

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

October 9, 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 9, 2011

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 98

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Associate Pastor Joshua Anderson

The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Joshua Anderson

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:

O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord.

Silent Prayer.

Choral Response

Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12 (KJV, NIV) Music: Bill Hoover, 1993
Composed at the request of PRPC Founding Pastor David K. Winecoff
and dedicated to his memory

†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.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Sanctus' in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The music starts with a dynamic marking of 'fff' (fortissimo) and includes a 'with vigor' instruction. The melody features several eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the first line. The second and third staves continue the melody and include the lyrics: '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.' The score ends with a double bar line.

†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: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

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: *Luke 21:5-24*

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: *Psalms 122*

Assoc. Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: PRAYING FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

III. EXPOSITION OF THE PSALMS OF ASCENT

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 #582 "My hope is built on nothing less"

Trinity Hymnal

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 God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections. Give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in all the changes and confusion of this age, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are found: in Jesus, who reigns at your right hand with pleasures forevermore.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #420 “Blessed Lord, in thee is refuge” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†A Parting Prayer: “God be with you till we meet again”

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you —
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,
’Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you —
God be with you till we meet again

†Postlude & Greet One Another

The Evening Service

Sunday, October 9, 2011 – 6:00 PM
Pentecost Season

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:1-4* Associate Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #454 “My faith looks up to thee” *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

†Psalm 19 “The spacious heavens laud” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Sermon Text: *Romans 7:13-8:4* Mr. Steve Schlepffhorst

Message: **PAUL, THE LAW, AND CHRISTIAN OBEDIENCE**

†Hymn #569 “Forever trusting in the Lord” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Horne

Sunday School – Harris, Van Heest

Evening – Meyers, Hoover

Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:

Morning Service – Boeve

Sunday School – Anna Hoegemann & Ami Anderson

Fall Adult Sunday School: Technology & The Christian Faith - This fall in our adult Sunday School we are doing a series 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. This fall we will take a look at technological change from Biblical and theological perspectives, and focus on specific technological innovations like the television, the automobile, the computer, the cellphone, etc, asking together the question each week: how do these tools shape us and how can we use them wisely?

Evening Service Tonight — This evening we will gather for praise, Bible teaching, and fellowship at 6 PM. Please join us!

Pastor Meyers — is visiting a college with his son this weekend. He will be back on Wednesday.

PRPC Picture Directory — Beginning this week, we will begin taking family pictures for a PRPC directory. A sign-up sheet is available in narthex and will be passed around during Sunday School. The pictures will be taken in the fellowship hall for the next several Sundays.

Bulletin Announcements — If you have an announcement for next Sunday's bulletin (Oct 16), please email Melanie Carter by Wednesday afternoon.

The **Providence Life Chain** will take place today from 1:30-2:30 PM. We will hold our pro life signs in front of our church on Sappington Rd to show our commitment to sanctity of life. A light lunch will be served immediately following Sunday school. Everyone is invited.

Men of the Covenant — All men in the Providence community are invited to a Men of the Covenant meeting on October 12 at 7:30 PM at Monte Shields' home. Young men of high school age and above are also welcome. Please bring something to drink and chair to sit in as we gather for a time of discussion and fellowship. Monte's address is: 11731 Parkshire Drive (right down the street from the church building). Speak to Josh or Monte with any questions.

Harvest Party, Saturday, October 22, 4-8 PM — Join us for our annual Harvest Party hosted by the John Keane family. We'll have our traditional chili contest, dessert contest (ingredient this year is caramel!), costume contest for all ages, and chicken chase for the little ones. New this year is a fundraiser for the Deacons' Fund. The winning desserts will be sold off in pieces so bring your dollars! To help with the party and to see what foods are needed, see the sign up sheet on the WIC table.

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: canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meals, pasta, and cereal.

Church Calendar

October 9	1:30-2:30 Life Chain
October 9	Evening Service at 6 PM
October 12	Men of the Covenant Meeting
October 16	Evening Service at 6 PM
October 22	Harvest Party

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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