

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

June 26, 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.

Sunday School classes have been suspended for the summer months. Please use the rest of the Lord's Day to show hospitality and enjoy the day of rest the Lord has provided. Join us this evening for our service of prayer, praise, and Bible teaching at 5 PM. Afterwards, weather permitting, we will gather outside on the church parking lot for a cookout. Bring your own meat, sides, and drinks.

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.providencestlouis.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.)

Holy Trinity Diagram (Front Cover)



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. The shield on the front cover depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center of the circle is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). **Reading out from the center along the three spokes the unity of the Godhead is represented:** *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God; *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God; *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. **Reading around the circumference of the circle the distinctions between the Persons are noted:** *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son; *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit; *Spiritus Sanctus non est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — June 26, 2011

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 146

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #53 "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts!

Isaiah 6:3

The whole earth is full of God's Glory!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

[Kneeling] Pastor: Let us Kneel before our Lord, confessing our sins.

We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;

Psalm 131:1-2

My eyes are not raised too high.

I do not occupy myself with things,
Too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
Like a weaned child with its mother.

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you and toward my family and friends. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

†Pastor: Now stand, lift up your heads 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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. We praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and we worship your triune fullness of life and glory. 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 #18 “Thee we adore, eternal Lord!”

Trinity Hymnal

The OT Reading: *Psalm 115*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 17:14-34*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†Hymn #107 (*Psalm 8*) “Lord, our Lord”

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *John 12:9-26*

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: *Acts 17:14-34*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD**

XLII. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

†Hymn #108 "Praise ye, praise ye the Lord"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [Hands Raised] *The Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all
creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts: Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

† [Hands Raised] *The Lord's Prayer*

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Bread of Life

Communion Hymn: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

At His feet the six winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

From the Liturgy of St. James
Picardy; Traditional French Melody

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Wine of Gladness

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 fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #253 “O Spirit of the living God” *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #54)

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

The Evening Service

Sunday, June 26, 2011 – Pentecost Season

Scripture Reading: *John 1:1-13*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #304 “Open now thy gates of beauty”

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer Requests

†Psalm 1 “How blessed is the man”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Scripture Reading: *Romans 10:8-13*

Sermon: **I WANT TO BELIEVE**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

I. EXPLANATION OF THE APOSTLES’ CREED

†Closing Hymn “Gracious God, again is ended”

(see handout)

†Benediction

†Cookout and Fellowship on the Church Parking Lot & Lawn

Join us this evening as we begin to explain the basics of the Christian faith using the Apostles’ Creed. This will be a series you can invite friends or neighbors to. They can then join us afterwards outside for our cookout. Everyone is welcome.

Announcements

Woman of the Week:

Christine Greeno

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Boeve

Evening – Van Horn

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

See the sign up sheet on the WIC table.

Men's Summer Book Study — Pastor Anderson is leading a summer book study for men in the church. The study meets on Wednesday mornings at 7 AM in the fellowship hall and includes prayer, scripture reading, fellowship and a discussion of Doug Wilson's book "Fidelity". Please speak to Josh if you're interested in attending. All are welcome!

VBS Volunteers Still Needed! — The following positions are open and waiting to be filled quickly.

- Refreshments helpers
- Nursery Workers
- Memory Listeners
- Teacher's Aid for 3's/4's
- Teacher's Aid for 1st/2nd grade
- Teacher for 5th/6th
- Teacher's Aid for 7th grade

Not all of these positions require attendance every day of the week. If you are able and willing to help with at least one day of the week, please contact Anna Hoegemann.

Church Rummage Sale — If you were waiting for a great reason to clean out your closets, that time has come! The church will be hosting a rummage sale on July 23. You may begin bringing your items now. Proceeds will benefit the Tombings and their ministry. If you have any questions, see Anna Hoegemann or Amanda Cone.

Food Pantry Donations — Many thanks to all who donated to Resurrection Food Pantry last month! The workers were pleasantly surprised at how much toilet paper we collected for them. The item needed for the month of June is CANNED TUNA.

Church Calendar

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| July 3 | No Evening Worship |
| July 10 | 5 PM Service and Cookout |
| July 11-15 | VBS |
| July 17 | 5 PM Service and Cookout |
| July 23 | Church Rummage Sale |
| July 24 | 5 PM Service and Cookout |

Cookout Tonight — Join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening service. Bring your lawn chair and some meat for the grill and fellowship with us on the parking lot after the service.

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

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The Lord's Service Explained

Pentecost Season

The Spring & Summer months of June, July, August, and September are considered part of a much longer period covering roughly half of the Christian year. This longer period may be called Pentecost Season (after Pentecost Sunday) or Trinity Season (from Trinity Sunday). This year we will call it Pentecost Season. The season and readings generally focus on the discipleship and unity of the Church as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord. During this period the New Testament lessons are, in the main, taken one after another in sequence from the Gospel ministry of our Lord and the Acts of the Apostles. The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

“Pentecost is the reverse of the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.”

Red, the color for Pentecost symbolizes the fire of the Spirit and the new life we have in Christ.

IHS, the monogram on our pulpit scarf and table cloth for Trinity season simply stands for Jesus Christ. It is one of a number of ways to abbreviate or symbolize the name of “Jesus” and the title “Christ” (IH and XP, IC and XC, IHS and XPS) from the original Greek and Latin language.

Catechism of the Week

The Heidelberg Catechism

*Q. 25. Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?*

A. Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

Officers and Resource People

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