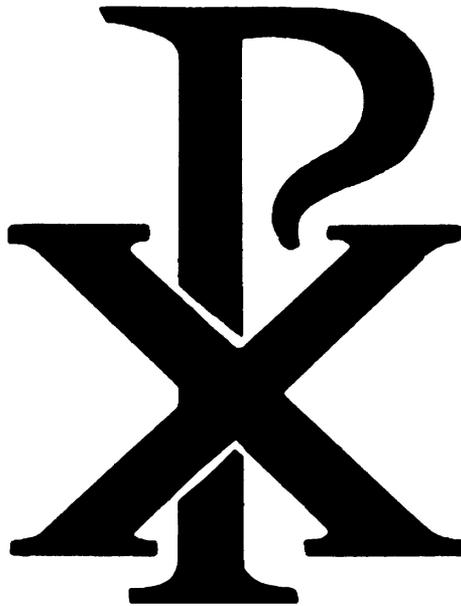


The Covenant Renewal Service

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Pentecost Season

June 17, 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.

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. There will be no evening service tonight. Enjoy the afternoon and evening with family and honor your fathers!

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.)

The Chi Rho (*Front Cover*)



The Chi-Rho is the oldest known monogram of Jesus Christ. It is sometimes known as a "Christogram". The *chi* and the *rho* are the first two letters of the word Christ (*Christos*) in the Greek language. The *chi* (Χ) = ch and the *rho* (Ρ) = r. The Greek word *christos* translates the Hebrew word for "Messiah," which means "anointed one." Jesus was born to be the promised anointed Priest and King.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **red**. The traditional color for Pentecost season is red, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit's fiery presence.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — June 17, 2012
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 135

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: *Psalm 135:1-3*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #135 "I greet thee"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Your name, O Yahweh, endures forever,

Psalm 135:13-14

your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages!

For Yahweh will vindicate his people

and have compassion on his servants!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

[Kneeling] Pastor: 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.**

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. Amen!**

†Pastor: Now lift up your head, arise, and hear the good news....!

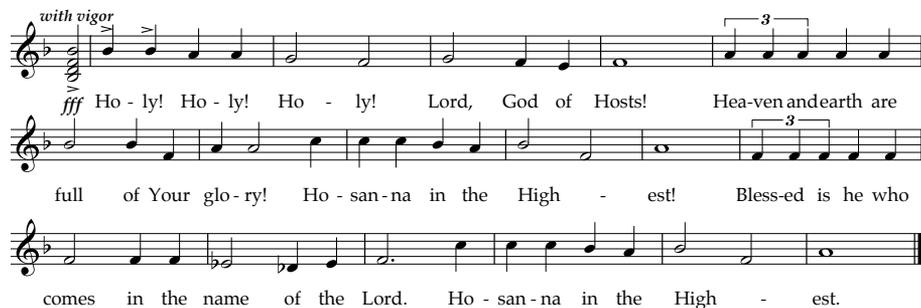
Ascension

†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 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. We praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and we worship your triune fullness of life and glory. 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 #136 “Ye servants of God”

Trinity Hymnal

Readings for the Third Sunday After Pentecost

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Psalm 1*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 4:1-6*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†*Psalm 1* “How blessed is the man”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

**How blessed is the man whose walk is not
In evil counsel which the wicked plot,
Who does not stand where sin its pleasure offers
And will not take his seat among the scoffers;
But his delight is in God’s covenant law:
By night and day he ponders it with awe.**

**Behold, the righteous man is like a tree
Which by the streams yields fruit abundantly,
Whose leaves are green and shall not fade or perish;
In all he does the righteous one shall flourish.
But wicked men are not like him, for they
Resemble chaff that winds will drive away.**

**Their downfall and destruction is at hand:
The wicked shall not in the judgment stand,
Nor sinners in the righteous congregation.
The LORD our God shall judge their generation;
He watches o’er the way of righteous men,
But doomed forever is the way of sin.**

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*

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: *Acts 26:19-32*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **THE PROBLEM OF PERSUASION**

LXII. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Silent Meditation & Reflection

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†[Hands Raised] Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, you have taught us to pray not only for ourselves
but for all men: Hear us as we pray for others, in the Name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. For your holy Church on earth; for her
ministers, elders, deacons, that all who love the Savior may love
him truly and serve him faithfully:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For all who do not know the Gospel of your love in Jesus Christ,
that you would be pleased to gather them into your fold:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For your missionaries, especially those known to and supported by us, that they may cause your light to shine in the dark places of the earth:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For our country, for our President and others in authority, that you would guide them in your wisdom:

We ask You to hear us, King of Kings.

For the poor, the exploited, and those too weak to defend themselves from powerful oppressors, especially the women and unborn children abused, injured, and even murdered by the abortion industry in our country:

We ask You to hear us, gracious Lord.

For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, that you would comfort and sustain them [*the congregation may add their petitions here*]:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord!

For the glorious company of the Apostles, prophets, and martyrs, and for the pleasant fellowship of the faithful in all ages:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Communion Hymn: "O Bread of life from heaven"

1. O Bread of Life from heaven,
To weary pilgrims given,
O Manna from above:
The souls that hunger feed thou,
The hearts that seek thee lead thou
With sweet and tender love.

2. O fount of grace redeeming,
O river ever streaming
From Jesus' holy side:
Come now, thyself bestowing
On thirsting souls and flowing
Till all are satisfied

3. O Jesus, this receiving,
Thy Word of truth believing,
We thee unseen adore:
Grant, when our life is ended,
That we, to heav'n ascended,
May see thee evermore.

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 everlasting God, who has given to us your servant's grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of your eternal triune life: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore lead us into a fuller enjoyment of your divine fellowship; 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 #298 "Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Church Calendar

June 17	Happy Father's Day! No Evening Service
July 8	No Evening Service
July 23-27	VBS
August 3-4	Rummage Sale
August 5	No Evening Service

Announcements

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Lane Greeno Family

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – Gibbs

Evening Prayer Service – Lane Greeno Family

Summer Sermon Series — This summer, Pastors Meyers and Anderson will be preaching a sermon series during the evening service exploring the Fruit of the Spirit listed by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 5 as a paradigm for Christian Discipleship. These evening services will usually be followed by a church cookout to provide opportunities for fellowship and community. Please consider attending evening services regularly this summer!

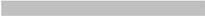
PCA General Assembly Meets This Week — Pastor Meyers and Anderson will be in Louisville, KY, this week participating in the Presbyterian Church in America's annual General Assembly. Please pray for our church gathered as a representative assembly to deal with all sorts of doctrinal, moral, and administrative issues that pertain to the ministry of the PCA in our nation and around the world.

Church Email List – When I send out church announcements via email I'm getting a lot of "delivery failure" notifications. If you are not getting regular email updates and notifications from me, then I may not have your current email address. Please take a moment to send me a note (jeffmeyers@me.com) so I can capture your newest address and you keep up to date with PRPC news and announcements. Thank you! -Pastor Meyers

VBS — This year's VBS, Olympion, will be held July 23-27 from 9:00 AM-noon. Classes will be offered for children ages 3 through grade 7. We will be learning about Joshua, the great champion of the Bible who points us to Jesus. So, mark your calendar and tell your friends!

Bulletin Announcement Deadline — For this week, if you have an announcement you would like in next Sunday's bulletin, please email Melanie Carter (cartersonthehill@gmail.com) by tomorrow evening. Thank you!

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests



The Lord's Service Explained

Pentecost Season

The Spring & Summer months of June, July, August, and September are considered part of a much longer period covering roughly half of the Christian year. This longer period may be called Pentecost Season (after Pentecost Sunday) or Trinity Season (from Trinity Sunday). This year we will call it Pentecost Season. The season and readings generally focus on the discipleship and unity of the Church as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord. During this period the New Testament lessons are, in the main, taken one after another in sequence from the Gospel ministry of our Lord and the Acts of the Apostles. The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

“Pentecost is the reverse of the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.”

Red, the color for Pentecost symbolizes the fire of the Spirit and the new life we have in Christ.

IHS, the monogram on our pulpit scarf and table cloth for Trinity season simply stands for Jesus Christ. It is one of a number of ways to abbreviate or symbolize the name of “Jesus” and the title “Christ” (IH and XP, IC and XC, IHS and XPS) from the original Greek and Latin language.

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