

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

June 2, 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. Use the rest of the Lord's day for hospitality and fellowship. Join us tonight at 6 PM for our Evening Prayer service. Next week (June 9th) we will have our annual pig roast in the evening after the service.

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.providencestl.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 — June 2, 2013

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 146

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146:7-10*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #53 "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts!

Isaiah 6:3

The whole earth is full of God's Glory!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts; receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you; seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies their hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. 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:

[Kneeling] Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Psalm 139:23-24

Test me and know my thoughts!

See if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit, that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus' sake, I pray. *Silent prayer. Amen!*

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news...!

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

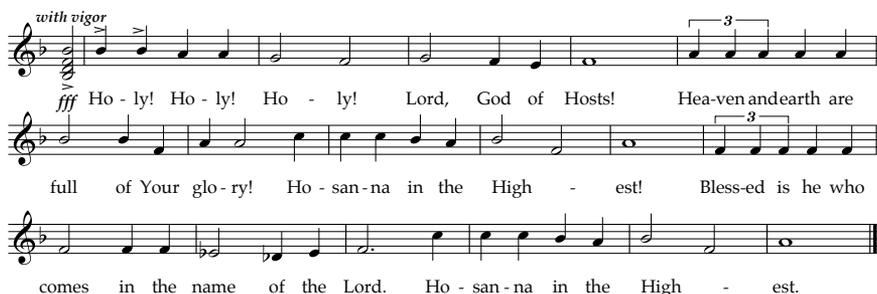
We lift them up to the Lord!

†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. 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: #107 "Lord, our Lord"

Trinity Hymnal

The First Reading: *Genesis 2:14-19*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

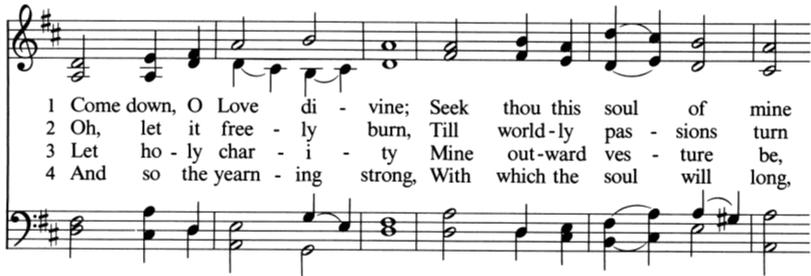
Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:13-16*

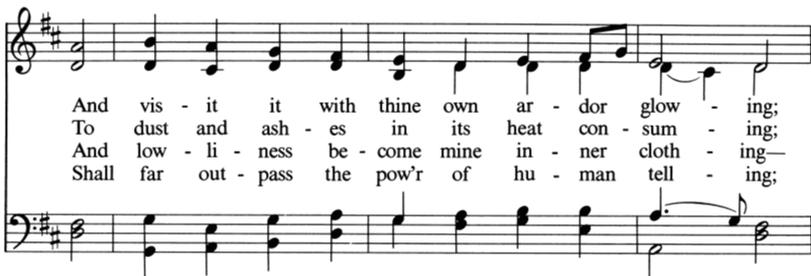
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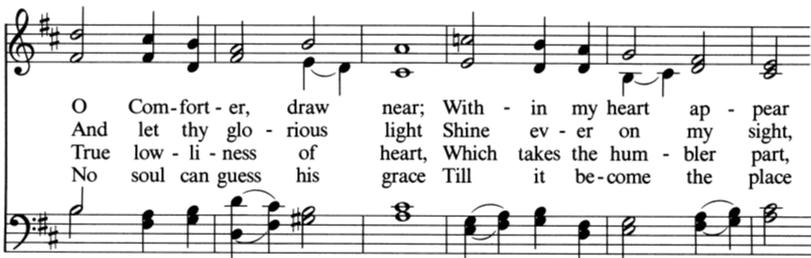
Pentecost Hymn "Come down, O Love divine"



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, Till world-ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out-ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear
And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess his grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 23:29-39*

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!**

Sermon Text: *Matthew 24:29-34*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **ARE WE LIVING IN THE END TIMES?**

XVI. CHRISTIAN ANSWERS TO CRITICAL QUESTIONS

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†[Hands Raised] Offertory Prayer

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Heavenly Father, God of Hope, we humbly present these gifts in recognition of the grace that you offer us each and every day. You have endowed us with great bounty. Today, we return a portion of this bounty to you as a generous expression of our gratitude. We exalt your Holy Name as we participate in this sacrificial act of offering ourselves to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, age after age; now we continue to pray as our Lord has taught us. . .

†The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Distribution of the Bread

Prayer & the Cup

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 and everlasting God, you fulfilled your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel, spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #501

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

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.

The Evening Service

June 2, 2013 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 95*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 95 "The LORD be praised"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **COUNTING OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN OURSELVES**

IV. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

†Hymn #549 "Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts"

Trinity Hymnal

Corporate Prayer

Deacons' Fund Collection

†Hymn #27 "If God is on our side"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Benediction

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Lu Greeno & Amanda Cone

Evening Prayer Service - Pratt

Nursery Volunteers Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Madeline Shields & Cory Mitchell

Evening Prayer Service – Shields

VBS Staff Meeting Today — After morning worship, there will be a brief VBS staff meeting in the choir room. If you have already signed up, you will be able to pick up your materials. If you have yet to sign up, please come anyway! There are still plenty of opportunities to help. See Anna Hoegemann (314) 600-3525, annahoegemann@gmail.com for more info.

Annual Pig Roast! — Invite your friends and family to our annual pig roast! On June 9, after the 5 PM Evening Prayer Service, Terry Zintel will be serving up two roasted pigs. You may remember just how delicious these porkers were last year! Bring your lawn chairs and an extra large side dish/ dessert (include serving utensils) to set out and share with our extra guests.

VBS T-Shirts Available — Wearing this year's VBS t-shirt is a great way to promote our upcoming VBS, even if you are unable to attend. Shirts are \$10 and come in youth (s, m, l) and adult (s, m, l, xl, xxl) sizes. Email your order to Anna Hoegemann (annahoegemann@gmail.com) by June 28th.

Welcome Our Newest Babies!

Congratulations to Phillip and Rachel Bozarth on the birth of their son, Roman John. Roman was born on May 18 at 2:55 AM, weighing 8 lbs, 15 oz.

Jason and Mary Beth Denney welcomed their new daughter, Emma Rose. on Sunday, May 19 at 12:46 PM. She weighed 8 lbs, 12 oz. Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

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| June 9 | Annual Pig Roast after the Evening Service |
| July 12-13 | Men and Boys' Campout |
| July 22-26 | VBS |
| August 3 | Rummage Sale |

Bill Hoover Thanks the Choir — The regular choir season has ended (Sept - May), and I'd like to thank the choir for the beauty and glory they have added to our worship. Please allow me to recognize those who participated this year:

Jack Boeve, Rachel Bozarth, Amanda Cone, Christine Greeno, Lisa Grove, Matt Grove, Joanie Harris, Dan Hayes, Richard Hiers, Anna Hoegemann, Barb Hoover, Daniel Hoover, Jennifer Horne, Skip Jaeggi, Cassie Linton, Wes Murrell, Anna Pratt, Brandy Sexton, Matt Teeselink, Tim Weston, Linda Wolff, Abigail Wood, Oriana Wood, and Rachel Wood.

I also wish to give a special thanks to our faithful and indispensable accompanist Joanie Harris. Thanks also to instrumentalists Dan Hayes, Anna Hoegemann, Barb Hoover, Josh Keane, Marianne Pitts, Nathan Wamsley, Nick Wamsley, Tim Weston, Bob Wooldridge, and Jonathan Wooldridge; soloists Lisa Grove, Samantha Rammaha, and Madeline Shields; Emily Hayes for babysitting for choir practice; Pastor Meyers and Melanie Carter for placing the anthem texts and music announcements in the bulletins; Daryl Hoegemann for handling the music department invoices; Daryl Hoegemann and the Sound System team for recording the choir anthems; and the Deacons and Tim Weston for their help in setting up for special choral functions.

Our church is blessed because you all share your talents in the service of Christ's body. Thank you for lovingly and faithfully doing so!

Church Rummage Sale — The donation room is now open! It's time to clear out your clutter while blessing our Covenant Children's Home orphans in India. The rummage sale will be held in the church fellowship hall on August 3 from 8-1 PM. Donations will be collected in the former high school class room at the bottom of the main stairs (note: this is a change from years past). Due to space constraints, please restrain from donating large items (i.e. furniture) until closer to the sale date. To volunteer to help with the sale or if you have any questions, contact Amanda Cone 314-497-7950.

New Church Secretary — If you have any announcements you need added to the bulletin, send them to Madeline Shields by noon on Wednesday. Madeline's contact information is on the back of the bulletin.

Please sign up for our **2014 Women's Retreat**. If you have questions or need any financial assistance please contact Lu Greeno, Erin Van Horn, Dottie Devlin, or Kheylya Murrell.

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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| Jamison & Laura Galt | New York City | Lian & Clara Tombing | India |
| Shane & Kim Gibson | New Orleans, LA | Tim & Rosamma Weston | ISI (St. Louis) |
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| Blake & Cathy Purcell | Russia | | |