



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 30, 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.

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music

Improvisation on Kentucky Harmony

Andrew Hackett

Concerns of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

Advent Candle Lighting

The Candle of Hope

The Crousey Family

Advent begins in the long quiet — a season where truth grows slowly in the soil of waiting. Christ comes as the Word who speaks love plainly, without hurry or fear. As we grow up into him, our words begin to carry his warmth, his honesty, his hope.

“Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

We light this first candle to mark the beginning — a small flame reminding us that Christ's truth does not shout; it shines.

One: We light the Candle of Hope

All: As we look forward with hope, may Christ's truth grow in us, and his love speak through us.

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Arr. Egil Hovland

Andrew Hackett, Organist

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 #183

Christ Is Coming! Let Creation

*Invocation

Rev. Turis

All: Word made flesh, send your Spirit among us. Anchor us in truth, grow us in love, and make our lives living witnesses to your Gospel.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Turis

All: Lord, we confess our silence before neighbors, our fear to proclaim your Gospel, and our neglect of witness. Forgive us. By your Spirit, open our lips and shape our lives to speak truth in love.

*Moments of Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Turis

One: Hear the good news: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. In him we find forgiveness, freedom, and life. Through the cross, your sins are borne away; through his resurrection, you are made new. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed your transgressions. In Christ, you are forgiven, reconciled, and sent to proclaim his saving love.

***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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Covenant Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't grow weary, children don't for the time is drawing nigh.
Darker midnight draws before us, the time is drawing nigh.
See the morning star arising, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't grow weary for the time is drawing nigh.
Now our night will soon be over, yes, our night will soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning the time is drawing nigh.

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

Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

Covenant Choir

Glory to God in the Highest

***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 #181** The King Shall Come

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 4:15

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Evangelism in Advent Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

***Hymn #185** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

***Benediction**

Postlude	Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers	Michael D. Costello
Christie Lee, Organist		

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jack Weis
in memory of his good friend Bill Moore.

Christ Is Coming! Let Creation 183

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of . . . Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13

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John R. Macduff, 1853

Joachim Neander, 1680

1. Christ is com-ing! let cre - a - tion From her groans and tra - vail cease;
 2. Earth can now but tell the sto - ry Of Thy bit - ter cross and pain;
 3. Long Thine ex - iles have been pin - ing, Far from rest, and home, and Thee:
 4. With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, Let no harp re - main un - strung;

Let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion Hope re - store and faith in - crease:
 She shall yet be - hold Thy glo - ry, When Thou com - est back to reign:
 But in heav'n - ly ves - tures shin - ing, They their lov - ing Lord shall see:
 Let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus On - ward roll from tongue to tongue:

Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Come, Thou bless-ed Prince of Peace.
 Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
 Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Haste the joy - ous ju - bi - lee.
 Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick-ly come! A-men.

HIS COMING IN GLORY

The King Shall Come 181

Surely I come quickly . . . Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Rev. 22:20

Early Greek hymn
Trans. by John Brownlie, 1907

KENTUCKY HARMONY C.M.
Traditional American melody
Kentucky Harmony, 1816

Unison

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri-um-phant breaks, When
 2. Not as of old a lit-tle child To bear and fight and die, But
 3. O bright-er than the ris-ing morn When He, vic-to-ri-ous, rose And
 4. O bright-er than that glo-ri-ous morn Shall this fair morn-ing be, When
 5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings. Hail,

beau-ty gilds the east-ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 crowned with glo-ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky,
 left the lone-some place of death, De-spite the rage of foes:
 Christ our King in beau-ty comes And we His face shall see!
 Christ the Lord! Thy peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings! A-men.

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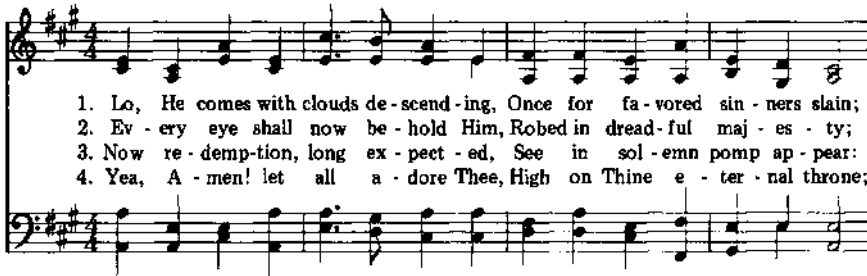
HIS COMING IN GLORY

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending 185

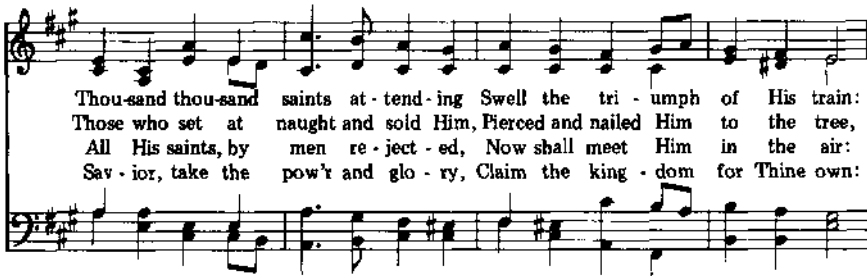
Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him. Rev. 1:7

Charles Wesley, 1758, and
Martin Madan, 1760
Based on John Cennick, 1752

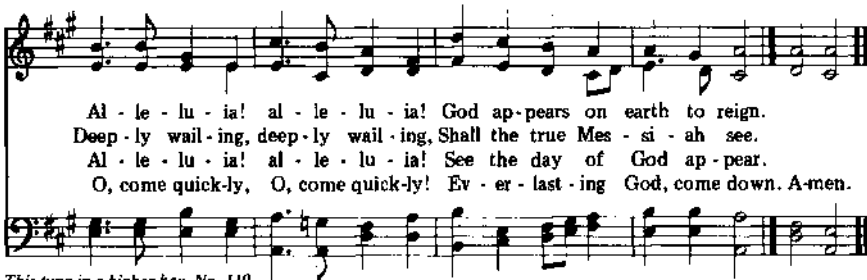
REGENT SQUARE 878787
Henry T. Smart, 1867



1. Lo, He comes with clouds de-scend-ing, Once for fa-vored sin-ners slain;
2. Ev-ery eye shall now be-hold Him, Robed in dread-ful maj-es-ty;
3. Now re-demp-tion, long ex-pect-ed, See in sol-emn pomp ap-pear:
4. Yea, A-men! let all a-dore Thee, High on Thine e-ter-nal throne;



Thou-sand thou-sand saints at-tend-ing Swell the tri-umph of His train:
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
All His saints, by men re-ject-ed, Now shall meet Him in the air:
Sav-ior, take the pow'r and glo-ry, Claim the king-dom for Thine own:



Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia! God ap-pears on earth to reign.
Deep-ly wail-ing, deep-ly wail-ing, Shall the true Mes-si-ah see.
Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia! See the day of God ap-pear.
O, come quick-ly, O, come quick-ly! Ev-er-last-ing God, come down. A-men.

This tune in a higher key, No. 110

HIS COMING IN GLORY