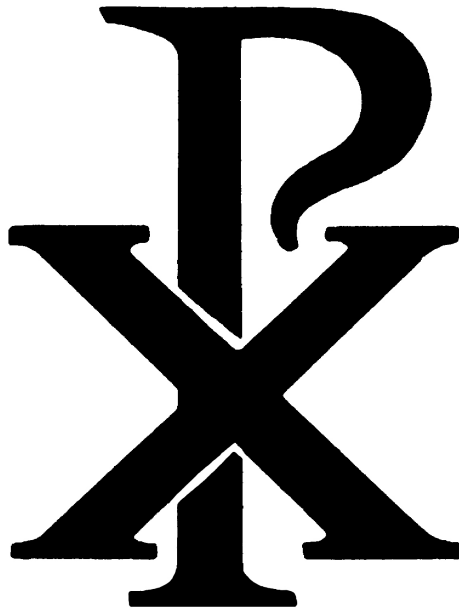


# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

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**Pentecost Season**

*August 18, 2013*

# Welcome

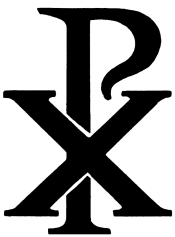
If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use 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](http://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

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The Lord's Day — August 18, 2013

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 36**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, 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 #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

*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, our heavenly Father, in your great mercy you adopted us as your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God our Father with an 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**

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; 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. *Silent Prayer. 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 salutary 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 #10 (*Psalm 103*) “O come, my soul” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 5:1-14* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-14*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 36 “He who in evil does rejoice”

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

1543/Geneva,1551

1. He who in e-vil does re-joice  
Hears in his heart a wick-ed voice;  
It whis-pers and it flat-ters.  
It lures him on, and he o-beys  
Till from Thy fear, O LORD, he strays  
And him Thy an-ger shat-ters.  
His words are lies, his wis-dom gone;  
All his trans-gressions urge him on,  
He does their will with pleas-ure.  
Up-on his bed he plans de-ceit,  
On ways of sin he sets his feet,  
His e-vil is his treas-ure.

2. *Thy love and faithfulness extend  
Wherever Thou to heaven's end  
Thy righteous sceptre wieldest.  
Thy judgment is a secret deep,  
Thy justice like God's mountains steep,  
And man and beast Thou shieldest.  
Of Thy great mercy heaven sings  
For in the shadow of Thy wings  
No son of man shall perish.  
Thou shalt them to Thy feasts invite,  
They drink from streams of Thy delight,  
Thy precious love they cherish.*
3. *Life's fountain is, O LORD, with Thee,  
And in Thy light the light we see;  
Let right and mercy tarry  
With them who fear Thy faithful Name;  
Put Thou the enemies to shame,  
Let all their schemes miscarry.  
Save Thou me for Thy mercy's sake,  
Let not the proud me overtake,  
Nor from Thy covenant sever.  
O people, praise your God and see  
The workers of iniquity  
Who are cast down forever!*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:1-13*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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: *James 1:13-18*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **TESTING, TEMPTATION, & TRAPS**

**V. EXPOSITION OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES**

†Hymn #472 “Jesus, Lord of life and glory”

*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

O most merciful and gracious God, from whose open hand we all have received so much, we ask you to accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it. Remember also those persons and purposes for which it is given. So follow this sacrifice with your blessing, that it may promote peace and good will, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen!**

†[Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #549 “Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts”

*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 #587 "Like a river glorious"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & 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.**

## **The Westminster Larger Catechism**

*Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition [of the Lord's Prayer]?*

A. In the sixth petition, (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*) acknowledging, that the most wise, righteous, and gracious God, for divers holy and just ends, may so order things, that we may be assaulted, foiled, and for a time led captive by temptations; that Satan, the world, and the flesh, are ready powerfully to draw us aside, and ensnare us; and that we, even after the pardon of our sins, by reason of our corruption, weakness, and want of watchfulness, are not only subject to be tempted, and forward to expose ourselves unto temptations, but also of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them, to recover out of them, and to improve them; and worthy to be left under the power of them: we pray, that God would so overrule the world and all in it, subdue the flesh, and restrain Satan, order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all his people may by his providence be kept from being tempted to sin; or, if tempted, that by his Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation; or when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it, and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof: that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected, Satan trodden under our feet, and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil, forever.



# Evening Prayer

August 18, 2013 – 5:00 PM

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Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 1:1-19* Pastor Jeff Meyers

†The Beatitudes "Blessed are the poor in Spirit" *See handout*

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Pastor Joshua Anderson

Message: **LIVING AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN**

**VII. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

†Hymn #19 "Let us of Christ our Lord" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Psalm 97 "The LORD our God is King!" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

†Benediction

\*\*Cookout on the Parking Lot

## Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

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## Church Calendar

September 8 Fall Sunday School Begins

New Fall Times: Morning Worship – 9:30 AM

Sunday School – 11:10 AM

# Announcements

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

Morning Service – Sexton Family

Evening Prayer Service –Pratt Family

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

Morning Service – Lane Greeno family and Ryan Herwick

**Cook out this evening!** — Join us for our Evening prayer service tonight at 5 PM, and bring some meat and drinks for our cookout on the church parking lot afterwards.

**New Fall Worship & Sunday School Times** — We will kick off this Fall with new times for the morning worship services and Sunday school. Splitting the difference between the old schedule and the newer provisional times, we will now begin the morning worship service at 9:30 AM and Sunday school classes at 11:10 AM. The new schedule will begin on September 8th.

**Successful VBS!** — Thank you to all who helped in anyway with Vacation Bible School. We had a very successful week, with over 100 children registered. Please continue to pray that VBS will have a lasting impact on the families who participated.

**Prayer Chain** — Brenda Svezia has faithfully served Providence through the prayer chain for several years, but is looking for someone to take over the ministry. If you are interested in serving the Lord and our church through the prayer chain, please see Brenda Svezia or Lu Greeno.

**Nursery Sign Up** — Volunteers are needed for nursery duty. The sign up sheet is on the WIC table. Your service to these little ones is greatly appreciated.

**Ladies' Retreat** — If you would like to attend the retreat in February 2014, talk to one of the WIC officers.

# 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 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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