

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season
April 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.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 11:50 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing; adult classes meet in the fellowship hall and sanctuary. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. Join us tonight at 6 PM for our evening prayer 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.)

Jesus Christ Victor (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, 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

The Lord's Day — April 7, 2013
Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: Colossians 1

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

†Call to Worship: *Colossians 1:15-18*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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!

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this day, may experience afresh the joy and peace we have in union with him, and may our hearts ever thirst for the fullness of redemption that you have promised us in the new heavens and the new earth; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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]

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalms 32:2

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults.

Silent Prayer. Amen!

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

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

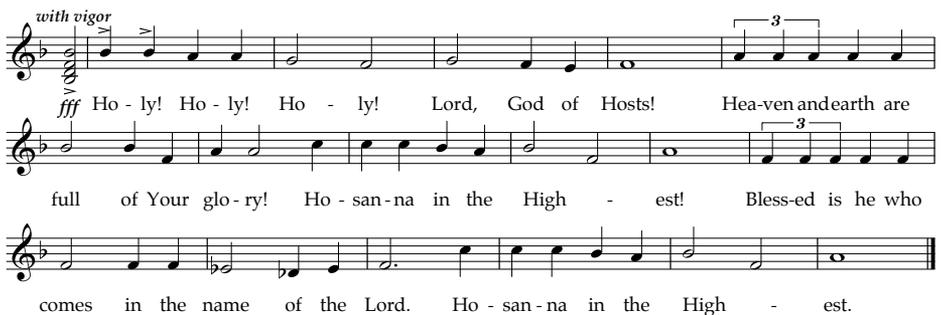
We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored us to everlasting life. 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 #219 "Blessing and honor and glory"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 1:26-31*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Romans 1:18-25*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Easter Hymn “This joyful Eastertide”

1. This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.
2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber;
Till trump from east to west,
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen.
But now hath Christ arisen!*

3. Death's flood has lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Text: George R. Woodward, from <i>Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide</i> , 1894; Music: from Joachim Oudaen's <i>David's Psalmen</i> , Amsterdam, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

†The Gospel Reading: *John 2:1-12*

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: *Genesis 1:26-31*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **HAS SCIENCE RENDERED RELIGION OBSOLETE?**

IX. 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

Our Holy and Triune God, for your glory and the advancement of your kingdom, with grateful, joyous, and faithful hearts we present to you these tithes and offerings, representing ourselves and our works. Multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness; magnify your Name and purposes in their distribution; continually increase in us the joy of honoring you; and now set your blessing upon us all, supplying our every need according to your riches and glory in Christ Jesus, our Lord, 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 & Memorial

Hymn #305 "O Lord of Hosts, how lovely"

Trinity Hymnal

Communion in the Body & 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: Glorious Lord of Life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Give us joy to celebrate Christ’s rising from the dead, and a firm hope that we will be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #319 “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. Please join us tonight at 6 PM for our evening prayer service.

Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 7, 2013 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 118* Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #51 “Jesus is our sure defense” *Anglo-Genevan*

Opening Prayer

Sermon Text: *Philippians 1:27-30*

Sermon Title: **LIVING AS CITIZENS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**

III. EXPOSITION OF PAUL’S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

†Hymn #175 “Hallelujah! What a Savior!” *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer Requests & Prayer

Hymn #335 “Abide with me” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

†Postlude

Announcements

New Adult Sunday School Class Begins — This morning we will begin a new adult Sunday school class on “The Music of the Church.” We will have 5 classes on the nature of and role of music in the church. Pastor Meyers, Mr. Bill Hoover, and Elder Richard Hiers will be teaching the class. Join us in the fellowship hall this morning as Pastor Meyers begins the new series.

Sweet Bake Sale — We will be having a Sweet Bake Sale today before Sunday School. Please donate any amount you can. All proceeds will go towards sponsoring women to attend our WIC Seasons of Life Retreat.

Movie Night — The High School class will have a movie night tonight at Luke Shields' house after the evening service. RSVP to Christine Greeno and bring \$5 for tacos & soda.

Pastor Meyers on Vacation — Pastor Meyers and his wife will be on vacation this week (April 8-16). Please contact Pastor Anderson if you need pastoral care or in case of an emergency.

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.

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.

Men & Boys Camp Out — This year's annual Men & Boys' Camping Trip will be on April 26-27, at the Keane's property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday at 2 PM or so. We will have all sorts of activities for everyone. If you have questions contact Pastor Meyers or John Keane.

Budget Report May-February 2013

General offerings	\$338,037
Offerings needed to meet budget	\$359,167
Current deficit	\$-21,130

Bridal Shower for Lauren Meyers — Ladies, you are invited to a Bridal Shower for Lauren Meyers (daughter of Jeff and Chris Meyers) on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 PM at the home of Brookie Moore, 695 Hawbrook, Glendale 63122. Lauren is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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. If you would like to participate in the group gift, please see Barb Hoover. Contact Ami Anderson with any questions or to help with the shower.

Please note that it is Providence Church's custom to provide a bridal shower for each bride marrying in the church. Although some families may not be able to host the entire church at the wedding ceremony, we hope that our church family will support all of our brides and enjoy the wonderful opportunity for fellowship provided at their showers. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- April 25 Bridal Shower for Lauren Meyers
- April 26-27 Men & Boys Campout
- May 5 Annual Congregational Meeting
- May 16 Bridal Shower for Madeline Shields
- May 19 Promotion Sunday (for children’s Sunday school)
- July 22-26 VBS

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

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

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