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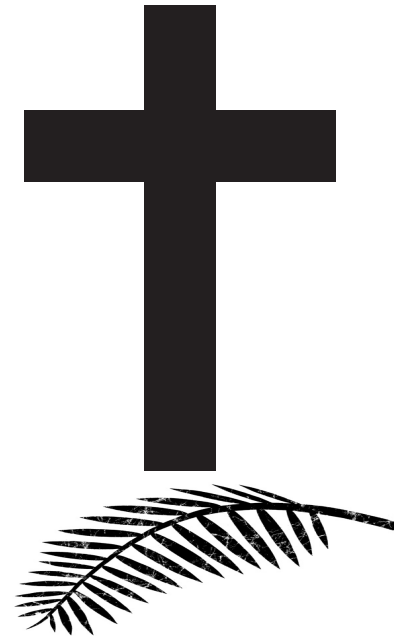
Children's Sunday School Program

Ages 2 & 3	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 4	Mark Horne
Ages 4 & 5	Amy Sterner, Annie Barlow	Grade 5	John Halsey Wood
Grade K	Steve Dernlan	Grade 6	Will King
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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Palm Sunday

April 9, 2006

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. Although the people of Jerusalem did not realize what they were doing, by welcoming Jesus into the city with palm branches they were heralding their true King, who would prove he was the true servant Ruler by dying for them on the cross.

The Lord's Service Explained

Rituals & Repetition

Some people may object to weekly rituals that don't change. Surely, saying the same thing over and over again may become rote and meaningless. Well, it *may*, but it doesn't have to. We have not often thought very carefully about the place of ritual in our lives. Our tradition makes us suspicious of certain kinds of ritual.

Some things strike us as too Catholic or Episcopal. All the while, without much serious reflection, we develop rituals of our own—rituals that remain unexamined theologically and biblically. It might be helpful to note that repetition is not inherently bad. I say, "I love you" to my wife over and over again without much variation. I kiss her the same way. Our family sits down to eat, going through the same rituals every night. I introduce myself and extend my hand for a handshake the same way as everyone else. These activities are not meaningless simply because they are repeated without much variation. Just the opposite. The uniformity and continuity of these repeated rituals provide stability, security, and structure to our lives. This is what living is all about. We inevitably dispose our lives ritually. Ritual repetition is evidence of rich living! G. K. Chesterton makes just this point:

The sun rises every morning. I do not rise every morning; but the variation is due not to my activity, but to my inaction. Now, to put the matter in a popular phrase, it might be true that the sun rises regularly because he never gets tired of rising. His routine might be due, not to a lifelessness, but to a rush of life. The thing I mean can be seen, for instance, in children, when they find some game or joke that they specially enjoy. A child kicks his legs rhythmically through excess, not absence, of life. Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, 'Do it again'; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we. The repetition in nature may not be a mere recurrence; it may be a theatrical encore. Heaven may encore the bird who laid an egg (G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy* [New York: Image Books, 1959], pp. 60-61).

We move through life ceremonially. It is reoccurrence and repetition that make life worth living. If rituals like the salutation, vatum, the Nicene Creed, the Gloria Patri, or even the Lord's Supper become for us meaningless and boring, it is not the fault of ritual per se but of the one doing the ritual.

Simplified Holy Week Readings – This Week

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
Mon., April 6 –	Psalm 41	John 18:33-40	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #191
Tues., April 7 –	Psalm 42	John 19:1-16	Psalm 42 (<i>Anglo-Gen</i>)
Wed., April 8 –	Psalm 43	John 19: 17-22	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #192
Thurs., April 9 –	Psalm 44	John 19:23-30	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #193
Friday, April 10 –	Psalm 22	John 19:31-37	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #195
Sat., April 11 –	Psalm 16	John 19:38-42	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #196

Hymn texts & tunes from the *Trinity Hymnal* can be accessed here: <http://opc.org/hymnal.html>

Announcements

Living Out Your Baptism lunch and class—All Living Out Your Baptism students are invited to lunch at Josh and Ami Anderson's house today after Sunday School. This evening, Pastor Meyers will be teaching the LOYB class at 6:30 on Maturity and Wisdom.

Good Friday Vesper Service—Come join us this Friday, April 10th, for our annual vesper service. The service begins at 7 PM.

Baby Shower for Dawn Salyer—Ladies, please join us for a baby shower for Dawn Salyer on Thursday, April 23rd at 7:30 PM. Debbie Keane will be hosting this event. Check next week's bulletin for more details.

Men's Bible Study—Josh Anderson is hoping to begin a new Men's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings (before work) at the church to study and discuss Ecclesiastes, using Pastor Meyers' commentary, "A Table in the Mist." For more details, see Josh.

Youth Fellowship Event—Mark your calendars for a youth fellowship event on Sunday afternoon (before the evening service) on April 19th. More details to come.

Jason Carter's Retirement Party—Jason and Donna Carter would like to invite all of you to an open house reception at their house from 1-6 PM Saturday, April 18th, to celebrate Jason's retirement from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service. Please RSVP to jdnspae@gmail.com by April 10th, but don't let a lack thereof keep you from coming! Maps to the Carter's house will be made available upon request.

Church Calendar

Fri, April 10	7 PM Good Friday Service
Sun, April 12	Easter Sunday/No PM Service
Sun, April 19	Youth Fellowship Event
Thurs, April 23	7:30 PM Baby Shower for Dawn Salyer
Sun, April 26	Youth Choir sings during morning worship
Sun, April 26	No PM Service
Sun, May 3	Annual Congregational Meeting
Sun, May 31	Graduation Reception/Promotion Sunday
<i>Mondays</i>	6:30 PM Financial Peace University
<i>Wednesdays</i>	7 PM Weekly Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursdays</i>	9:30-11 AM Weekly WIC Bible Study
<i>1st & 3rd Wednesdays</i>	7:30 PM High School Guys' Small Group

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 5, 2009

Palm Sunday

Preparation For Worship: Revelation 21:1-8

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118:1-4*

†Hymn #173 "All glory, laud, and honor"

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Trinity Hymnal

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!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!

Psalm 118:26-7

We bless you from the house of Yahweh!

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

Hebrews 12:2

The author and perfecter of our faith,

Who for the joy set before him endured the cross,

**Despising its shame, and sat down at the right hand
of the throne of God.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from receiving your good gifts, and no weakness keep us from experiencing the perfect freedom that only comes from serving you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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;

Psalm 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

Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

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

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Coller, Shaffer
Sunday School—Coller, Horne, Inion
Evening Service—No Evening Service

Church Plant—Pastor Smith will lay out his vision for the church plant this morning during the Sunday School hour. Please join us in the sanctuary after worship and hear how the Lord is moving and how you can be involved in the church plant by praying, sending, or going.

The College & Career Class will join the adult Sunday School class today.

Special Sunday School Arrangements for Today

Adult Sunday School will be in the sanctuary today - we will start with the **Distribution of the Palms**, then Pastor Smith will give a presentation on the church plant. To allow our Sunday School teachers to attend, several of our high school students will be teaching the children's classes (after the palm distribution).

Sunday School Schedule for Today:

- Preschoolers and their regular teachers, meet in classrooms at 10:35 to prepare.
- Grades 1-6 meet in the choir loft at 10:35 to prepare.
- Adults and grades 7-12, meet in sanctuary at 10:45 for Distribution of Palms.
- Afterward, adults and grades 7-12 remain in sanctuary for church plant presentation, except for high schoolers teaching children's Sunday School classes.
- Youth choir is cancelled for today (high schoolers are teaching Sunday School).

The Youth Choir is scheduled to sing "In Christ Alone" during morning worship on Sunday, April 26. This will be a very special anthem. We have only two more regular rehearsals -- April 12 (Easter Sunday) and April 19, each from 11:30-12:00. Parents, please make sure your children attend both remaining practices – yes, even on Easter Sunday!

Special note: On **April 26**, the students must be at church at **8:25 AM** for final rehearsal and line up.

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Distribution of the Bread & Wine

Communion Hymn #63 "God is known"

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: Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior to unite himself with our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross for our sins, and that we might follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through 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 #123 "The people that in darkness sat"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

The Evening Service

Palm Sunday - April 5, 2009

Scripture Reading: *Daniel 10:1-9*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #229 (Psalm 110) "Unto my Lord"

TH (tune of #4)

Hymn Sing, Prayer Requests & Prayer

Deacons' Fund Offering

†Psalm 134 "Come, bless the LORD with one accord" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Sermon Text: *Daniel 10:1-21*

Sermon: **DANIEL'S FAST--AND OURS**

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Closing Hymn: #243 "O quickly come"

Trinity Hymnal

†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 "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

**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 Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 7:1-13*

Pastor Chris Smith

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

The Epistle Reading: *2 Timothy 3:1-9*

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

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 11:1-14*

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: *Luke 11:37–12:3*

Sermon: **THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XXXIX. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

†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.

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.

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.

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 "Holy God, we praise thy name."

Te Deum laudamus: (thee, God, we laud:)

Te Dominum confetemur: (thee, Lord, we confess.)

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train
Join the sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
[Congregation stand now and prepare to sing on NEXT stanza]
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

†*Congregation sing, standing:*
**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name thee,
While in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim thee
And, adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi