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ted To the ser - vice of the
2. Of your time and tal - ents give ye, They are gifts from God a -
3. God's com - mand to love each oth - er Is re - quired of ev - ery
4. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, All who on Christ's name be -

Lord. Make your lives for Him more fit - ted, Tune your hearts with one ac -
bove, To be used by Chris - tians free - ly To pro - claim His won - drous
man. Show - ing mer - cy to a broth - er Mir - rors His re - demp - tive
lieve. Wor - ship Him with con - se - cra - tion, Grace and love will you re -

cord. Come in - to His courts with glad - ness, Each his sa - cred vows re -
love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, Tithes and off - rings with you
plan. In com - pas - sion He has giv - en Of His love that is di -
ceive. For His grace give Him the glo - ry, For the Spir - it and the

new, Turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, Be trans - formed with life a - new.
bring. In your work, with Him find fa - vor, And with joy His prais - es sing.
vine; On the cross sins were for - giv - en; Joy and peace are ful - ly thine.
Word, And re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry Till all men His name have heard.

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STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

378 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

The things that thou hast heard of me . . . commit thou to faithful men. II Tim. 2:2

Frances R. Havergal, 1872

CANONBURY L.M.
Robert A. Schumann, 1839

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone;
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious things Thou dost im-part;
3. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my ver - y heart o'er-flow
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, Just as Thou wilt and when and where;

Ac - cept - ed at Thy throne of grace, Let this pe - ti - tion rise.
The bless - ings of Thy grace im - part, And let me live to Thee.
Thy pres - ence thro' my jour - ney shine, And crown my jour - ney's end. A - men.