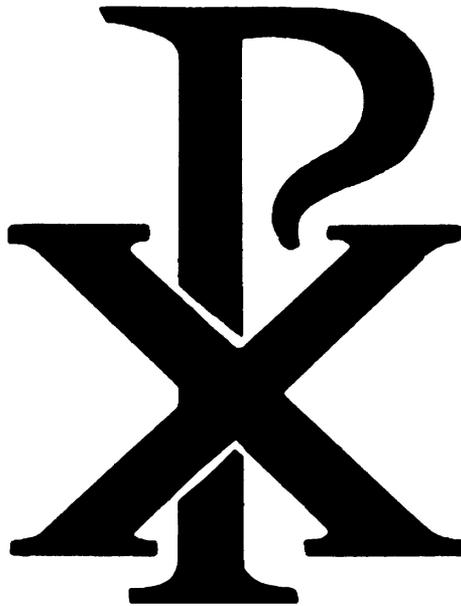


The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
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Pentecost Season
September 1, 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.

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. Join us this evening at 5 PM for our evening prayer service, followed by a cookout on the church's parking lot. Everyone is welcome!

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 — September 1, 2013

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 78

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mrs. Joanie Harris, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

[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 #324 "This day at thy creating word"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

This is the day the Lord has made!

Psalm 118:24

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your glorious
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

Psalm 5:4-8

Evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

You hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;

The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love;

Will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple;

In the fear of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness;

Because of my enemies, make your way straight before me.

Come, let us worship and bow down,

Psalm 95:6

And kneel before the Lord our Maker

[Kneeling] 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 boundless 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; 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 . . . !

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

(see next page)

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.

†The Kyrie

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.

†Hymn #200 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain" *Trinity Hymnal*

The First Reading: *Deuteronomy 6:1-15*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 John 2:1-14*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:1-14*

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: *Psalms 78:1-8*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR LIFE**

†Hymn #301 (*Psalms 78*) "My people, give ear"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

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 your 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 #305 (*Psalm 84*) "O Lord of Hosts, how lovely" *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: O Christ, Lord of all, supporter of the weak and comforter of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted; remember your bride on earth, and come quickly, Lord Jesus, to make all things new.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #197 "The day of resurrection!"

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 5 PM for our Evening Prayer service followed by a cookout on the church parking lot. Bring some meat and drinks and enjoy the fellowship tonight.

Evening Prayer

September 1, 2013 – 5:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Mark 9:33-50*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #174 "Praise the Saviour now and ever" *Trinity Hymnal*
Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 3:18-4:1*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Message: **THE CENTRALITY OF THE RESURRECTION**

VIII. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

†Hymn #537 "What shall I render"

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer Requests & Prayer

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn 400 "Come, thou Fount"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

**Cookout on the Parking Lot

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Griggs Family and Linda Wolff

Evening Prayer Service – Wamsley Family

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – Lu Greeno and Heirs Family

Sunday School – Marianne Pitts and Rachel Bozarth

Evening Prayer Service – Heirs Family

Announcements

Morning Worship Time Change — Beginning next week (September 8) we will be changing the Sunday morning schedule. Worship will begin 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. Thank you! — Pastor Meyers

Two New Adult Sunday School Classes: Understanding Islam & Christian Discipleship and Mentoring — We will begin a two new adult series next week (Sept 8). 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. 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.

Sunday School Starts Next 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

Parish Groups will meet on September 15 — There will be no evening service that Sunday, so please plan on attending your Parish Group as we kick off the fall season. The Parish Groups are largely the same as they were in the Spring, but any changes will be published in the new lists by next Sunday.

Choir — The fall choir season is coming soon, and we'd love to have you join us! We will rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Our first rehearsal is 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 during special seasonal evening services. The choir is open to high school juniors and older. For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314) 540-2427, billhoover@fastmail.net.

Ladies Bible Study begins 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 *Sursum Corda*

After we receive the forgiveness of sins, God's purified people are invited to come nearer. Just as the sacrificial animal is brought near the altar in preparation for his being drawn into the fire as food for God and, likewise, just as the Ascension follows the Purification, so now the Christian worshiper ascends into heaven to praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to hear the Lord's verbal instruction in preparation for his fellowship meal with God. Appropriately, therefore, the *sursum corda* (Latin: "lift up your hearts") comes at this point in the service.

The "heart" here stands for the center of the whole man. The purpose of the *sursum corda*, therefore, is not to elicit an "emotional" response. We are not being summoned to work up "feelings" about the Lord. We may experience certain emotions at this point in the service or not. But how we feel must be transcended by what we know by faith is happening in the liturgy. When the pastor calls out, "Lift up your hearts," the congregation is being summoned to accept by faith our heavenly positioning in Christ. The Lord has forgiven us and now invites us "in close" to praise him and hear his life-giving Word. This is objectively true whether we feel like it or not. Although everything may still "look" the same, by faith we understand that the roof of the church has been rolled back not only to expose the heavenly service in progress but also to incorporate us into it. Cherubim and seraphim, angels and archangels, together with the church triumphant are now "visible" to the eye of faith. Heaven and earth are now joined and we have been ushered into the festal assembly gathered around the throne of the Lamb (Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4-5). We lift up our hearts to the Lord!

Following the *sursum corda*, the people give thanks to God the Father for his glorious grace. This prayer, led by the pastor, reminds them that they are now joining in the chorus of praise before the throne of God. When one makes the ascent into God's presence one starts singing. Singing is a means of ascent. This is when the the music and singing began in the temple liturgy—when the Ascension begins (see 2 Chron. 29:27-28). Now is when we sing the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") and another hymn that provides the congregation with the opportunity to participate in the praise offered around the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven. Hymns of praise based on the Rev. 4:8 ("Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty"), Rev. 4:11 ("Worthy are you, our Lord and God"), or Rev. 5:9 ("Worthy is the Lamb who was slain") are particularly appropriate.

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