

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season

April 29, 2012

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 11:00 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 first four Minor Prophets with Pastor Anderson. Please join us for our evening service tonight 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.providencestl.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.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 29, 2012
Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 33*

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 33:1-5*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #27 "Great is thy faithfulness"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our soul waits for Yahweh!

Psalm 33:20-22

He is our help and our shield!

Our heart is glad in him!

Because we trust his holy Name.

Let your steadfast love, O Yahweh, be upon us

Even as we hope in you.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have faithfully called us again to this assembly; and by your grace we have gathered together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ; because of him we know we are welcome, with him we make our journey to our true home, and in him we long to serve you throughout eternity. Therefore, we pray in his name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, ever rejoicing in your glory, O Father; one God, Most High, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for

Christ's sake: [Congregation Kneels]

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness,
but to us open shame.

Daniel 9:7-10

To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes,
and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him

And we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking
in his laws,
which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

**Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess
before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good
—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how
often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting
your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy on
me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all wherein I have displeased
you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret
faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O
most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light
and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus
Christ my Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!***

†Pastor: Now stand up 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 and our greatest joy 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 of Praise: "Now all the vault of heaven resounds"

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In
2 E-ter-nal is the gift He brings, There-
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set
Δ 4 A-dor-ing prais-es now we bring And

praise of love that still a-bounds: "Christ has tri-umphed!
fore our heart with rap-ture sings: "Christ has tri-umphed!
heart and will on things a-bove That we con-quer
with the heav'n-ly bless-ed sing: "Christ has tri-umphed!

He is liv-ing!" Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and
He is liv-ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri-umph; Grant grace suf-fi-cient for life's
Al-le-lu-ia!" Be to the Fa-ther and our

clear! Re-peat their song of glo-ry
life And by His pres-ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru-ly
Lord, To Spir-it blest, most ho-ly

here: "Christ has tri-umphed! Christ has tri-umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!
say: "Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!"
God, All the glo-ry, nev-er end-ing!

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter Season

The First Reading: *Acts 4:1-14*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 John 3:16-26*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 10:11-18*

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*

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! Amen!

Sermon Text: *Acts 25:1-12*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **FOLLOWING PAUL'S LEAD**

LIX. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Silent Meditation

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn #305 "O Lord of Hosts"

Trinity Hymnal

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: God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into resurrection life and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn from the dead, as heralds of repentance, and your victorious rescue and redemption; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #499 (Tune of #165) “Children of the heav’nly King” TH

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church. If you are visiting with us, please leave your name and address (preferably your email address) in the guest book in the foyer near the front door. Tonight we will meet at 5 PM for our evening service so that afterwards we can (hopefully) have our first Spring Cookout on the church parking lot. Join us for our Evening Prayer and fellowship!

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 74. What is required in the 8th commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the 8th commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever does or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor’s wealth or outward estate.

Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 29 - 5 PM

Scripture Reading: *1 Peter 4:1-11*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Psalm 97 “The LORD our God is King!” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Romans 12:13 & Hebrews 13:2*

Sermon: **XENOPHOBIA OR XENOPHILIA?**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #522 “Through all the changing scenes” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Dismissal

- Our first Spring Cookout & Fellowship -

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Shaffer

Sunday School – Marianne Pitts & Denise Gerstung

Evening – Pratt

Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:

See the nursery schedule on the WIC table and sign up for some slots!

The Whole Bible in a Year — Join us in the fellowship hall as we continue our Sunday school class that takes us through a summary of the books of the Bible. Today Pastor Anderson is teaching on the first four minor prophets.

Memory Listeners — will hear our Covenant children recite their scripture verses today during Sunday School.

Cookout Tonight — Join us tonight for our first cookout of the season. The evening service will begin at 5 PM and a parking lot cookout will follow the service. Each family brings their own hotdogs or other meat to toss on the grill, lawnchairs, drinks and sides. Feel free to bring a larger side to share with others!

Parish Groups — Parish groups will be meeting next Sunday, April 6. If you are new to the church or visiting, talk to Pastor Anderson to see which group you can join for the afternoon.

The 60th Annual Day of Prayer — will be held on Thursday, May 3. People throughout our country are encouraged to meet at their local city hall from 12-1 PM to pray for our government leaders, our soldiers and for our country. Those who live in the Crestwood area are invited to attend the meeting at the Crestwood Government Center on Sappington Road just north of Watson. For more information go to the website: slcndp.org or call 314-253-4075.

Ladies' Flower Arranging Class — Ladies, join us for an evening of instruction on May 7 on how to arrange flowers. The class will begin at 6:30 PM and will be lead by Crystal Schmidt and Denise Gerstung. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Bridal Shower — Ladies join us for a bridal shower for Ellie Moore, daughter of Elder John and Brookie Moore, on May 17, at 7 PM at the home of Dottie Devlin (11299 #6 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood).

Guys' Camp Out — This year's annual camping trip for all guys will be May 18-19 at the Keane's property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday at 2 PM. Come on out and join the fun! If you have questions & directions contact Pastor Meyers or John Keane.

Graduation Reception — May 20 we will recognize all our graduates during coffee hour. Please sign up if you are graduating or know someone who is graduating. See Barb Hoover if you have any questions.

Annual Congregational Meeting — On Sunday, May 20, we will hold our annual congregational meeting during the Sunday School hour. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers and explain and discuss the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

VBS — VBS will be July 23-27. Volunteers are needed. Please see Anna Hoegemann for more information.

WIC Officers Needed — We are seeking nominations for the following opportunities to serve the Women in the Church: President, Vice President, Secretary/Committee Coordinator, Bethel Committee Chair, and Hospitality Committee Helper. See Lori Shaffer if you have any questions.

Food Pantry Donations — Please donate as you can to the Resurrection Food Panty. Bring anything you want. Cereal and peanut butter are in the highest demand. Thank you for your generosity!

Church Calendar

May 3	National Day of Prayer
May 6	Parish Groups Meet
May 7	6:30 PM Ladies' Flower Arranging Class
May 17	Bridal Shower for Ellie Moore
May 18-19	Men and Boys Campout
May 20	Graduation Reception / Congregational Meeting
June 10	Annual Pig Roast
July 23-27	VBS
August 3-4	Rummage Sale

The Lord's Service Explained

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the Trinity Hymnal #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

Officers and Resource People

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