

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

November 10, 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. Shepherding groups meet this afternoon and this evening, so there is no evening service tonight.

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 — November 10, 2013

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 98

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 98:1-3*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #15 (*Psalm 98*) "Come, let us sing unto the Lord" *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 God, our heavenly Father, you make the minds and hearts of your faithful to be of one will. Therefore grant to your people that we may together love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this age our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

Pastor: To you we lift up our eyes, O Lord,

to you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God,

until he has mercy on us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

have mercy upon us.

Psalm 123:1-2

Come let us worship and bow down.

And kneel before the Lord our Maker [Kneel]

Psalm 95:6

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, I confess to you that I am sinful and unclean. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

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

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

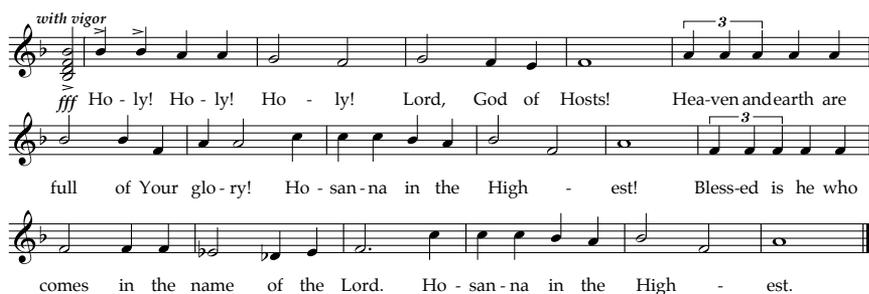
We lift them up to the Lord!

†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.

†Hymn #219 "Blessing and honor and glory"

Trinity Hymnal

The First Reading: *Jeremiah 22:13-19*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Galatians 5:13-26*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:27-45*

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: *James 3:13-18*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **RIGHTEOUSNESS & PEACE**

XI. EXPOSITION OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father, as you have given yourself to us in the person of your dear Son, so we now offer up to you ourselves through our tithes and offerings. Accept these gifts in union with the sacrifice of Christ our Lord. Grant that they may be used for the advancement of your kingdom throughout the world.

Congregation: **Amen!**

†Prayer of the Church (from the Lord's Prayer)

Pastor: God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, your needy children, and grant us grace that your holy Name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and the fervent love shown in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby your holy Name is borne by us in an empty and profane way. Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: **hear our prayer!**

May your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

Strengthen us by your Spirit according to your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to your good and gracious will. Into your merciful hands we commend our family and friends, indeed, all who are in need, praying for them at all times that your will be done. *Petitions from the congregation.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust in you to provide for all our needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in good conscience before

you, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his crafty schemes. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

We trust, O Lord, in your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

†Communion Hymn “The hope of faith”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

The hope of faith shall not deceive us;
The Savior’s words are true and sure.
Our friends on earth may fail and leave us,
But Jesus’ faithfulness endures.
Who limits his dominion ever?
He rules creation from on high;
All that his love and grace endeavor,
shall him his power not deny.

That hope must soften all our sorrow.
Come, fellow pilgrims, heads then high;
For those who bide salvation’s morrow
The hill are level, seas are dry.
O blessedness above all measure,
O joy when once all grief is banned.
There is our heart, there is our treasure,
when we are in the Promised Land.

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: God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may be conformed to the image of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #488 “Lead on, O king eternal”

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. Parish groups meet this afternoon and evening; there is no evening service.

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

Announcements

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Dottie Edwards & Lu Greeno

Sunday School – Linton Family

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – Melanie Greeno & Kerie Griggs

Sunday School – Abigail Gross

Evening Prayer Service – See sign-up sheet

Special Guest Speaker — This morning in the Understanding Islam adult Sunday school class we are pleased to have Rev. Paul Alexander as our teacher. Pastor Alexander has been a pastor in the PCA for over 40 years and a missionary to the Ukraine with MTW.

Turkey Bowl — On November 23 from 8AM to 9AM, on the upper field of Crestwood Park, a "young" (15-25 years old) VS. "not so young" (26-85 years old) flag football game will be held. The losing team will service the winning team breakfast at the church after the game. "Not so young" team bring your icy hot and bengay, and be ready to serve the "young team" breakfast!

WIC Chocolate Tasting — Ladies, mark your calendars for our WIC chocolate tasting event. Friday, November 22 from 7-9PM, join us at Kakao Chocolate in Maplewood for a night of sampling chocolates and fellowship. Sign up at the WIC table (\$10 per person). Contact Erin VanHorn with questions.

Christmas Decorating — 'Tis the season to deck the halls of our beloved church for Christmas! Please come and join in the fun of hanging garlands, wreaths, and the giant Christmas Tree. We shall commence the frenzy and flurry at 9AM Saturday, November 30. Please see Cassie Linton if you have any questions

Nursery — Nursery volunteers are needed for the months of November, December and January. The sign-up sheet is on the WIC table. Thank you for serving our covenant families in this way! See Kerie Griggs with questions.

WIC Retreat — For those who signed up for the WIC retreat, your payment is due November 17. See Lu Greeno with questions.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS — Please mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Lessons and Carols Service to be held on Sunday evening December 15 at 6PM. This is a festive celebration of our Lord's Advent and Nativity, featuring Scripture readings, carols, choral anthems, and an extended prelude by our children and youth. The service is followed by a reception with refreshments. Lessons and Carols is a Providence tradition involving the children and youth of all of our Sunday School classes (Preschool - High School), as well as the Adult Choir.

Music Rehearsals - Please support your child's regular and prompt attendance at Sunday School, which is when the music is rehearsed.

Young Musicians' Prelude - If your child would like to play a short Christmas carol as part of the Prelude, please notify Barb or Bill Hoover.

Dress Code for Youth Choir (grades 7-12) - Ladies: white (or light colored) blouse or sweater, and black (or dark) skirt and hose. Gentlemen: white (or light colored) dress shirt (preferably long sleeved), necktie, black (or dark) slacks, and your best shoes. (No special dress instructions for grade 6 and younger.)

Reception Help - We'll need cookies and finger food for the reception, plus help with setup, cleanup, and serving refreshments. Sign up sheets will be available in the coming weeks.

Church Calendar

Monday	Book Study at Pratt's home
Tuesday	Choir rehearsal 7PM
Wednesday	Book Study at Shields' home
Thursday	Ladies Bible Study 9:30AM
November 10	Parish Groups meet today
November 18	Session Meeting
November 22	WIC Chocolate Tasting 7PM
November 23	Turkey Bowl 8AM-9AM
November 28	Thanksgiving Day Service
November 30	Christmas Decorating 9AM
December 15	Christmas Lessons and Carols

The Lord's Service Explained

Why Do We use Set Prayers?

First, we don't naturally know how to pray, and pre-composed prayers can help train our minds to pray biblically. Good prayers guide us and assist us in composing our own private prayers, both with respect to content and structure. Almost all the phrases from all the prayers that we use in our worship come right out of the Bible. Thus, ultimately, we are praying God's Word. There are biblical ways to pray, and these pre-composed prayers, used consistently, will help you learn how to pray. Surely this is the reason why so many prayers are recorded for us in the Bible. The traditional prayers of the Church offer the worshiper guidance and direction, oftentimes by utilizing the language and structure (order of prayer) lifted right from the Bible itself.

Second, prayers sung or said in unison manifest the *unity* of the church in prayer. We all pray together as the corporate Body of Christ, not just as a bunch of individuals. Corporate worship is not designed merely as an aid to each individual's devotions. We don't come into church to worship merely as individuals with our own private tubes to God. We come together as the Body of Christ, and as the Body of Christ we confess our sins, pray, and praise God together. The Spirit re-creates us into a community by means of common prayer.

Third, printed prayers insure congregational participation in the prayers. Remember worship ought not to be something you come to watch or hear, rather you come to perform worship yourself. Think about this: it is very difficult to get distracted when you are saying a prayer out loud. It is hard to do anything else but pray the prayer. A set prayer insures your participation and guards against your mind wandering. It is much more difficult for your mind to wander when your attention is focused on reading and saying a prayer that you are familiar with than it is when you have your eyes closed and are merely listening to the pastor pray. Let's face it—most people find it very difficult to concentrate on praying when someone else is saying a long prayer. If you aren't familiar with the prayer that you are reading or hearing, then you will have to evaluate it as you are praying. And how much more effective would it be to recite prayers that you trust and know by heart?

Fourth, no church can avoid prayer rituals altogether. You either have good prayer rituals or you have bad ones, helpful or dangerous ones, but it is impossible to be free from all forms in a church's corporate prayer life. Congregations that never use prayer books or set prayers, nevertheless, do develop, sometimes unknowingly (which is unfortunate), certain habits with respect to praying. You know very well what happens when there is no guidance or direction to the prayers. Prayers become tedious: "I just want to thank you, Lord...and I just want to ask...and I just want..." Or they become trivial and down right silly: "O Lord, help us to be all that we can be" (the Army Prayer) or "Lord, help us to reach out and touch somebody this week" (the AT&T prayer).

Obviously, we are not obliged to use all kinds of pretentious words and grandiose phrases in order for our prayers to be acceptable to God. I'm not trying to put down anyone's prayer merely because it is not as well structured and manicured as someone else's. God is pleased with the meager and unsophisticated prayers of his people, just as he is pleased with a young child's. But—and here's the important point—if the child never grows up and learns how to pray biblically, if the content of his prayers remain the same, then it is not so cute anymore. God may be pleased with a childlike prayer, but he is not satisfied with it either. He expects us to grow up and learn how to pray like adults, to conform our prayers more and more to the models he has given us in the Scriptures.

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