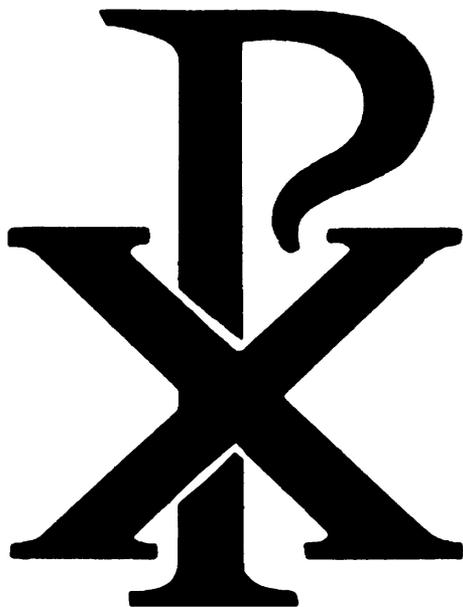


The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
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Pentecost Season

July 7, 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. There will be no evening service tonight. Please use the rest of the Lord's Day to show hospitality and enjoy the day of rest the Lord has provided..

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 — July 7, 2013
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 98*

Piano - Mr. Dan Hayes

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 98:1-3*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #15 (*Psalm 98*) "Come, let us sing unto the Lord" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

Psalm 24:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace that we may have the strength to comprehend with all the saints the breadth and length and height and depth of your love for us in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: To you we lift up our eyes, O Lord,
to you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he has mercy on us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD,
have mercy upon us.

Psalm 123:1-2

Come let us worship and bow down.

And kneel before the Lord our Maker [Kneel] *Psalm 95:6*

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, I confess to you that I am sinful and unclean, and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ.
Silent Prayer.

†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. We praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and we worship your triune fullness of life and glory. 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 of Praise: #216 "Crown him"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 14:17-24* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:14-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:10-17*

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*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.**

Sermon Text: *Psalms 104:14-15*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **WHAT HAPPENS AT THE LORD'S TABLE, PART 4**

XX. CHRISTIAN ANSWERS TO CRITICAL QUESTIONS

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer of Dedication

†Prayer for the Church and World

Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Heavenly Father, we pray that our civil leaders would govern wisely and competently, and in submission to King Jesus and his word; we pray especially today for our national leaders. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that you would be with those in our congregation who are out of work and searching for a means to provide for themselves and their families. Use these difficult times to remind them and us of our absolute dependence on you and our need for continual repentance. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that the ongoing political unrest in the Middle East would result in greater liberty for your people there and for the advancement of the gospel and kingdom of Christ in those lands. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that our nation's troops in harm's way would wage war justly and to a just end, and that military chaplains would faithfully minister Christ to them and to all of our nation's armed forces. O God, cause the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace, to bring peace between all peoples of the earth. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that you would be with the persecuted Church around the world, granting her faithfulness unto death, blessing her witness, and subduing her enemies. We remember especially today persecuted Christians in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Israel, and in Africa. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray that the church in Saint Louis, America, and throughout the world would be united in the truth of your word and Christian love. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #364 "Shepherd of souls"

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: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you. You have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name, you will be in the midst of them. Give us now, O Lord, all things in your will; grant us in this world knowledge of your truth and, in the age to come, life everlasting. Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #365 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Worship — Herwicks

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

See the sign up sheet on the WIC table.

"Upward Bound" VBS — Take a climb with Upward Bound 2013, the exciting, fun-filled VBS that explores new heights of faith. Join other "hikers" and learn about the glory of God in Christ. Make new friends, explore Bible stories, sing songs, play games, enjoy snacks, and so much more! Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Sign up through the church website. To volunteer, please see Anna Hoegemann.

Thank You — Barb and Bill Hoover and their family wish to thank the congregation for all your expressions of sympathy and love following the passing of Barb's father, Conrad Busse. Thank you for your calls, visits, cards, and meals, and for holding us up in prayer. You all have been a great source of comfort.

Men & Boys Camp Out — This year's annual Men & Boys' Camping Trip will be on July 12-13, at the Keane's property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday around 2 PM. Several activities are planned. If you have questions contact Pastor Meyers or John Keane.

Church Rummage Sale — It's time to clear out your clutter while blessing our Covenant Children's Home orphans in India. The rummage sale will be Saturday, August 3 from 8-1 PM. Donations are being collected in the former high school class room at the bottom of the main stairs. Due to space constraints, please refrain from donating large items (i.e. furniture) until after VBS. To volunteer to help with the sale or if you have any questions, contact Amanda Cone 314-497-7950.

Nursery Volunteers Needed — Please sign up to volunteer in the nursery during the months of July, August and September.

Ladies' Retreat — If you would like to attend the retreat in February 2014, talk to one of the WIC officers. If you have already signed up, start planning for your next installment of \$25 due by Sunday, July 28. (Cash or check made out to PRPC with WIC Retreat in the memo). Any questions ask Lu Greeno.

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

The Lord's Service Explained

Pentecost Season

The Spring & Summer months of June, July, August, and September are considered part of a much longer period covering roughly half of the Christian year. This longer period may be called Pentecost Season (after Pentecost Sunday) or Trinity Season (from Trinity Sunday). This year we will call it Pentecost Season. The season and readings generally focus on the discipleship and unity of the Church as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord. During this period the New Testament lessons are, in the main, taken one after another in sequence from the Gospel ministry of our Lord and the Acts of the Apostles. The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

“Pentecost is the reverse of the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.”

Red, the color for Pentecost symbolizes the fire of the Spirit and the new life we have in Christ.

IHS, the monogram on our pulpit scarf and table cloth for Trinity season simply stands for Jesus Christ. It is one of a number of ways to abbreviate or symbolize the name of “Jesus” and the title “Christ” (IH and XP, IC and XC, IHS and XPS) from the original Greek and Latin language.

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