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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
Grades 1-2	Rick Gibbs	Grades 7 & 8	Justin Donathan
Grade 3	Jeff Keane	High School	Dave Salyer

# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## The Third Sunday After Easter

May 3, 2009

## Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the black registration folder at the end of the pew 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. Join us for tonight at 6 PM for evening worship with prayer and fellowship.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors. 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.providencestlouis.com](http://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. 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.)

## Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOCYX*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

## The Lord's Service Explained

### *Easter Season*

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is **white**. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #197-209, and also #596-609.

**An Easter Prayer:** O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

## Catechism of the Week

### The Westminster Larger Catechism – Q. 55

*Q. How does Christ make intercession?*

A. Christ makes intercession, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services.

## Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

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## The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — May 3, 2009

*The Third Sunday After Easter*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 33**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

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### The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 33:1-5*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #27 "Great is thy faithfulness"

*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 soul waits for Yahweh!

*Psalm 33:20-22*

**He is our help and our shield!**

Our heart is glad in him!

**Because we trust his holy Name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Yahweh, be upon us

**Even as we hope in you.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have faithfully called us again to this assembly; and by your grace we have gathered together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ; because of him we know we are welcome, with him we make our journey to our true home, and in him we long to serve you throughout eternity. Therefore, we pray in his name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, ever rejoicing in your glory, O Father; one God, Most High, 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.

**Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all wherein I have displeased you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Silent Prayer. 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 fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and 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 . . .

†Hymn #17 “Ye holy angels bright”

*Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Hosea 12:1-14*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Revelation 3:14-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #510 (*Psalms 69*) “Thy loving kindness”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-34*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **Church Calendar**

*Mondays* 6:30 PM Financial Peace University  
*Wednesdays* 7 PM Choir Rehearsal  
*Thursdays* 9:30-11 AM WIC Bible Study  
*1st & 3rd Wednesdays* 7:30 PM High School Guys’ Small Group

May 7 National Day of Prayer  
May 9 WIC Luncheon  
May 10 Restore StL Meeting  
May 10 & 17 Memory Recitation During Sunday School  
May 12 Men of the Covenant  
May 16 Arielle Murrell’s Bridal Shower  
May 29-30 Guys’ Annual Campout  
May 31 Graduation Reception/Promotion Sunday  
June-Aug (Summer Schedule) Sunday School Suspended/5 PM Evening Worship  
June 6-13 Restore St. Louis Mission Trip  
June 25 Erin Linton’s Bridal Shower

## **General Information**

**Bulletin Announcements**—If you would like to put an announcement in the bulletin, email Melanie Carter at [cartersonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:cartersonthehill@gmail.com) or call Paul Jaeggi; all announcements must be submitted by noon on Wednesday.

**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.

## Announcements

**Restore St. Louis Meeting**—If you're interested in going to Restore St. Louis (June 6-13) please pick up a packet in the foyer this morning. There will be a very brief meeting next Sunday, May 10th, immediately after the worship service before Sunday School. Please contact Pastor Smith if you're planning to go to Restore St. Louis, but will be unable to be here on May 10.

**New Men's Bible Study**—Josh Anderson is beginning a new Men's Bible Study in June, meeting at the church at 7 AM on Tuesday mornings. The twelve week study will focus on Ecclesiastes and reading and discussing Pastor Meyer's book, "A Table in the Mist." If you haven't had an opportunity yet to read this very helpful commentary, here's your chance! See Josh with any questions.

**Cookies/Bars for Covenant Seminary Graduation**—Covenant Seminary has asked us to provide cookies/bars for their graduation ceremony on May 15. If you can help, sign up, bring your cookies to PRPC by May 10 and give them to Joanie Harris.

**Wedding Shower**—Please join us on Saturday, May 16 for a bridal shower for Arielle Murrell as she prepares to be wed. Hannah Shields will host Arielle's shower at 3 PM in her home (11731 Parkshire Dr., St. Louis, MO 63126). Arielle and Justin are registered at Macy's and Target. See Hannah if you would like to contribute to a group gift.

**Guys' Camp Out**—This year's annual camping trip will be on May 29-30 at the Keane's property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday at 2 PM. If you have questions contact John Keane.

**Memory Recitation**—We are coming to the close of another Sunday School year and to the important annual recitation. The children will be preparing for the occasion to demonstrate the retention of what they have learned this year. Each child should have been given a new booklet by his or her Sunday School teacher. The booklet contains all of the work to be recited. **The annual recitation schedule will be on: Sunday, May 10 - first half and Sunday, May 17 - second half.** Our annual promotion program will be during the Sunday School hour on May 31st. At that time, students promoted into new classes will be recognized. In addition, all students who have given a good recitation will receive their rewards.

**VBS 2009**—The dates for our 2009 Vacation Bible School will be July 20-24. Please consider how you might serve in this important ministry to our covenant children and community. See Josh Anderson if you would like to find a way to be involved.

†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*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Sermon: **RICHES & JUDGEMENT**

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

XLI. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

†Hymn #296 "O Christ, our true and only light"

*Trinity Hymnal*

## Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory & Choir Anthem "Easter Morning"

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.  
Then the same day at evening, as they all were assembled  
came Jesus and stood in the midst.  
Then said Jesus unto them: Peace be unto you.

Text: from *John 20:18-19*  
Music: Paul Christiansen  
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†[HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*  
†The Lord's Prayer

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

## Benediction

†Hymn #298 "Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns" *Trinity Hymnal*  
†The Lord's Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*  
†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*  
†Three-fold Amen  
†Postlude

## TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

### Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Svezia, Tageson, McDonnell  
Sunday School—Wamsley, D. Carter, Jeff Keane Family  
Evening Service—Hiers

### Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Sternier, Gibbs  
Sunday School—Moore, Weston  
Evening Service—John Keane Family

**Congregational Meeting**—During the Sunday school hour today we will hold our annual meeting. We will elect new officers and present and explain the 2009-10 budget.

**Plant, Pray, Pizza**—Everyone is welcome to join Pastor Smith this afternoon from 4:45-5:45 in fellowship hall to share a meal, hear more about the church plant, and pray for God's blessing on PRPC's daughter church plant venture. Sign-up in the foyer or see Pastor Smith if you are interested in attending.

**Deacons' Fund Offering**—The deacons' fund offering will be collected tonight. Please consider supporting this ministry. 100% of your donation goes directly to families within our church and community who need extra assistance.

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. Please join us tonight at 6 PM for an informal Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship.

## The Evening Service

Easter Season — May 3, 2009

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 119* • Piano - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 119:169-176* Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 7 "My heart has found a ready theme" *see handout*

Hymns, Psalms & Prayer Requests

Deacons' Fund Collection

†Hymn of Praise "Worthy is the Lamb" *see handout*

Scripture Reading: Daniel 12:1-13

Sermon: **LOOKING FOR THE RESURRECTION** Pastor Joshua Anderson

**XI. EXPOSITION OF DANIEL**

†Psalm 2 "Why do the restless heathen" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

†Postlude

## This Week at Providence

**WIC Luncheon**—Ladies, join in the fun for a special luncheon honoring our seminary wives on Saturday, May 9 at 10 AM. The luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall. Sign up at the WIC table or speak to Barb Hoover.

**National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7**—Christians throughout our country are encouraged to meet at their local city hall from 12-1 PM to pray for our government leaders, our soldiers, and for our country. Those who live in Crestwood are invited to attend the meeting at the Crestwood Government Center on Sappington Road just north of Watson. In the evening, four regional event will be held from 7-9 PM. For more information go to the website: [www.gatewayndp.org](http://www.gatewayndp.org) or call 314-253-4075.