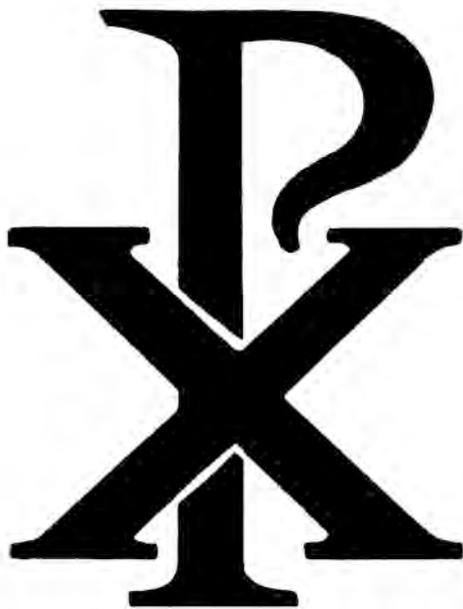


The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
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Pentecost Season

July 1, 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 today. Everyone is invited to the Pitt's home tonight for DaisyBeth's baptism party (see announcements).

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 — July 1, 2012

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 149

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff Meyers

[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!**

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth,
mercifully hear our prayer, and graciously draw us into your
holy presence, through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

Purification

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us kneel and humbly confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Christ our Savior to grant us forgiveness: 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 one and only Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for his sake grant me forgiveness for 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, so that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

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

†The Rite of Christian Baptism *DaisyBeth Skye Pitts*

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-6* Pastor Jeff Meyers

Parental Vows: *Scott & Marianne Pitts*

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God’s appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vows

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Christian Baptism: *DaisyBeth Skye Pitts*

Prayer: Elder Jason Carter

We Renew our Baptismal Covenant: *The Lorica* (see next page)

Ascension

Readings for the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Psalms 77:11-20* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Lorica

ST. PATRICK

Traditional Irish Melody

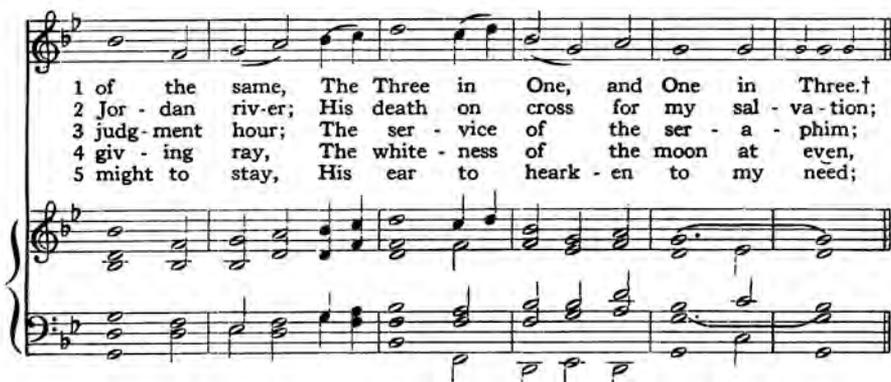
In unison, with energy



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name
2 I bind this day to me for ev - er, By power of
*3 I bind un - to my - self the power Of the great
*4 I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues
*5 I bind un - to my - self to - day The power of



1 of the Tri - ni - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion
2 faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
3 love of cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
4 of the star - lit heav'n, The glo - rious sun's life -
5 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his



1 of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.†
2 Jor - dan riv - er; His death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
3 judg - ment hour; The ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
4 giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at even;
5 might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need;

†Stanza 1 ends here; the following stanzas continue on the next page

2 His burst - ing from the spi - ced tomb; His ri - ding
 3 Con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, The pa - triarchs'
 4 The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
 5 The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

2 up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the
 3 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; All good deeds done un -
 4 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, The sta - ble earth, the
 5 guide, his shield to ward; The word of God to

2 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 3 to the Lord, And pu - ri - ty of ran - somed souls.
 4 deep salt sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks.
 5 give me speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.

DEIRDRE

Traditional Irish Melody

In harmony, with breadth

6 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-restore me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

ST. PATRICK

7 I bind un-to my-self the Name, The strong Name

of the Tri-ni-ty; By in-vo-ca-tion

of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: Praise to the Lord of

In harmony
my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord. A-men.

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The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 3:22-36*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†*The Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *1 Peter 3:18-22*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **WHAT IS CHRISTIAN BAPTISM? PART II**

Baptismal Prayer: Hymn #355 "Lord Jesus Christ" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer for the Church and World

Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Heavenly Father, we pray that our civil leaders would govern wisely and competently, and in submission to King Jesus and his word; and we pray especially today for our national leaders. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that you would be with those in our congregation who are out of work and searching for a means to provide for themselves and their families. Use these difficult times to remind them and us of our absolute dependence on you and our need for continual repentance. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that the ongoing political unrest in the Middle East would result in greater liberty for your people there and for the advancement of the gospel and kingdom of Christ in those lands. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that our nation's troops in harm's way would wage war justly and to a just end, and that military chaplains would faithfully minister Christ to them and to all of our nation's armed forces. O God, cause the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace, to bring peace between all peoples of the earth. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that you would be with the persecuted Church around the world, granting her faithfulness unto death, blessing her witness, and

subduing her enemies; we remember especially today persecuted Christians in Libya, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that the Church in Saint Louis, America, and throughout the world would be united in the truth of your word and Christian love.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Communion Hymn: #352 "A little child"

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: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your eternal Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of the fulness of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #63 (*Psalms* 76) "God is known"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew* 28:18-20

†Benediction: *Numbers* 6:24-26

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Announcements

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Lu Greeno & Melanie Greeno
Evening Prayer Service – Chris Meyers & Barb Hoover

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – Pratt
Evening Prayer Service – No Evening Service

Three New Covenant Children — In just two weeks! Congratulations to Scott and Marianne Pitts for the birth of DaisyBeth Skye (7lbs, 8oz, 20in) born on June 11, at 5:44 am; to Paul and Crystal Schmidt for their new son Zander Justus (9lbs, 13oz, 22"), born on June 17, at 8:13 am; and to Bryan and Melanie Carter for the birth of Patrick Henry Robert (8lbs, 21") on June 25, at 12:55 pm. Let the baptisms begin!

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. Be sure to register your children on the church website.

Pastor Anderson Vacation — Pastor Anderson and his family will be traveling to Virginia this week to visit with their extended family. Please pray for safe travels and a relaxing vacation! They will return on July 12.

Baptism Party at the Pitts — Scott & Marianne have invited everyone out to their house tonight to celebrate the baptism of DaisyBeth. You can arrive anytime after 4:30. Bring one side dish (enough for your family and one other), lawn chairs, and fireworks (if you want). The address: 2945 Flucom road, De Soto, MO 63020.

Church Calendar

July 8	No Evening Service (Fourth of July Weekend)
July 15	Evening Prayer Service with Cookout
July 16-21	Pastor Meyers at Biblical Horizons Conference in Florida
July 22 & 29	Evening Prayer service with Cookout
July 23-27	VBS
August 3-4	Rummage Sale
August 5	No Evening Service

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