

# The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed  
Presbyterian Church

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**Easter Season**

*April 28, 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 11:40 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. The adult class meets in the sanctuary this morning at 11:40 AM to discuss church music with Mr. Bill Hoover. Join us tonight at 6 PM.

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](http://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.)

## Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOCY*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — April 28, 2013  
*Easter Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 92**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 92:1-4*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #535 "How good it is to thank the Lord"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

**Amen!**

*Matthew 28:19*

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

*Psalm 92:12-15*

**And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house of Yahweh;

**They flourish in the courts of our God.**

They still bear fruit in old age;

**They are ever full of sap and green,**

To declare that Yahweh is upright;

**He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gathered in the Name of Jesus in response to the gracious call of your Spirit.**

**Grant that we might faithfully celebrate this morning with all the faithful in heaven and on earth the marriage feast of the Lamb. Graciously receive our worship and prayers, and**

**strengthen us for service in your Son's kingdom. To you alone,**

**O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, 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: [Congregation Kneels]

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, *Daniel 9:7-10*  
**but to us open shame.**

To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes,  
**and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.**

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,  
**for we have rebelled against him**

And we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws,  
**which he set before us by his servants the prophets.**

**Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all wherein I have displeased you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son, and O most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!***

†Pastor: Now stand up and hear the good news!

## Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

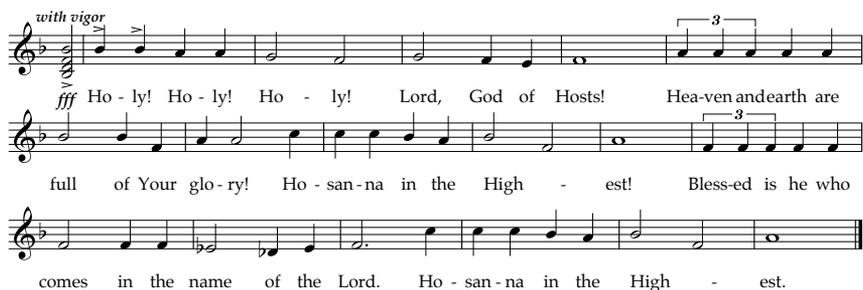
†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so.**

†Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. 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: #11 “O that I had a thousand voices” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 14:22-29* Pastor Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:58–16:11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:10-15*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†We Confess our faith: The *Te Deum*

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

**O God, we praise Thee, we acknowledge Thee as Lord.**

**Eternal Father, Thou art everywhere adored.**

**The cherubim and seraphim their homage show Thee:**

**“O Thou Lord God of hosts are holy, holy, holy!**

**Both heav’n and earth are filled with Thy majestic splendor.”**

**To Thee all angels loud and ceaseless praises render.**

**Thy prophets’ and apostles’ glorious company,**

**The martyrs robed in white—all sing their praise to Thee.**

**Thy holy catholic Church in worship stands before Thee,**

**Confessing Thee: the Father, infinite in glory;**

**Thy true and only Son, worthy of veneration;**

**The Holy Spirit, source of strength and consolation.**

**Thou, Christ, art King of glory, radiant is Thy throne;**

**Thou art the heav’nly Father’s everlasting Son.**

**Yet Thou didst not despise the virgin’s womb, O Savior,**

**When Thou didst take upon Thee mankind to deliver.**

**Thou has defeated death and Satan’s power infernal,**

**That all believers might inherit life eternal.**

Thou art enthroned in glory at God's own right hand  
Till Thou shalt come as judge and we before Thee stand.  
We therefore pray Thee, grant Thy help to those who serve Thee,  
Whom Thou hast with Thy blood redeemed in Thy great mercy.  
With all Thy saints, O Lord, wilt Thou Thy servant number;  
O save Thy people, Thy inheritance remember!

We bless Thee day by day, we praise thy holy Name;  
Thy power and glory we from age to age acclaim.  
Keep us from sin and lead us not into temptation.  
Have mercy on us, Lord; hear Thou our supplication.  
Let us be with Thy grace and steadfast love surrounded.  
In Thee we've trusted; we shall never be confounded.

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Sermon Text: *Malachi 1:6-14*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HAVE TO DO WITH MONEY?**  
**XII. CHRISTIAN ANSWERS TO CRITICAL QUESTIONS**

Prayer

†Hymn #68 (*Psalm 115*) "Not unto us" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #487)

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† [Hands Raised] Offertory Prayer

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: make us, we pray, ever thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, age after age; and now we continue to pray as our Lord has taught us. . .

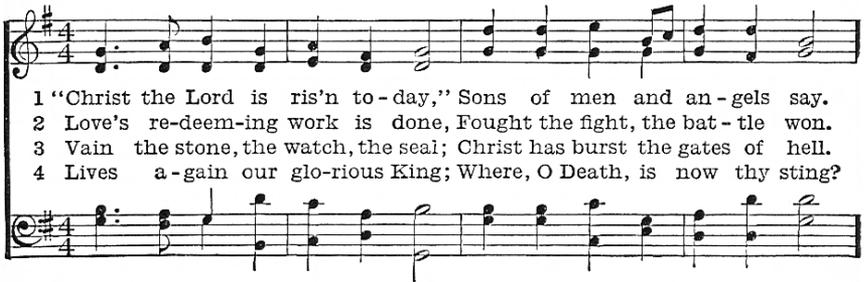
† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

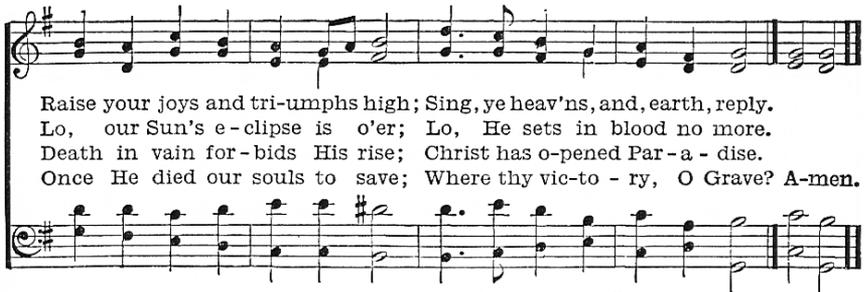
Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Communion Hymn #305 "O Lord of Hosts"

*Trinity Hymnal*



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day," Sons of men and an-gels say.  
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat-tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a-gain our glo-rious King; Where, O Death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.  
Lo, our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o-pened Par-a-dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic-to-ry, O Grave? A-men.

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to Thee by both be given!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial for 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: O God, through the humble service of your Son you raised up the fallen world. Grant to your people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

# Benediction

†Hymn #604 “Jerusalem the golden”

*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 6 PM for our Evening Prayer service.

## Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 28 - 6 PM

Scripture Reading: *1 Peter 4:1-11*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 2:1-4*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

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

### IV. EXPOSITION OF PAUL’S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #522 “Through all the changing scenes” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Dismissal

## The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 74. *What is required in the 10th commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Q. 75. *What is forbidden in the 10th commandment?*

A. the tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

# Announcements

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## **Nursery Volunteers Today:**

Morning Service – Hiers  
Sunday School – Schmidt  
Evening Service – Pratt

## **Nursery Volunteers Next Sunday:**

Morning Service – Lu Greeno  
Sunday School – No Nursery  
Evening Service – Lori Shaffer and Barb Hoover

**The “Music of the Church” Sunday School Class** — Join us in the fellowship hall this morning for our Sunday School class on music in the church.

**Session Meeting** — The session will be meeting today at 5 PM.

**Annual WIC Brunch** — Ladies, join us on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 AM at Rosamma Weston’s home for our annual WIC Brunch! Please sign up at the WIC table. Rosamma’s contact information is: 348 Babler Road, St. Louis, MO 63141, 314-814-2018.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** — On Sunday, May 5, we will hold our annual congregational meeting during the Sunday School hour. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers and explain and discuss the budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

**Church Work Day** — Your help is needed for a church work day on Saturday, May 18. Shifts run from 8-10 AM or 10-noon. See Lane Greeno if you have any questions.

**Bridal Shower for Madeline Shields** — Ladies, please join us for a bridal shower in honor of Madeline Shields at 7 PM on Thursday, May 16, at the home of Maggie Montgomery. Sign up on the WIC table to help with the shower and/or let us know you plan to attend! Madeline is registered at Target and Crate & Barrel. If you would like to participate in the group gift, see Barb Hoover. Contact Ami Anderson or Joanie Harris with any questions.

**Proposed Budget for 2013-14** — The session would like the congregation to review proposed changes for the budget next year. Our fiscal year ends in April. The session will be voting on a new budget the beginning of May and presenting it at the congregational meeting. Before everything is finalized, the congregation is encouraged to read the budget and make recommendations or comments, if necessary. You may speak with any of the elders, but particularly Mr. Richard Hiers, the treasurer if you have any comments or concerns.

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 Kheyli Murrell.

**VBS Volunteers Needed** — To volunteer for our upcoming summer VBS, please see Anna Hoegemann. (314-600-3525, [annahoegemann@gmail.com](mailto:annahoegemann@gmail.com))

## **Upcoming Events**

May 4	Annual WIC Meeting
May 5	Annual Congregational Meeting
May 14	Deacons' Meeting
May 16	Bridal Shower for Madeline Shields
May 18	Church Work Day
May 19	Promotion Sunday (for children's Sunday school)
July 22-26	VBS

# **The Lord's Service Explained**

## ***Easter Season***

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the Trinity Hymnal #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

## **The Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 87 What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

A. We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

# Officers and Resource People

## The Session (Pastors & Elders)

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Jamison & Laura Galt	New York City	Brian & Jessie Steadman	New York City
Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Lian & Clara Tombing	India
Bryan Walker	US Army Chaplain	Marcus Toole	Canada
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