

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season

May 1, 2011

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Join us downstairs for coffee after this morning's service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 11:00 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. The adult class meets in the fellowship hall at 11:00 AM to study Christian Marriage. Join us for our evening service tonight at 5 PM. Bring some meat, drinks, and chairs for a cookout following the service.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestl.com.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 1, 2011

Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: Colossians 3

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Joshua Anderson

The Entrance

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

[Kneeling] Call to Worship: *Colossians 3:15-18*

Pastor Anderson

†Hymn #197 "The day of resurrection!"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our help is in the name of Yahweh!

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this day, may experience afresh the joy and peace we have in union with him, and may our hearts ever thirst for the fullness of redemption that you have promised us in the new heavens and the new earth; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake: [Congregation Kneels]

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalms 32:2

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you, our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults. Silent Prayer. Amen!

†Pastor: Now stand up and hear the good news!

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing...

†The Sanctus



with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

†Hymn #205 "Christ the Lord is risen today!"

Trinity Hymnal

The Appointed Readings for the First Sunday after Easter

The OT Reading: *Isaiah 25:1-9*

Pastoral Intern Ryan Van Horn

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn "This joyful Eastertide"

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - - - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - - - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - - - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - - - ber:

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,

Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-31*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,**

and sits on the right hand of the Father.

**And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *John 20:19-31*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

†Hymn #207 "Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn #201 "The strife is o'er" *Trinity Hymnal*

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and blood of our Lord. . ."

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #124 "At the Name of Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal

[Kneeling] Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

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Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

The Evening Service

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 119:41-56*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Psalm 119(sts 16-21) "May Thy unfailing mercy come to me" *AG Psalter*

Psalm & Hymn Sing and Prayer Requests

†Psalm 83 "Do not be silent God"

(see handout)

Scripture Reading: *2 Samuel 14*

Sermon: **KISS THE SON:**

Pastor Tim LeCroy

SIN, JUDGMENT, AND FAITHFULNESS IN THE GARDEN OF GOD

XXIII. EXPOSITION OF THE LIFE OF DAVID

†Closing Hymn: #488 "Lead on, O King Eternal"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction & Postlude

Today at PRPC

Woman of the Week:

Christina Mc Donnell

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Pratt

Sunday School – Schmidt

Evening – Weston

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Schmidt

Sunday School – Bryan and Melanie Carter

Adult Sunday School “Christian Marriage” — Please join us this morning in the fellowship hall as we continue our Sunday school class on marriage.

Memory Listeners—will hear our Covenant children recite their scripture verses today during Sunday School.

Upcoming Events

Guys’ Camp Out — This year’s annual camping trip will be on May 6-7 at the Keane’s property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday at 2 PM. If you are a male, a man, a boy, a guy, a dude, a beefcake, etc. come on out and join the fun! If you have questions contact John Keane.

The 60th Annual Day of Prayer — will be held on Thursday, May 5. People throughout our country are encouraged to meet at their local city hall from 12-1 PM to pray for our government leaders, our soldiers and for our country. Those who live in the Crestwood area are invited to attend the meeting at the Crestwood Government Center on Sappington Road just north of Watson. For more information go to the website: www.slcmdp.org or call 314-253-4075.

Annual Congregational Meeting — On Sunday, May 8, we will hold our annual congregational meeting during the Sunday School hour. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers and explain and discuss the budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Announcements

Wedding Shower for Lisa Grove — Ladies, you are invited to a wedding shower for Lisa Grove on May 12 at 7 PM. Lisa is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Target. Lori Shaffer is hosting the party. Please sign up if you can attend.

Bridal Shower for Jessica Weston — Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Jessica Weston on June 4 at 10 AM. Jessica is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Target, and Pottery Barn. The shower will be held at 348 Babler Road 63141. Please sign up if you can attend.

VBS Volunteers Needed — Sign up now to volunteer for VBS. Anna Hoegemann is directing this year. If you have any questions, please see her.

Jamie Soles In Concert June 5 at 5 PM — Our session has invited Christian artist Jamie Soles and his family to perform for us again on Sunday, June 5. For years now, a number of our families, children and adults alike, have enjoyed and benefited from Jamie's mature, thoughtful Bible music. His songs help to bring the Old Testament to life and show how all of Scriptures do indeed speak of Jesus. Jamie has given us a great tool for training ourselves and our children in the ways of the Lord. Jamie will be ministering for us in worship June 5th, and will perform a concert for us that evening. Mark your calendars and help us spread the word! We are still looking for housing for him and his family (10 persons). Please contact Richard Hiers if you could house part, or all of the family.

Church Calendar

May 5	National Day of Prayer
May 6-7	Men and Boys' Campout
May 8	Congregational Meeting, No Evening Service
May 12	Wedding Shower for Lisa Grove
May 15	Parish Groups Meet
May 29	5 PM Service & Cookout
June 4	Bridal Shower for Jessica Weston
July 11-15	VBS

The Lord's Service Explained

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the Trinity Hymnal #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 87 What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

A. We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

Officers and Resource People

The Session (Pastors & Elders)

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