

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.

Parking

Validated parking is available in the adjacent garage for all worship services. Please pick up a validation sticker and apply the sticker to your parking ticket to use for validation. Then simply scan your ticket with the sticker at the parking gate on your way out of the garage. If you are unsure how to obtain your parking sticker, any greeter or our security personnel will be happy to assist you.

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, please pick up any of the literature located on the back tables, see your morning greeter, contact the church office at 513-621-4144, or visit our website at www.covfirstchurch.org.

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music

Nimm von uns, Herr, BuxWV 207

Dietrich Buxtehude

Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 10

Brian Calvano

One: The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God.

All: He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

One: You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name alone you shall swear.

All: He is your praise, and he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your eyes have seen.

Prelude

Improvisation on *Lyons*

Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

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 #21

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

*Invocation

All: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we confess to you that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the ones that everyone knows; the sins that are a burden to us, and the ones that do not bother us because we have grown comfortable with them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live as you have called us to live through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon** Romans 8 and 2 Corinthians 5

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575** Glory Be to the Father

***Anthem** The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fettke Covenant Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: Beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man?
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God; little children praise you perfectly, and so would we.
And so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

The 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.

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O Lord my God, . . . Thou art clothed with honor and majesty. Psa. 104:1

Psalm 104
William Kethe, 1561
Adapt. by Robert Grant, 1833

LYONS 10 10 11 11
William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815
Arr. from Johann M. Haydn, 1737-1806

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In Thee do we

sing His pow'r and His love; Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der clouds
air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the
trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mer - cies how ten - der! how firm to the

Days, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
plain, And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
end! Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend. A - men.

HIS PRAISE

Open My Eyes, That I May See 350

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. Psa. 119:18

Clara H. Scott, 1895

SCOTT Irreg.
Clara H. Scott, 1895

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine! A - men.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The score includes three verses of lyrics, a main body of lyrics, a refrain, and a concluding verse with 'A-men'.

HOPE AND ASPIRATION

326 God of Our Life, through All the Circling

Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end. Psa. 102:27

SANDON 10 4 10 4 10 10
Charles H. Purday, 1860

Hugh T. Kerr, 1916; alt., 1928

1. God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, We trust in Thee;
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a - bide.
3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known We fol - low Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land; Be Thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
With Thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
Be Thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

We own Thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
And faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped. A-men.

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LIFE IN CHRIST

This morning we will receive new members into the Covenant-First family!

**Covenant-First Presbyterian
Membership Vows
Questions for the new members:**

Do you confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead? Through Jesus do you know God as your Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit as your Teacher, and Provider of spiritual gifts?

Do you promise to live as a follower of Jesus Christ in this church by participating in worship, bearing witness to your faith, studying God's Word, sharing in the life of the church, serving others, and exercising good stewardship of God's gifts to you?

Will you come under the spiritual direction of the leadership of this congregation?

Welcome New Members

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This Week at Covenant-First

Sunday, January 30

9 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship
11:30 AM — Fellowship Time
12 Noon — Nominating Committee in the Ruth Fox Conference Room

Monday, January 31

6:30 PM — Session Meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, February 2

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, February 5

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Planning February 6

9 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship and Communion
11:30 AM — Fellowship Time
11:30 AM — Service of Healing and Wholeness in the Ruth Fox Conference Room

Wednesday, February 9

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, February 12

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Looking Ahead — February 6

Next Sunday, February 6, will be a communion Sunday — we will look forward to gathering around the Lord's Table. We will also take another look at the Vision of Covenant-First as we step into this new year of our future as God's people. Our text will be Habakkuk 2:1-3. God tells the prophet to "see the vision and write it down." Our congregation has a vision statement that is written and we will examine it for the riches of God that are in that statement and guide us into the future. Following worship there will be a time of prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil for any who are not feeling well or have a medical condition to bring to our service of healing and wholeness. We will gather in the Ruth Fox Conference Room at the rear of the sanctuary.

