

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season
September 9, 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 6 PM (no cookout).

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.)

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

The Lord's Day — September 9, 2012

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 47

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Jeff 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 #324 "This day at thy creating word"

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!

God has gone up with a shout,

Psalm 47:1-4

Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God our Father, grant we ask, that we who celebrate
this glorious resurrection feast today may honor and praise you,**

who through your only-begotten Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

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

Come let us worship and bow down.

Psalm 95:6

And kneel before the Lord our Maker [congregation kneels]

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 rescue me from all my adversaries; 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!

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 #216 “Crown him with many crowns” *Trinity Hymnal*

The OT Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:9-24* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Colossians 1:15-23*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

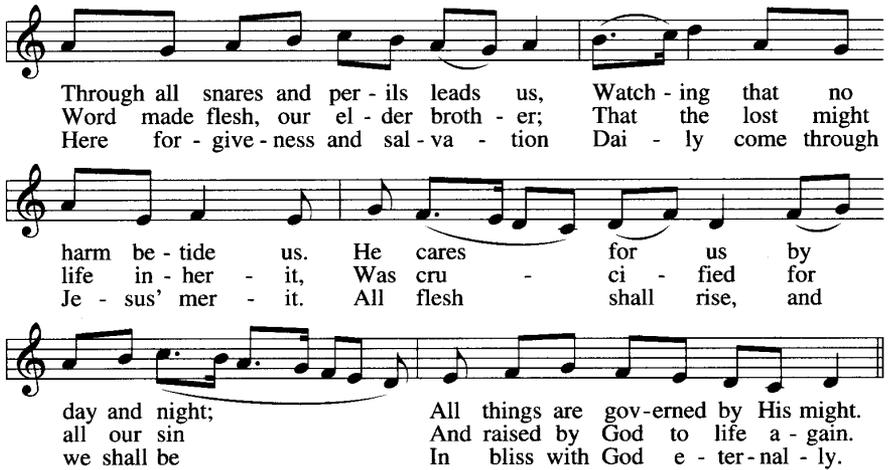
†The Gospel Reading: *John 1:1-18*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†Hymn of Response: *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 - equal 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
 And 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: *Deuteronomy 5:6-10*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **FLEEING LITURGICAL IDOLATRY**

III. 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 #310 "Here, O my Lord"

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: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that you have again refreshed us this morning with so many wonderful gifts; we ask you now to grant us the grace to respond to your self-giving love with steadfast faith in you and fervent love toward one another; 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 #145 “Come, thou long expected 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 9, 2012 – Pentecost Season

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

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #211 “See, the Conqueror mounts” *Trinity Hymnal (Tune of #269)*

Sermon Text: *Galatians 5:22-23*

Message: **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS SELF CONTROL**

Pastor Anderson

IX. EXPOSITION OF GALATIANS 5:22-25

†Psalm 99 “God, the LORD is King”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

†Closing Hymn #224 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

Announcements

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Boeve

Sunday School – Horne

Evening Prayer Service – Weston

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – Denney

Sunday School – Denise Gerstung & Marianne Pitts

Evening Prayer Service – Pratt

Sunday School Resumes This Morning — This morning we will restart our Adult Sunday School "Through the Bible" class. All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A New Members & Inquirers Sunday School Class begins today in the home of Pastor Meyers. The class will start at 11:40 AM and will conclude at 12:25 so that parents may return to pick up their children from the nursery.

Men of the Covenant meeting — Plan on meeting with us Tuesday, September 11 at 7 PM at the home of Jeremy Sexton (32 Balcon Estates, Creve Coeur 63141) for a discussion based on Peter Leithart's new book *Between Babel and Beast: America and Empires in Biblical Perspective*. Pastor Meyers should have some copies available for purchase (\$20). Feel free to purchase the book from another source if you can find it. We'll be talking about Part 1 (pp. 1-53), which is an outline of the theology of "empire" in the Bible, from Babel to Jesus' ascension. You won't have to read the book to benefit from the discussion. Pastor Meyers plans to have 3 MOC meetings to talk about each of the three parts.

Choir Starts This Tuesday! — Thank you for your responses to the choir survey. Based on your responses and the other weekly church events, we will rehearse on Tuesday evenings this fall from 7:00-8:30 P.M., starting this Tuesday, September 11. That night, right after practice, we'll have a season kick-off party at the Hoover home (8654 Otto Westway, 63127). On the Sunday mornings when the choir sings, we will warm up at 9:25, and Bill will rehearse from 9:00-9:25 with those who weren't able to practice on Tuesday nights. The choir is open to everyone age 16 and up. For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314-540-2427, billhoover@fastmail.net).

Ladies Bible Study — The starting date for this fall's Bible study is September 13, 2012; 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).

Meaning of Marriage Fall Book Study — This fall 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
- Wednesday nights - Shields/Andersons
- Thursday nights - J. Carters/Wamsleys
- Thursday nights - Moores

Book studies will begin the week of September 16 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.

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.

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.

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.

Church Calendar

Sept 11	Men of the Covenant/Choir Rehearsal Resumes
Sept 13	Ladies' Bible Study Resumes
Sept 16	Evening Cookout
Sept 22	Ladies' Back to School Breakfast
Sept 23	Parish Groups Meet
Sept 25	Bridal Shower for Vivienne Greeno
Oct 13	Church Workday

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

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.

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