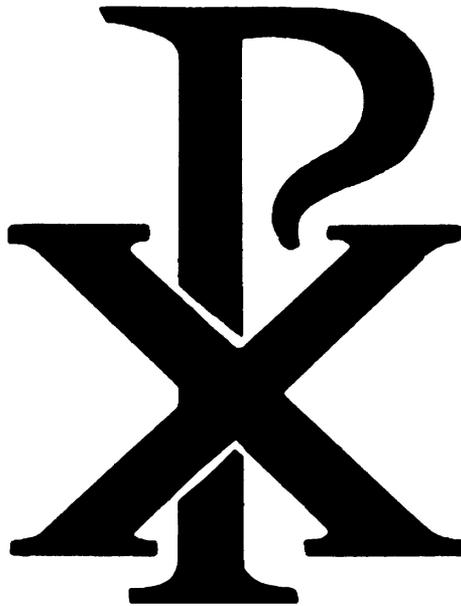


The Covenant Renewal Service

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Pentecost Season

September 8, 2013

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 11:10 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. One adult class (on Islam) meets in the fellowship hall and the other (on mentoring & discipleship) meets in the sanctuary. Please join us tonight for our Evening Prayer Service 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).

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* (X) = ch and the *rho* (P) = 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 — September 8, 2013
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 47

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Joshua Anderson

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

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 #268 "Christ is made the sure Foundation" *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 47:1-3

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!

†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. Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads, 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 #53 “Hallelujah, praise Jehovah”

Trinity Hymnal

The First Reading: *Proverbs 12:13-20*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 22:1-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 23:47-56*

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 Kyrie

(see next page)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

For everlasting is his lovingkindness!

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For everlasting is his lovingkindness!

For the peace that is from above, and for strength and blessing, let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy.

For this holy household, and for those who in faith, piety, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, be gracious unto us.

†*The Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *James 1:1-4, 19-20, 3:13-18*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **HOW JAMES CAME TO BE WRITTEN (A STORY)**

†Hymn #485 "Soldiers who to Christ belong"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Anderson

Offertory

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer of Dedication

from *1 Chronicles 29:10-19*

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father forever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord Jesus, and you are exalted above all as the head. Both riches and honor come from you, and you graciously rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. For all things come from you, and of your own gifts have we given back to you. All this abundance which we have provided for building up your house, the church, comes from you hand. Now keep your promises to us and cause your kingdom to expand and grow; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

And now we continue to pray as our Lord has taught us . . .

†[Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #246 "Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness"

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.

Pastor Jeff Meyers

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 #488 "Lead on, O King eternal"

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

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. Join us this evening at 6 PM for our Evening Prayer service. Pastor Meyers continues his series on the life of Jacob.

Evening Prayer

September 8, 2013 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 111*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 111 "Praise be the LORD"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 27:1-46*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Message: **REBEKAH'S RIGHTEOUS DECEPTION**

III. THE LIFE OF JACOB

†Hymn #53 "The hope of faith"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn "Gracious God, again is ended

(see handout)

†Benediction

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.

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Lu Greeno and Hiers Family

Sunday School Marianne Pitts and Rachel Bozarth

Evening Prayer Service – Hiers Family

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – Madeline & Cory Mitchell and Crystal Schmidt

Sunday School – Denise Gerstung and Ryan Herwick

Announcements

Morning Worship Time Change — Beginning today, the Sunday morning worship schedule changes. Worship begins at 9:30 AM and the new Fall Sunday school classes will start at 11:10 AM and end at 12 noon. I would encourage everyone to make a strong effort to be at the church by 9:20 AM so that we can begin the welcome and announcements promptly at 9:30 AM. Remember, too, that we will likely be having more visitors and a fuller church. If members would make every effort to sit closer to the front of the church, that will leave the last row or so open for our visitors.

Two New Adult Sunday School Classes Start This Week:

Understanding Islam — Pastor Meyers (and a few guest lecturers) will teach on the history and teaching of Islam in the fellowship hall. This will be a 10-week class designed to help us understand the origins and current beliefs of Muslims around the world and in our country. We will learn about the life of Mohammed, the spread of Islam, and the basic Muslim teachings on God, man, salvation, and more. This is a timely topic, given the role of Islam in current events. But it will also help us understand the foundations of Christian doctrine and life as we compare it to Islam. We will also talk about Christian missions to Muslims as well as practical advice about how to talk to Muslim co-workers and neighbors.

Mentoring & Discipleship — The other class will be taught by Pastor Anderson and Elder Monte Shields, and will meet in the sanctuary. They will deal with the connection between Christian discipleship and mentoring. This class will address questions such as "What do we mean by Christian discipleship?", "How can I grow in Christ by imitating other mature believers?", "Is there a distinctively Christian way of mentoring?", "How can I serve as an effective mentor for others?" Please join us this fall to learn how to pursue more intentionally a life of discipleship and be equipped to mentor and disciple others.

Parish Groups will meet next Sunday — There will be no evening service next week, so please plan on attending your Parish Group as we kick off the fall season.

Sunday School Starts This Week — Sunday School is a significant time to grow in our knowledge of God's word and receive instruction in wise living. Please make a commitment to join us every week this fall for Sunday School. See the list of children's teachers below:

2's-3's - Kathy Hoegemann

4's-K - Linda Wolff

1st-2nd - Anne Hiers

3rd-4th - Cory and Madeline Mitchell

5th-6th - Jeremy Sexton

7th-8th - Brookie More

9th-12th - Ryan Van Horn

Fall Book Studies — This fall, groups will be forming in the congregation to meet on different nights of the week to study Tim Keller's book "Every Good Endeavor," which focuses on a Christian view of vocation and work. Groups will begin the week of September 23rd. Books are available for purchase in the narthex for \$18. Please see Pastor Anderson if you wish to participate.

Choir — The fall choir season is here, and we'd love to have you join us! We will rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Our first rehearsal is this Tuesday, September 10, and that night after practice, we'll have a season kick-off party at the Hoover home (8654 Otto Westway, 63127). We sing during morning worship several times a month and also during special seasonal evening services. The choir is open to high school juniors and older. For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314) 540-2417, billhoover@fastmail.net.

Ladies Bible Study begins This Week – Thursday, September 12

— This fall and winter we will continue our study of the book of Judges with Pastor Meyers at 9:30 AM every Thursday. We will begin where we left off in the story of Gideon in Judges 6. Even if you were not able to make it for the class in the Spring, you will still be able to jump right in and benefit from the study. If you have any questions, please speak with Dottie Devlin.

Shoebox Drive — If you are interested in heading up the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive, email Anna Hoegemann at annahoegemann@gmail.com.

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.

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