

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

October 16, 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 10:50 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 Technology & The Christian Faith. Join us this evening at 6 PM for our service of praise, prayer, and Bible teaching.

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 — October 16, 2011

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 98

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Assistant Pastor Tim LeCroy

Pastor: Let us rise and worship God, in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh!

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

Make a joyful noise to Yahweh all the earth,

Psalm 98:4-6

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to Yahweh with the lyre!

with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn;

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

†Hymn #27 "Great is thy faithfulness"

Trinity Hymnal

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

If we say we have no sin,

We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness

Come let us worship and bow down.

Psalm 95:6

And kneel before the Lord our Maker [congregation kneels]

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins to God our Father:

Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred, and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your gracious laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done; and there is no health in me. But have mercy upon me, a miserable offender, O Lord. Spare me, heavenly Father, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. *Silent Prayer.*
Amen!

†Pastor: Now arise 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. 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 #453 “O the deep, deep love of Jesus”

Trinity Hymnal

The OT Reading: *Isaiah 66:10-24*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Philippians 3:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #276 (*Psalms 122*) “O ‘twas a joyful sound”

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 8:5-13*

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 21:37–22:21*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **PAUL'S DEFENSE**

LIV. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

†Hymn #404 "We sing the glorious conquest"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Communion in the Body of Christ

Hymn #499 "Children of the heav'nly King" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune #165)

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 merciful God, of your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may with free hearts accomplish those things that you would have done in the world; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #386 “Arise, O God, and shine”

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude & Greet One Another

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you haven't already done so, please sign the guest registration book in the foyer before you leave. Join us this evening at 6 PM for fellowship, singing, prayer, and a Scripture lesson.

The Evening Service

Sunday, October 16, 2011 – 6:00 PM

Pentecost Season

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 82*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 36 “He who in evil does rejoice”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

Deacons' Fund Collection

†Hymn #44 “Come, take by faith”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Psalm 82 “In solemn courts the gods assemble”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Sermon Text: *John 10:31-42*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Message: **“I AM THE SON OF GOD”**

†Hymn #444 “Father, I know that all my life”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

Announcements

Woman of the Week:

Lu Greeno

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Boeve

Sunday School – Anna Hoegemann, Ami Anderson

Evening – Montgomery

Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:

Morning Service – Wood

Sunday School – Rhonda Hoard, Melanie Carter

Evening – Rosamma Weston

Fall Adult Sunday School: Technology & The Christian Faith - Join us for our adult Sunday School on Technology & the Christian Faith. Everyday we use different kinds of technology, much of it invented in the past 50 years, and yet we often don't put a lot of thought into how these tools shape and influence the way we view the world and interact with other people.

PRPC Picture Directory — We are in the process of taking family pictures for a PRPC directory. A sign-up sheet is available in narthex. The pictures will be taken in the fellowship hall for the next several Sundays. See Robert Wermuth if you have any questions.

Deacons Fund Collection — The Deacons' Fund Offering will take place tonight. Please consider donating to this fund. The money goes directly to assist families in our congregation and community.

Welcome Baby Seth Christopher Van Horn! Seth was born to Erin and Ryan on Friday, October 7 at 11:07 AM. He weighed 7 lbs 1oz and was 19.5 inches. Congratulations!

Food Pantry Donations — Many thanks to all who have donated to Resurrection Food Pantry. This month they desperately need anything you can donate. Their shelves are empty! Here are some suggestions for donations: chili, canned fruit/vegetables, canned meals, pasta, and cereal.

Operation Christmas Child — Christmas is just around the corner! Grab an empty shoebox and fill it with small toys, school supplies, toiletries, socks, etc. and bring them to church no later than November 20. Information about this wonderful program can be found on the WIC table. See Anna Hoegemann if you have any questions.

Church Calendar

October 22	Harvest Party
October 30	Memory Listening During Sunday School
November 20	Shoebox Deadline/Parish Groups Meet
November 21	Session Meeting

2011 Fall Harvest Party

Saturday, October 22nd, 4-8 p.m.

Hosted by John and Debbie Keane

Festivities Include:

Costume Contest, Chicken Chase

Caramel Dessert Contest, Traditional Chili Contest

New This Year:

Bring your dollar bills! The winning desserts will be sold off by the piece (\$5) or fork full (\$1).

All proceeds will go the Deacons' Fund.

Extra Information:

Please sign up to clean up and bring food.

Seating & parking are limited so bring lawn chairs/ carpool.

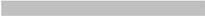
You may bring chili or dessert without entering the contests.

Contests will begin to be judged at 4:00.

The party ends promptly at 8 p.m.

Remind your kids this is the Keane's home; take great care to ensure their things are not destroyed!

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests



The Lord's Service Explained

The Opening Hymn of Praise

Once the Lord has called us into his special presence it is then our privilege to respond. He has taken hold of us by his Word and separated us out from the world as his people. This is the first step in the order of covenant renewal worship. So after the call to worship the congregation now stands before him poised to respond to his invitation and receive his gracious gifts. The sacrifice begins.

Singing is our first response to God's words and actions in the worship service. Remember, the entire service moves forward as God speaks and the congregation responds. It is something of a conversation between God and his church. God calls and we respond. God speaks and we listen. God gives and we receive. God acts and we thank Him. We say "amen" each time the Lord speaks to us or acts for us. The dialogical pattern is found throughout the Bible when men find themselves in God's presence (Isa. 6:1-12; Jer. 1:4-8; Rev. 4-5, 19:5-10; etc.). It is the biblical way to approach God in worship. So here at the beginning of the service, the Lord calls us and we gather to praise him.

Normally, then, we enter into God's presence singing. The opening hymn is almost always a Psalm of praise or a hymn of adoration. This song is addressed to God, which means it is a prayer, a congregational prayer. This first hymn will usually highlight some aspect of the character and/or work of God in Christ, thereby giving concrete form to the congregation's adoration and praise. It is appropriate that we should "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:5). The gathered congregation is herself now the house or temple of the Lord (1 Cor. 3:17; Eph. 2:21; 1 Peter 2:5), indeed, the "city of God" (Heb. 12:22). Just as the Israelites passed through the gates of Zion singing, we too enter that which these types symbolized with songs of praise. We enter into heaven itself as the Spirit unites us to Christ, singing gloriously.

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