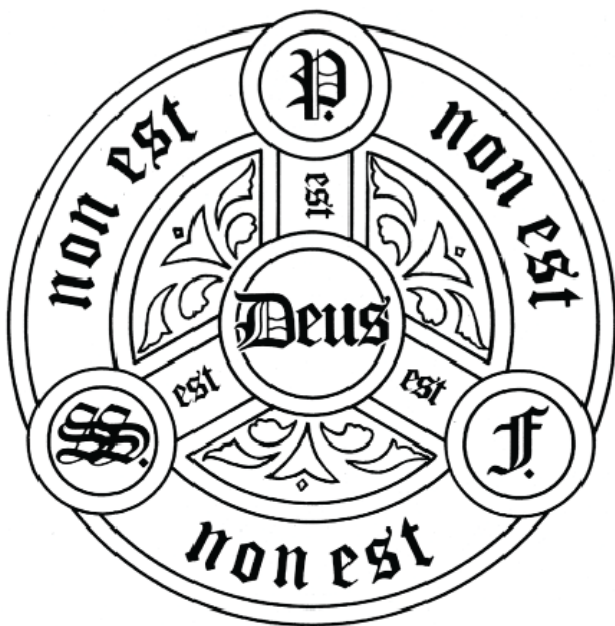


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Pentecost Season

September 29, 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 and afterwards for a cookout on the parking lot.

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).

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 — September 29, 2013

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 95

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeff Meyers

Silent Preparation [kneeling]

Choral Introit: "Come, we that love the Lord"

(Hymn #588, verses 1, 3, 2); Tune: ALBION, arr. Parker

Call to Worship: *Psalm 95:1-3*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee?"

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 [Kneel]

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news . . . ! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake now forgives us all our sins. To us who believe in his Name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given us his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Congregation: **Amen!**

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.

†Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord” (Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #154)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, eternal King,
By the heavens and earth adored! Angels and archangels sing,
Chanting everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.**

**Since by Thee were all things made, and in Thee do all things live,
Be to Thee all honor paid; Praise to Thee let all things give;
Singing everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.**

**Thousands, tens of thousands, stand, Spirits blest, before Thy throne,
Speeding thence at Thy command, and, when Thy behests are done,
Singing everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.**

**Cherubim and seraphim veil their faces with their wings;
Eyes of angels are too dim to behold the King of kings,
While they sing eternally to the blessed Trinity.**

**Thee apostles, prophets thee, Thee the noble martyr band,
Praise with solemn jubilee; Thee, the church in every land;
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.**

**Hallelujah! Lord, to Thee Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Godhead one, and Persons three, join we with the heavenly host,
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.**

The First Reading: *Micah 6:6-16*

**This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *James 5:1-11*

**This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:45–21:6*

**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 2:1-13*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **LIVING LIKE KINGS**

VII. 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

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 multiple 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 Commissioning of Our New Youth Pastor

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #322 "Lord of the Sabbath"

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: Eternal Father, you sent your blessed Son to free us from bondage and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Give us confident hope in Christ, that we may purify ourselves as he is pure, living self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for our blessed hope, the

appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #535 “How good it is to thank 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 5 PM for our Evening Prayer service. Tonight we will have cookout on the church parking lot after the service.

Evening Prayer

September 29, 2013 – 5:00 PM

Preparation for Worship: *Psalms 125*

Scripture Reading: *1 John 1:1-5*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #339 “O Trinity, most blessed Light”

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 4:2-9*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Message: **THE PEACE OF GOD**

IX. EXPOSITION OF PAUL’S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

†Psalm 47 “Praise the LORD, ye lands”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter
Nathan Wamsly, Piano

Deacon’s Fund Offering

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

†Hymn #63 “God is known among his people”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

**Cookout tonight on the church’s parking lot

Announcements

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Hiers Family

Sunday School – Schmidt Family

Evening Prayer Service – Hiers Family

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – see sign-up sheet on WIC table

Sunday School – see sign-up sheet

Evening Prayer Service – see sign-up sheet

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 (begins this week)

Tuesday evenings - John & Brookie Moore (begins this week)

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 October 4).

Evening Prayer Service and Cookout Tonight — Please join us for an evening of teaching, prayer and fellowship tonight! The Evening Prayer Service begins at 5PM, followed immediately by a cookout on the parking lot. Remember to bring some meat for the grill, drinks and chairs for your family. We are hoping for some cool weather for our first fall cookout this year!

Deacon's Fund Offering Tonight — During our Evening Prayer Service tonight, the deacons will be collecting the deacon's fund offering. Use the envelope provided in the bulletin to give during tonight's service.

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.

Greater St. Louis Life Chain — The annual Greater St. Louis Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 6, from 1:30 - 2:30 PM. Everyone at Providence is encouraged to show support for the sanctity of life by participating in the Providence Life Chain which will be formed in front of our church on Sappington Road. A light lunch will be provided for all who attend. A sign up sheet will be passed around during the Sunday school today.

Ladies Bible Study — This fall and winter we will continue our study of the book of Judges with Pastor Meyers at 9:30 AM every Thursday. Even if you were not able to make it for the class in the Spring, you will still be able to jump right in and benefit from the study. If you have any questions, please speak with Dottie Devlin.

Two New Adult Sunday School Classes:

Understanding Islam — Pastor Meyer will teach on the history and teaching of Islam in the fellowship hall. This will be a 10-week class designed to help us understand the origins and current beliefs of Muslims around the world and in our country. This is a timely topic, given the role of Islam in current events, but it will also help us understand the foundations of Christian doctrine and life as we compare it to Islam. We will also talk about Christian missions to Muslims as well as practical advice about how to talk to Muslim co-workers and neighbors.

Mentoring & Discipleship — The other class will be taught by Pastor Anderson and Elder Monte Shields, and will meet in the sanctuary. They will deal with the connection between Christian discipleship and mentoring. Please join us this fall to learn how to pursue more intentionally a life of discipleship and be equipped to mentor and disciple others.

Sunday School — 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

9th-12th - Ryan Van Horn

The Lord's Service Explained

The Sursum Corda

After we receive the forgiveness of sins, God's purified people are invited to come nearer. Just as the sacrificial animal is brought near the altar in preparation for his being drawn into the fire as food for God and, likewise, just as the Ascension follows the Purification, so now the Christian worshiper ascends into heaven to praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to hear the Lord's verbal instruction in preparation for his fellowship meal with God. Appropriately, therefore, the sursum corda (Latin: "lift up your hearts") comes at this point in the service.

The "heart" here stands for the center of the whole man. The purpose of the sursum corda, therefore, is not to elicit an "emotional" response. We are not being summoned to work up "feelings" about the Lord. We may experience certain emotions at this point in the service or not. But how we feel must be transcended by what we know by faith is happening in the liturgy. When the pastor calls out, "Lift up your hearts," the congregation is being summoned to accept by faith our heavenly positioning in Christ. The Lord has forgiven us and now invites us "in close" to praise him and hear his life-giving Word. This is objectively true whether we feel like it or not. Although everything may still "look" the same, by faith we understand that the roof of the church has been rolled back not only to expose the heavenly service in progress but also to incorporate us into it. Cherubim and seraphim, angels and archangels, together with the church triumphant are now "visible" to the eye of faith. Heaven and earth are now joined and we have been ushered into the festal assembly gathered around the throne of the Lamb (Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4-5). We lift up our hearts to the Lord!

Following the sursum corda, the people give thanks to God the Father for his glorious grace. This prayer, led by the pastor, reminds them that they are now joining in the chorus of praise before the throne of God. When one makes the ascent into God's presence one starts singing. Singing is a means of ascent. This is when the music and singing began in the temple liturgy—when the Ascension begins (see 2 Chron. 29:27-28). Now is when we sing the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") and another hymn that provides the congregation with the opportunity to participate in the praise offered around the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven. Hymns of praise based on the Rev. 4:8 ("Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty"), Rev. 4:11 ("Worthy are you, our Lord and God"), or Rev. 5:9 ("Worthy is the Lamb who was slain") are particularly appropriate.

Catechism of the Week

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 103. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the Gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings to the poor. . .

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