

# The Covenant Renewal Service

## Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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**Pentecost Season**

*August 28, 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, weather permitting, at 5 PM for our evening service and a cookout fellowship immediately following on the church parking lot.

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](http://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

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The Lord's Day — August 28, 2011  
*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 103*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Jeffrey 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 #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

This is the day the Lord has made!

*Psalm 118:24*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great mercy you adopted us for as own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## Purification

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and righteous, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from

all unrighteousness. Accordingly, the Scriptures move us in many places to acknowledge and confess our many transgressions and sins. Therefore I exhort all who are here today to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come let us worship and bow down.

*Psalm 95:6*

**And kneel before the Lord our Maker [Kneel]**

Let us confess our sins:

**Most merciful God, I confess to you  
that I am by nature sinful and unclean,  
and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;  
not only in outward transgressions,  
but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to  
understand,  
but which are all known to you.  
For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy,  
seeking and imploring your grace,  
through my Lord Jesus Christ. *Silent Prayer. Amen.***

†Pastor: Now arise and hear the good news!

Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice!

## **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. 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 #10 (*Psalm 103*) "O come, my soul" *Trinity Hymnal*

The OT Reading: *1 Kings 17:8-24*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 20:1-16*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

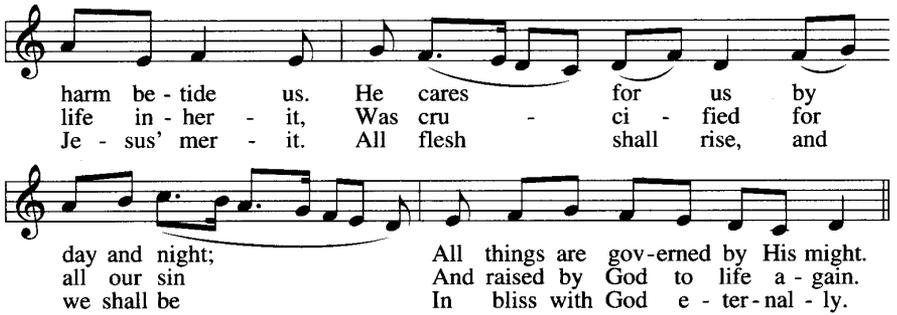
†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 8:40-56*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†We Confess our Faith: *Luther's sung version of the Nicene Creed*

1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est  
earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love  
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,  
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,  
Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and  
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,  
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His  
bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;  
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,  
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.  
Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no  
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might  
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



harm be - tide us. He cares for us by  
 life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for  
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night;  
 all our sin we shall be

All things are gov - erned by His might.  
 And raised by God to life a - gain.  
 In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Text: *Acts 20:1-16*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO TITLE THIS SERMON**

L. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## **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 & Communion in the Body of Christ

†Psalm 120 "I cried in trouble to the LORD"

*Trinity Psalter*

**I cried in trouble to the LORD,  
 And he has answered me.  
 From lying lips and crafty tongue  
 O LORD, my soul set free.**

**What shall be given you, false tongue?  
 What added to your doom?  
 Sharp arrows of a mighty man,  
 And redhot coals of broom.**

**Alas for me, that I sojourn  
 So long in Meshech's land,  
 That I have made my dwelling where  
 The tents of Kedar stand!**

**Too long my soul has made its home  
 With those who peace abhor.  
 I am for peace, but when I speak  
 They ready are for war.**

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: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended by you from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; 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 #281 "For all the saints"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

## **The Evening Service**

Sunday, August 28, 2011 – Pentecost Season

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Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #211 “Lift up, lift up your voices” *Trinity Hymnal (Tune of #269)*

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

†Psalm 99 “God, the LORD is King” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Sermon Text: *Colossians 3:1-4*

Associate Pastor Joshua Anderson

Message: **THE SESSION & SECOND COMING OF JESUS**

### **VI. EXPLANATION OF THE APOSTLES' CREED**

†Closing Hymn: #233 “Rejoice, all ye believers” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

†Cookout and Fellowship on the Church Parking Lot & Lawn

# Announcements

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## *Woman of the Week:*

Lynn Cone

### **Nursery Volunteers for Today:**

Morning Service – Boeve

Evening – Gerstung, Anderson

### **Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:**

See the sign up sheet on the WIC table.

**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.

**Welcome Baby Ruby Mae LeCroy!** — Congratulations to Tim and Rachel LeCroy on the birth of their baby girl, Ruby Mae. Ruby was born on August 11 at 4:22 PM. She weighed 6 pounds 4 oz and was 21 inches long.

**Baby Shower for Erin Joslyn** — Ladies, please join us in celebration of Davy Joslyn at a shower on August 29 at 7 PM. Tracy Boeve will be hosting the shower in her home. Please sign up at the WIC table if you are planning to attend. Erin is registered at Target, but if you use the registry, take note that the "due date" is listed as August 29th (the date of the shower) since Davy has already been born and Target does not understand showers that come after birth. Also, since Erin's sister-in-law is also named Erin Joslyn and is expecting, make sure that the registry you are looking for is Erin and Peter Joslyn, not Erin and Nate Joslyn.

**Baby Shower for Erin VanHorn** — Ladies, plan to attend a baby shower for Erin VanHorn on Friday, September 9, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Erin is registered at Babies R Us, Target, and Cotton Babies. If you would like to help with the shower, please contact Ami Anderson. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Crystal Schmidt.

**Financial Peace University** — Beginning September 6, at 6:30 PM, a Financial Peace University class will start. The course meets for 13 weeks and will cost a little over \$100 per family, however there is no charge for those who would like to repeat the course. This is a great outreach tool, so please invite your friends. See Richard Hiers or Bryan Carter for more info.

**Nursery Sign Up** — Volunteers are needed for nursery duty. The sign up sheet is on the WIC table. Your service to these little ones is greatly appreciated.

**Directory Update** — Lane and Christine Greeno 2103 Rued Place, High Ridge, MO 63049.

**Food Pantry Donations** — Many thanks to all who have donated to Resurrection Food Pantry! This month they need anything you can donate.

**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](mailto:billhoover@fastmail.net)). And if you are an accomplished instrumentalist, please let Bill know that too.

**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.

## **Church Calendar**

August 29	Baby Shower for Erin Joslyn
September 6	Financial Peace University Classes Begin
September 9	Baby Shower for Erin VanHorn
September 11	Sunday School Resumes
September 14	Choir Resumes
September 15	WIC Bible Study Begins

# **The Lord's Service Explained**

## ***The Sursum Corda***

After we receive the forgiveness of sins, God's purified people are invited to come nearer. Just as the sacrificial animal is brought near the altar in preparation for his being drawn into the fire as food for God and, likewise, just as the Ascension follows the Purification, so now the Christian worshiper ascends into heaven to praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to hear the Lord's verbal instruction in preparation for his fellowship meal with God. Appropriately, therefore, the sursum corda (Latin: "lift up your hearts") comes at this point in the service.

The "heart" here stands for the center of the whole man. The purpose of the sursum corda, therefore, is not to elicit an "emotional" response. We are not being summoned to work up "feelings" about the Lord. We may experience certain emotions at this point in the service or not. But how we feel must be transcended by what we know by faith is happening in the liturgy. When the pastor calls out, "Lift up your hearts," the congregation is being summoned to accept by faith our heavenly positioning in Christ. The Lord has forgiven us and now invites us "in close" to praise him and hear his life-giving Word. This is objectively true whether we feel like it or not. Although everything may still "look" the same, by faith we understand that the roof of the church has been rolled back not only to expose the heavenly service in progress but also to incorporate us into it. Cherubim and seraphim, angels and archangels, together with the church triumphant are now "visible" to the eye of faith. Heaven and earth are now joined and we have been ushered into the festal assembly gathered around the throne of the Lamb (Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4-5). We lift up our hearts to the Lord!

Following the sursum corda, the people give thanks to God the Father for his glorious grace. This prayer, led by the pastor, reminds them that they are now joining in the chorus of praise before the throne of God. When one makes the ascent into God's presence one starts singing. Singing is a means of ascent. This is when the music and singing began in the temple liturgy—when the Ascension begins (see 2 Chron. 29:27-28). Now is when we sing the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") and another hymn that provides the congregation with the opportunity to participate in the praise offered around the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven. Hymns of praise based on the Rev. 4:8 ("Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty"), Rev. 4:11 ("Worthy are you, our Lord and God"), or Rev. 5:9 ("Worthy is the Lamb who was slain") are particularly appropriate.

## **Catechism of the Week**

### **The Heidelberg Catechism**

Q. 46 What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

- A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from the earth to heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

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