

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

November 3, 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 at 6 PM 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.

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 3, 2013

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 23

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Joshua Anderson

The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Youth Pastor Ryan Van Horn

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

†Hymn #1 (Ps 100) "All people that on earth do dwell" *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!

The Lord is my shepherd;

Psalm 23:1-3

I shall not want

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

†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:

Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your gracious laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; I have done those things which I ought not to have done. Have mercy upon me, a sinner, O Lord. Forgive me, heavenly Father, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O most merciful God, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. *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.

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: *Isaiah 43:1-13*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Romans 8:28-39*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 10:1-18*

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: *Psalms 23:4*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **I WILL FEAR NO EVIL**

II. EXPOSITION OF THE 23RD PSALM

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "The LORD is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23) (see next page)

Music by Keith Green, 1982

Brett Allen, vocal & guitar; Trevor Berkholtz, guitar; Bill Hoover, piano

The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul
And guides my path in righteousness for his name's sake.
Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever and ever and ever.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will not fear: thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup's overflowing.

†[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 much. We present to you these tithes and offerings and with them give our whole selves to you. Accept both us and these offerings and use us as you 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 #434 "How lovely shines the Morning Star!" *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: 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 #216 “Crown him with many crowns” *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

November 3, 2013 – 6:00 PM

Preparation for Worship: *Psalms 121*

Scripture Reading: *John 21:1-25* Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #221 “I heard the voice of Jesus say” *Trinity Hymnal*

Scripture Reading: *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6* Chaplain Scott Pitts

Message: **UNVEILING THE GOSPEL**

†Hymn #549 “Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts” *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling] Pastor Joshua Anderson

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

†Benediction

Announcements

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Bozarth Family
Sunday School – Lane Greeno Family
Evening Prayer Service – Horne Family

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers

Morning Service – Dottie Edwards & Lu Greeno
Sunday School – Linton Family
Evening Prayer Service – Pratt Family

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.

Pastor Meyers out of Town — Pastor Meyers is speaking on the topic of biblical wisdom literature at a conference this weekend at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY. He will return on Monday.

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

Operation Christmas Child — This is the last Sunday we will be collecting Operation Christmas Child gift boxes. Please visit the OCC table in the foyer for brochures on how to package a box. See Luz Wooldridge if you have any questions

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

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
November 22	WIC Chocolate Tasting 7PM
November 28	Thanksgiving Day Service
November 30	Christmas Decorating 9AM
December 15	Christmas Lessons and Carols

The Lord's Service Explained

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.

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Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Tim & Rosamma Weston	ISI (St. Louis)
Emad & Michelle Mikhail	Middle East	Dan & Becky Young	Mexico
Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia		