

# The Covenant Renewal Service

## Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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**Pentecost Season**

*September 16, 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 11:40 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. The adult class meets in the fellowship hall at 11:40 AM to continue our book-by-book study of the Bible. Please join us for our evening Prayer Service tonight at 5 PM, followed by a cookout 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 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 — September 16, 2012

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 33**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

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 #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! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake now forgives us all our sins. To us who believe in his Name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given us his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Ascension**

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

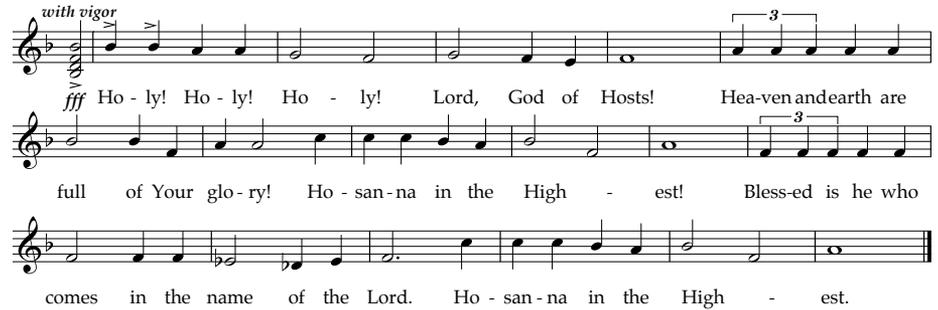
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

†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.

†Hymn #220 "Blessed Jesus, at thy Word"

*Trinity Hymnal*

The OT Reading: *Numbers 6:22-27*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *Colossians 3:12-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:37-12:3*

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: *Deuteronomy 5:6-11*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **PROPER CHRISTIAN BEARING**

#### IV. EXPOSITION OF THE DECALOGUE

Silent Reflection on the Preaching of God's Word

### **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

Hymn #586 "I know that my Redeemer lives"

*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: Blessed Lord, you caused your Scriptures to be written for our learning and training in righteousness: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #124 “At the Name of Jesus”

*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

## **The Evening Service**

Sunday, September 16, 2012 – Pentecost Season

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 42*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Psalm 42 “As the hart about to falter”

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Missions Message: **MORE THAN CARPENTRY**

Jim & Tammy McGarry

†Psalm 47 “Praise the LORD, ye lands”

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

†Closing Hymn “Gracious God, again is ended”

(see handout)

†Benediction

# Announcements

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## **Today's Nursery Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Denney

Sunday School – Denise Gerstung & Marianne Pitts

Evening Prayer Service – Pratt

## **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers**

Morning Service – Lu Greeno

Sunday School – Jeff Keane Family

**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.

**Tonight's Evening Prayer Service** — Please join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening Prayer Service. Tonight we have special guests—Jim and Tammy McGarry with More Than Carpentry ministry in the city. They will share with us their ministry helping train people for productive work. Please note that the service will start at 5 PM so that we can have time to gather outside for a cookout and fellowship before it's too dark. This may be the next-to-last time we are able to have a cookout after an evening service before the daylight shortens and the weather turns cold. So don't miss it!

**Meaning of Marriage Fall Book Study** — The session encourages the congregation to consider attending a small group book study examining the meaning and importance of Christian Marriage. We will be reading and discussing Tim Keller's new book "The Meaning of Marriage" (available in the foyer for \$14). There will be four small groups available for you to choose from to join:

- Monday nights - Pratts (begins Sept 24)
- Wednesday nights - Shields/Andersons
- Thursday nights - J. Carters/Wamsleys
- Thursday nights - Moores

Book studies will begin this week and end the week of November 12. You don't have to be married to participate in and benefit from this study! Please see Pastor Anderson or any of the group leaders if you would like to participate. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor as well!

**Back to School Breakfast** — Women in the church are invited to a Back to School Breakfast on Saturday, September 22, 9-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be eating, visiting and praying for this school year. Volunteer babysitters are needed. Any questions ask Anne Hiers or Ken Pratt.

**Session Meeting This Week** — The elders will meet for their monthly stated session meeting tomorrow Monday, September 17 at 7 PM in the educational wing of the church. Please pray for your pastors and elders as they meet to pray for and oversee the ministry of the Providence church.

**New Fall Children's Sunday School Changes:**

- 1.) Classrooms for grades 6 and under are all on the lower level. Jr. & Sr. High classes meet on the upper level.
- 2.) In lieu of our new start time, children's coffee hour will be shortened. When the lights flash the first time (11:35ish), we'd like all the adults to please help us corral the children and get them to singing time. If you could help us with this for the next several weeks until we all adjust, that would be great!
- 3.) The lower hallway walls have been spruced up with some Bible story posters. These were donated for our children's enjoyment and education, so we encourage interaction with them, but we ask that they and you, help us take good care of them so they last! In other words, touching should be kept at a minimum to avoid stains, tears, etc.
- 4.) The memory work for October 7th recitation is attached. Please note that, in keeping with recent practice, students will memorize the work for all grades up to and including their own. (i.e. 4th graders will memorize the verses listed for 2-years through 4th grade) Your children will receive a paper copy this Sunday, but the digital copy is provided as a backup. Once again, we're doing something slightly different, so please provide feedback to Jason Carter, Josh Anderson, or Lori Shaffer.
- 5.) This year, our high school class will do the memory listening for our children.

**WIC Ladies Night** — Mark your calendars for Friday, November 9 from 7-9 PM. We will be going to Kakao Chocolate in Maplewood for a private party chocolate tasting. Cost is \$10 per person. Bring wine/drinks to share! Please sign up at the WIC table. Any questions see Erin VanHorn.

**Bridal shower For Vivienne Greeno** — Ladies, join us on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 PM at the home of Deborah Shields to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Vivienne Greeno and Lee Diercks. Vivienne is registered at Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Please contact Deborah by Sept 23 if you'd like to contribute toward a group gift: 314-724-3310 or [loldebz@gmail.com](mailto:loldebz@gmail.com).

**Nursery Drop Off** — Parents, please take extra care over the next few weeks to sign your children into nursery so Christine Greeno can determine whether or not to increase the work force to accommodate our growing population.

**Lost and Found** — Please check the tables in the fellowship hall and rescue any items that belong to you. All remaining items will soon be donated to Goodwill.

**Harvest Party 2012** — This year our annual Harvest Party will be held in the late afternoon at Crestwood Park on Saturday, October 27. Mark your calendars. Keep an eye out for more information on the party in the coming weeks.

**Church Work Day** — Your help is needed for a church work day on Saturday, October 13. Shifts run from 8-10 AM or 10-Noon. See Steve Shaffer or Lane Greeno if you have any questions.

**Choir Practice** — will be on Tuesday evenings this fall, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., and is open to everyone age 16 and up. Join us this Tuesday night! If you are interested in participating but cannot attend on Tuesdays, please let Bill Hoover know, if you haven't already ([billhoover@fastmail.net](mailto:billhoover@fastmail.net)).

**Ladies Bible Study** — Ladies, join us for a Bible study on Thursdays from 9:30 until 11 AM. Plan to attend this special time of study, spiritual growth, and great fellowship (with good coffee, tea and home made goodies). Childcare will be provided. Sign up at the WIC table in the narthex and please include your children's names that will be attending with you. If you have any questions, call Dottie Devlin (314-541-4134).

**Coffee Set Up Volunteer Needed** — Thanks to the Gibbs & Pratts for their faithful service by making coffee. We are now looking for new volunteers. Volunteers need only to come in one half hour early to prepare the coffee, clean up afterward, and only serve once a month. If you are interested see Rosamma Weston or Tracy Boeve.

# **The Lord's Service Explained**

## **The Opening Hymn of Praise**

Once the Lord has called us into his special presence it is then our privilege to respond. He has taken hold of us by his Word and separated us out from the world as his people. This is the first step in the order of covenant renewal worship. So after the call to worship the congregation now stands before him poised to respond to his invitation and receive his gracious gifts. The sacrifice begins.

Singing is our first response to God's words and actions in the worship service. Remember, the entire service moves forward as God speaks and the congregation responds. It is something of a conversation between God and his church. God calls and we respond. God speaks and we listen. God gives and we receive. God acts and we thank Him. We say "amen" each time the Lord speaks to us or acts for us. The dialogical pattern is found throughout the Bible when men find themselves in God's presence (Isa. 6:1-12; Jer. 1:4-8; Rev. 4-5, 19:5-10; etc.). It is the biblical way to approach God in worship. So here at the beginning of the service, the Lord calls us and we gather to praise him.

Normally, then, we enter into God's presence singing. The opening hymn is almost always a Psalm of praise or a hymn of adoration. This song is addressed to God, which means it is a prayer, a congregational prayer. This first hymn will usually highlight some aspect of the character and/or work of God in Christ, thereby giving concrete form to the congregation's adoration and praise. It is appropriate that we should "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:5). The gathered congregation is herself now the house or temple of the Lord (1 Cor. 3:17; Eph. 2:21; 1 Peter 2:5), indeed, the "city of God" (Heb. 12:22). Just as the Israelites passed through the gates of Zion singing, we too enter that which these types symbolized with songs of praise. We enter into heaven itself as the Spirit unites us to Christ, singing gloriously.

## **Catechism of the Week**

### **The Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 51 What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

# Officers and Resource People

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