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Grade K	Steve Dernlan	Grade 6	Will King
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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2009

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. Please join us downstairs for coffee after the service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service at 11:00 AM. We'd love to have you return tonight at 6:00 PM for singing, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship in a more informal setting.

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. Pastor Meyers's book *The Lord's Service: The Grace of Covenant Renewal Worship* (Canon Press, 2003) is also available on our book table. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.prpc-stl.org

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. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. 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.)



The Simple Cross (*Front Cover*)

During Lent this year we will display a simple, unadorned cross on the front cover of our bulletins. This will remind us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people.

The Lord's Service at Home

Lenten Season

What does Lent mean? The word "Lent" comes from the Middle English *lente* ("spring") and from the Old English *lengten* ("to lengthen"), referring to the time of lengthening daylight from Christmas (around the Winter solstice) to Easter (Spring equinox). The Lenten season lasts 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 9). In anticipation of the great Paschal mystery (the resurrection of Jesus celebrated on Easter Sunday), we are encouraged to examine ourselves anew in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We follow his example and seek for forty days to wage a more earnest struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our desire in this is increased sanctification and growth in Christian maturity and obedience.

At the heart of any worthy Lenten observance is a cultivated attitude of repentance. A true repentance means a genuine change in heart and mind, a change of disposition where ever in our lives we need to return to God. That is why true repentance and a true Lent can never be satisfied by mere external observances, no matter how rigorous they are. But repentance is no morbid introspection or "guilt trip" in which we become bound up in ourselves, turned inward to the point of unhealthy despair. Rather, it has to do with God, who is both holy and compassionate. Therefore, Christian repentance always means faith in God, trusting him, responding to his grace. That is why whatever guilt or sorrow we may feel does not crush us. For we know and trust his goodness toward us.

The color for Lent is purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance. Lent is not merely a time to remember and think about the history of our Lord's suffering and death, but is intended primarily as an opportunity for intense self-examination and repentance, even fasting (Luke 5:34-35). The high point of Lent is reached on Good Friday, when we remember that our sins crucified Christ. In the words of Johann Heermann's great hymn, "Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee" (*Trinity Hymnal* #179). Lenten hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #171-196.

Simplified Lent Readings – This Week

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
Mon., March 30 –	Psalm 35	John 18:33-40	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #189
Tues., March 31 –	Psalm 36	John 19:1-11	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #190
Wed., April 1 –	Psalm 37	John 19:12-16	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #191
Thurs., April 2 –	Psalm 38	John 19:17-22	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #192
Friday, April 3 –	Psalm 39	John 19:23-27	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #193
Sat., April 4 –	Psalm 40	John 19:28-30	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #194

Church Plant Information

Next Sunday April 5th, in place of adult Sunday School, Pastor Smith will be laying out his vision to the congregation for the upcoming church plant. Please continue to pray for this venture and be sure to make plans to be here next Sunday to hear more details as the daughter church begins to take shape.

This Week at Providence

Baby Shower for Melissa Samaki; Saturday, April 4th, 2 PM, at Sonja Smith's home. Melissa is registered at Cotton Babies in South County, Wal-Mart and Target. Please sign up at the WIC table in the foyer.

Memory Listeners—will hear our Covenant children (ranging from four year olds to eighth graders) recite their catechism questions and scripture verses next Sunday. Please work with your child this week so that he/she will give a good recitation!

Announcements

Finances/Budget—The church is currently behind about \$6,000 in giving YTD for our budget. Based on very low giving the last three months and some increases in expenses, the church is projecting a deficit of \$41,000.00 at the end of the fiscal year (April 2009). If you are behind in your giving this year and can make it up in the next few months, that would be helpful for us as we put together a new budget for the coming year. Please pray for wisdom as the elders seek to be faithful with the gifts God has given us at Providence.

Restore St. Louis—The Restore St. Louis trip will be June 6-13. Please talk to Pastor Smith if you're interested in going. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

Salt Lake City Mission Trip—A short term mission team will travel to Salt Lake City in September to help Pastor Daniel McKinney serve his community as he prepares to launch West Side Presbyterian Church. Please talk to Pastor Smith if you are interested in going.

The Youth Choir—is scheduled to sing during the morning worship service on Sunday, April 26.

Bulletin Announcements—If you would like to put an announcement in the bulletin, email Melanie Carter at cartersonthehill@gmail.com or call Paul Jaeggi. Announcements should be submitted by noon on Wednesday.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — March 29, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 148

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Chris Smith

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 148*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King"

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

*Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Refrain

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

Refrain

†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 Yahweh!

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and

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affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

Search me, O God, and know my heart; *Psalms 139:23-24*
Test me and know my thoughts!
 See if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Hiers, Coppens, Gibbs
 Sunday School—Samakis, Schmidt
 Evening Service—Smith

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Pratt, Wolff, Young
 Sunday School—M. Wood, Moore, McCracken
 Evening Service—Meyers, Hoover

Adult Sunday School Class "Medieval Retrieval"—Please join us downstairs while we explore the lives of Christians during the "Medieval" age (AD 500-1500). Our classes are simple, interesting, and useful to members of the congregation. This morning Pastor Chris Smith will be introducing us to the life and influence of Francis of Assisi and Thomas Aquinas.

The College & Career Class will continue their series, *It was Good: Thinking Christianly about the Arts*. The class meets at Pastor Smith's home immediately after worship. Directions are available in the narthex.

Church Calendar

Tues, March 31
 Sat, April 4
 Sun, April 5
 Sun, April 5
 Fri, April 10
 Sun, April 12
 Sun, April 26
 Sun, April 26

7 PM Deacons' Meeting
 2 PM Baby Shower for Melissa Samaki
 Memory Listening During Sunday School
 Deacons' Fund Collection During Evening Worship
 7 PM Good Friday Service
 Easter Sunday/No PM Service
 Youth Choir sings during morning worship
 No PM Service

Mondays
Wednesdays
Thursdays
1st & 3rd Wednesdays

6:30 PM Financial Peace University
 7 PM Weekly Choir Rehearsal
 9:30-11 AM Weekly WIC Bible Study
 7:30 PM High School Guys' Small Group

Church Calendar—If you would like to plan a church event within or outside of the church building (or even to use the church building for non-PRPC events) please check with Melanie Carter or Paul Jaeggi to ensure that the calendar is available. The calendar on Paul's desk may not reflect all the recent updates.

Communion Hymn #361 "Zion, to thy Saviour singing" *Trinity Hymnal*

Pastoral Benediction

†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: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

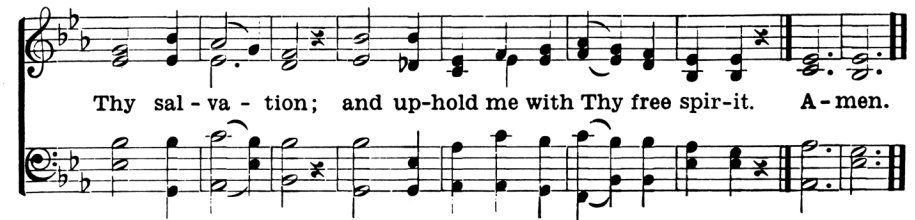
Benediction

†Hymn #374 "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen



†Pastor: Now 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 salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. You graciously invite your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to us as the children of 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 . . .

†Hymn: #219 "Blessing and honor and glory and power" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 5:16* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:20-4:1*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: #296 "O Christ, our true and only light" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:1-6*

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:

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Join us tonight for our informal service, prayer, and fellowship.

The Evening Service

April 5, 2009 — 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Luke 23:32-43*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #23 "O Light that knew no dawn"

Trinity Hymnal

Hymns, Psalms & Prayer Requests

†Hymn #286 "We gather together"

Trinity Hymnal

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 32*

SERMON: THE PSALMIST'S BEATITUDE

Mr. Justin Donathan

†Hymn #604 "Jerusalem the golden"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

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: *Ephesians 6:1-9*

Sermon: CHILDREN & FATHERS, SLAVES & MASTERS Pastor Chris Smith
 XVII. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living *Romans 12:1-21*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your
 bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of
 himself more highly than he ought,

**But to think with sober judgment, each according to the measuring
 rod of faith God has provided.**

For as in one body we have many members,

And the members do not all have the same function,

So we, though many, are one body in Christ,

And individually members of one another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us,

Let us use them.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection;

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you;

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord"

To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

†A Lenten Prayer

(Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #7)

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days

For us did fast and pray,

Teach us with you to mourn our sins,

And close by you to stay.

2. As you with Satan did contend

And did the vict'ry win,

O give us strength in you to fight,

In you to conquer sin.

3. As you did hunger and did thirst,

So teach us, gracious Lord,

To die to self and so to live

By your most Holy Word.

4. Abide with us, that through this life

Of suff'ring and of pain

An Easter of unending joy

We may at last attain.

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Distribution of the Bread & Wine