

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

2 Peter 3:8-15

One: But do not ignore this one fact, beloved. With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. When we come to Christ, we turn from evil and he forgives our sin. In Christ, turn to a new way of life for you are forgiven! This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Anthem

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Lloyd Larson

Covenant Choir

Based on Isaiah 40:1-5

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way! Prepare the way of the Lord!"

The prophet cries out, "Prepare the way! Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Every valley shall be lifted up; every mountain and hill made low.

Every crooked path shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way! Prepare the way of the Lord!"

The prophet cries out, "Prepare the way! Prepare the way of the Lord!"

So comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord God who reigns on high.

To Jerusalem say, "Your night is gone, for the Lord has heard your cry.

Prepare the way of the Lord!"

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way! Prepare the way of the Lord!"

The prophet cries out, "Prepare the way! Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Prepare the way of the Lord!"

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.

Offertory

Carol of the Bells

Franz Gruber

Covenant Handbell Ensemble (Matt Bell, Tracy Kramer, Paul Kramer, Evelina Konaniah, Mike Millhaem, Becky Bell, director)

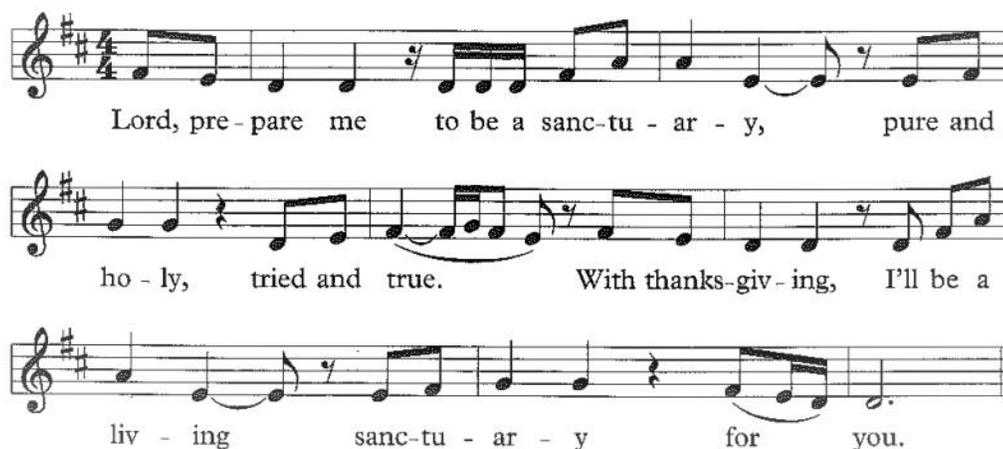
***Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
At this time toddlers invited to go to Junior Church.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lesson Mark 1:1-8 Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson
Pew Bible pg. 822; Large Print Bible pg. 1806
One: This is God's Word for God's People. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Expect! Change Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

***Hymn** Lord, Prepare me to be a Sanctuary



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the service, church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.

The Invitation

The Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Communion

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

The Prayer of Blessing

Matthew 3:1-3

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW LM

Charles Coffin, 1736
Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; Make
3. We hail You as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our
4. All praise to You, e - ter - nal Son, Whose

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our
ref - uge, and our great re - ward; O let Your face up -
ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!
heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.

This Week at Covenant-First

Sunday, December 5

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

11:30 AM — Prayers for Healing in the Ruth Fox Conference Room.

7 PM — Ol' Fashion Carol Sing

Wednesday, December 8

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, December 10

7 PM — Mars Hill Madrigal

Saturday, December 11

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

1 PM — Mars Hill Madrigal

Planning Ahead

Sunday, December 12

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

2 PM — Cincinnati Brass Band Concert

4 PM — Open House at the Cameron Home

Monday, December 13

6:30 PM — Session Meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 15

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, December 18

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