

# The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed  
Presbyterian Church

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**Pentecost Season**

*October 6, 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 11:10 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. One adult class (on Islam) meets in the fellowship hall and the other (on mentoring & discipleship) meets in the sanctuary. Join us this evening for our Evening Prayer service for prayer, singing, and an exposition of God's Word.

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).

## 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

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The Lord's Day — October 6, 2013

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 47**

Organ - Mr. Dan Hayes

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Dan Hayes

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Let us rise and worship God, in the Name of the Father, and the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

*Matthew 28:19*

†Hymn #315 "God himself is with us"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh!

*Psalm 124:8*

**Who made heaven and earth!**

God has gone up with a shout,

*Psalm 47:1-4*

**Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on his holy throne.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate this glorious resurrection feast today, may honor and praise you, who through your only-begotten Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; 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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Come let us worship and bow down, *Psalm 95:6*

**And kneel before the Lord our Maker.** [congregation kneels]

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins to God our Father:

**Gracious Lord, you require us to do justice, but we withhold the honor and love we owe to others. You require us to love mercy and kindness, but we repay evil with evil and love to take revenge. You require us to walk humbly with our God, but we walk away from you in pride, on a path that leads to sin and misery. Gracious Lord, we cry out to you for mercy. In your kindness, forgive us all of our sins. Renew us by the power of your Spirit, so that we may always walk humbly with you in the way of mercy and justice. Amen.** *from Micah 6:8, Micah 7:18-19*

†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 proper, right, and beneficial, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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.

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.

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 130*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *1 John 4:15–5:5*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46*

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 *Kyrie*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**For everlasting is his lovingkindness!**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**For everlasting is his lovingkindness!**

For the peace that is from above, and for strength and blessing, let us pray to the Lord.

**O Lord, have mercy on us.**

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy.**

For this holy household, and for those who in faith, piety, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**O Lord, be gracious unto us.**

†*The Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *James 2:14-26*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD**

**VIII. EXPOSITION OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES**

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

†Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank for your faithfulness. We are thankful that we can always trust in you. You are a generous God and out of your great mercy you have given us so much. We present to you these tithes and offerings and with them give our whole selves to you. Accept these offerings and use them to advance your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply the reach and influence of Christ's kingdom, we pray.

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 & the Bread of Life

Hymn #583 "Lord, I lift my soul" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #165)

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 Jeffrey Meyers  
Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living Bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #288 "O praise ye the Lord"

*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**

October 6, 2013 – 6:00 PM

Preparation for Worship: *Psalms 122*

Scripture Reading: *Joshua 1:1-18*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #485 "Soldiers who to Christ belong"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 4:10-23*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Message: **PAUL'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPIANS**

### **X. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

†Hymn #510 "Thy lovingkindness, Lord"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #444 "Father, I know that all my life"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

# Announcements

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

Morning Service – Lu Greeno & Lane Greeno Family

Sunday School – Bryan Carter Family

Evening Prayer Service – Chris Meyers & Jennifer Horne

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

Morning Service – Herweck Family

Sunday School – Marianne Pitts & Denise Gerstung

Evening Prayer Service – Pratt Family

**Fall Book Studies** — This fall, groups are forming in the congregation to meet on different days of the week to study Tim Keller's book "Every Good Endeavor," which focuses on a Christian view of vocation and work. Please join us! Books are available for purchase in the narthex for \$18. Meeting times and locations for each of the four groups:

Monday evenings - Ken & Kathy Pratt

Wednesday evenings - Monte & Deborah Shields (childcare provided at church)

1st & 3rd Friday Mornings, 6:30AM @ Bob Evan's on 141 & 44 - Jason Carter & Allan Wamsley (first meeting was this week).

**Greater St. Louis Life Chain** — The annual Greater St. Louis Life Chain is today, from 1:30 - 2:30 PM. Everyone at Providence is encouraged to come out and show their belief in the sanctity of life by participating. The Providence Life Chain will be formed in front of our church on Sappington Road. Life Chain signs and a light lunch will be provided for all who attend. See Carol Van Heest with any questions about today's event.

**Harvest Party** — Our annual Harvest Party will be held on Saturday, October 19, from 4-8 PM at John & Debbie Keane's house (130 Tall Oaks Drive, Eureka, MO). Please review the sign up sheets today to see what you can bring. Also, plan to enter our Chili or Dessert contests! See Ken Pratt or Monte Shields if you have questions or would like to help organize.

## **Two Adult Sunday School Classes:**

**Understanding Islam** — This morning Pastor Meyers will teach on the origin and nature of the Quran, comparing and contrasting it with the Bible. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

**Mentoring & Discipleship** — This morning Pastor Anderson will continue to teach on the challenges and possibilities of Christian friendship. This class meets in the sanctuary

**Operation Christmas Child** — We will be collecting Operation Christmas Child gift boxes from Oct 6th through November 3rd. Please visit the OCC table in the foyer for brochures on how to package a box. See Luz Wooldridge if you have any questions

**Sunday School** — Sunday School is a significant time to grow in our knowledge of God's word and receive instruction in wise living. Please make a commitment to join us every week this fall for Sunday School. See the list of children's teachers below:

2's-3's - Kathy Hoegemann

4's-K - Linda Wolff

1st-2nd - Anne Hiers

3rd-4th - Cory and Madeline Mitchell

5th-6th - Jeremy Sexton

7th-8th - Brookie Moore

## **Church Calendar**

Today	Greater St. Louis Life Chain, 1:30-2:30PM
Today - November 3	Operation Christmas Child
October 19	Harvest Party, 4-8PM
November 10	Parish Groups meet

# The Lord's Service Explained

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## God's Special Presence

God himself calls us to worship. He *summons* us to assemble. We don't decide to gather together and then ask Him to be present. This is the Lord's Day. He commands us from heaven to enter into his presence, and we respond in obedience as the Spirit effectually enables us.

That we do in fact enter into God's *special* presence in the midst of his gathered congregation must never be slighted or forgotten. True, God is present everywhere. But his omnipresence is not what we are talking about on Sunday morning. God has promised to be present with his people in a special sense when they gather as a church on the Lord's Day. The one who skips church for the golf course or shopping mall or state park may not argue from God's omnipresence to justify his not being in church. Sure, God is present on the golf course, just as he is present in hell. But this general presence of God doesn't do the people in hell much good. God is present in heaven and hell, but he is not present *in the same way* in each of these locations. That is the difference. Even if we cannot define it precisely, God is present in a special sense when his people gather as the church on the Lord's Day. He is present there *for us*. This is the place, the location where he gathers his people around the Word and Sacraments. He has promised to be there *for us* when his people gather. It is not so much that God was not present in, say, Damascus, when the pillar and fire led the people of Israel out of Egypt or when his presence filled the tabernacle upon its completion; rather, the Lord was at these appointed places in a special, life-giving way.

Similarly, it is not that God is absent from the food court in the mall on Sunday; rather, he has promised to be present in a special way, the way of salvation and blessing, at the Communion Table in church. He has not promised to be in the mall on Sunday *for you*. Actually, he may be present there *against you* so that you could very well experience his judgment and curse, rather than his promise of blessing, life, and salvation. Moreover, when we are in God's special presence every week, receiving from him his promise through his Word and Sacrament, we can go forth out of church into the world with the full assurance that God will be with us and for us wherever we may be during the week. Without being in the Lord's special presence we have no assurance of his omnipresent help in every situation and location.

# Officers and Resource People

## The Session (Pastors & Elders)

Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers	314-842-9329 (O)	John Moore	314-984-9869
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Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Tim & Rosamma Weston	ISI (St. Louis)
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Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia		