

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Pentecost Season
September 11, 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 tonight for our evening service and prayer at 6 PM.

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 — September 11, 2011

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 33

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

Pastor Jeff Meyers

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

†Hymn #4 “All praise to God, who reigns above” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

Psalm 33:8-12

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

For he spoke, and it came to be;

He commanded and it stood firm

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

The plans of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

The people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts; receive in your loving embrace all who come

home to you; seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies their hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Come let us worship and bow down.

Psalm 95:6

And kneel before the Lord our Maker [Kneel]

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. 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 good, right, and beneficial 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. 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 OT Reading: *Psalm 121*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Jude 17-25*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #279 (*Psalm 121*) "Unto the hills around" *Trinity Hymnal (Tune of #463)*

†The Gospel Reading: *John 14:15-31*

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: *Psalms 121*

Associate Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **THE LORD IS YOUR KEEPER**

II. 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

Psalm 121 "To the hills I lift my eyes"

CRC Psalter Hymnal

(Tune of TH #623)

**To the hills I lift my eyes;
whence shall help for me arise?
From the LORD comes all my aid,
who the heavens and earth has made.
He will guard through dangers all,
will not let you slip or fall.
He who safe his people keeps
never slumbers, never sleeps.**

**Your protector is the LORD;
shade for you he will afford.
Neither sun nor moon shall smite;
God shall guard by day and night.
He will ever keep your soul;
what would harm you he will control.
In the home and by the way
God will keep you day by day.**

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: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that you have again refreshed us this morning with so many wonderful gifts; we ask you now to grant us the grace to respond to your self-giving love with steadfast faith in you and fervent love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #510 (*Psalm 69*) "Thy lovingkindness, Lord" *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

Announcements

Woman of the Week:

Doris Daily

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Boeve

Sunday School – Crystal Schmidt, Melanie Carter

Evening – Volunteers needed!

Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:

Morning Service – Pratt

Sunday School – Gerstung, Harris

Evening – Volunteers needed!

Fall Adult Sunday School: Technology & The Christian Faith - This

Fall in our adult Sunday School we will be 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?

Children's Sunday School resumes this morning! Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to teach this semester:

2-3 Year Olds	Kathy Hoegemann
4 Year Olds - K	Linda Wolff
1st - 2nd Grade	Anne Hiers
3rd Grade	Mark & Jennifer Horne
4th - 6th Girls	Donna Carter
4th - 6th Boys	Alan Wamsley
Junior High	Brookie Moore
High School	Matt Teeselink and Bryan Carter

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.

Ladies Bible Study — Fall Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 15, at 9:30 AM. We plan to start on time, so arrive early if you can! Pastor Meyers will be continuing our study in Acts. We have had to make a major change in childcare this year. Due to this change, we would like to have you sign the sign-up sheet on the WIC table if you plan to attend and please take the opportunity to pick your own childcare dates in the rotation. If you have any questions, talk to Judy Linton or Lori Shaffer.

Choir — The fall Choir season is coming, and we'd love to have you join us! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM during the school year. We sing during morning worship several times a month and also during special seasonal evening services. Our first rehearsal is September 14. That night, right after practice, we'll have a season kick-off party for singers and their families, at the Hoover home (8654 Otto Westway, 63127). The choir is open to everyone from high school juniors and older. We always have room for new members, so come give it a try! For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314-540-2427, billhoover@fastmail.net). And if you are an accomplished instrumentalist, please let Bill know that too.

Ladies Night Out — Ladies, please join us at 7 pm Thursday evening, September 29th for our Back-to-School WIC get-together. We will meet at the Eureka Elementary School library for an evening of treats, togetherness and technology. There will be a demonstration on easy-to-use digital scrapbooking and time afterwards to work on your own project, if you wish. The library is spacious, so if technology is not your thing, there's plenty of room to just sit and visit. More information will follow.

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 (ravioli, chili, soup, stew, etc.), pasta, and cereal.

Church Calendar

September 11	Sunday School Resumes
September 14	Choir Resumes
September 15	WIC Bible Study Begins
September 29	Ladies Night Out
October 2	Parish Groups Meet

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

The Evening Service

Sunday, September 11, 2011 – Pentecost Season

Scripture Reading: *John 16:1-15*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #246 “Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness”

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

Deacons’ Fund Offering

†Hymn “O God of earth and altar”

(see handout)

Sermon Text: *Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Message: **I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

VII. EXPLANATION OF THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

†Benediction

The Lord's Service Explained

The Importance of the Body in Worship

Sadly, our tradition has largely failed to guard and pass on the traditional Christian teaching and practice regarding the importance of bodily posture throughout the entire worship service. I have heard people say that God is not interested in the posture of our bodies, but only the attitude of our hearts. Well, that's not exactly what the Bible says. There are too many references in the Bible to outward bodily postures in worship to dismiss standing, kneeling, and hand-lifting as mere formalism. Even the Hebrew and Greek words that we translate as "worship" (*shacha, proskuneo*) mean "to bow down" or "to prostrate oneself" before another (Gen. 22:5; Ex. 32:10; Ps. 22:27, 29; Matt. 2:2; 4:9; John 4:20-24; Heb. 11:21; Rev. 4:10).

What many people fail to recognize is that one's bodily posture will both express, as well as help establish, the posture of one's heart. When we are humbled, we hang our heads. When we are joyful, our arms and head fly up and we begin to move. More often than not, the reason most American Protestants don't kneel in worship is not because they are too humble, but too proud. It is all too convenient for us to keep to ourselves and not reveal our true selves in such bodily postures. Many mistakenly think that avoiding rituals like kneeling is evidence of simple faith and humility. C. S. Lewis, however, disagrees: "The modern habit of doing ceremonial things unceremoniously is no proof of humility; rather it proves the worshiper's inability to forget himself in the rite, and his readiness to spoil for everyone else the proper place of ritual."

After citing numerous biblical references, Pastor Robert S. Rayburn has this to say about "offering our bodies as living sacrifices" (Rom. 12:1):

The position of the body is itself an act of worship. When you kneel or stand because you are in the presence of the Almighty and are to speak to him, you are honoring him with your entire self, with your soul and body together expressing reverence. In Holy Scripture, whenever men or women came face to face with God, they always immediately and instinctively assumed postures which were appropriate for a creature and a sinner before the living God . . . If we are really worshiping God as his children, then we are to worship him not with half ourselves but with our whole selves and our bodies ought to be as involved as our souls . . . This was the feeling of the church in the days of the Reformation. A failure to take proper positions of body in the church was regarded as an act of irreverence.

Catechism of the Week

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 94 What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

- A. That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to the saints or to other creatures. That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone, look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love him, fear him, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against his will in any way.

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