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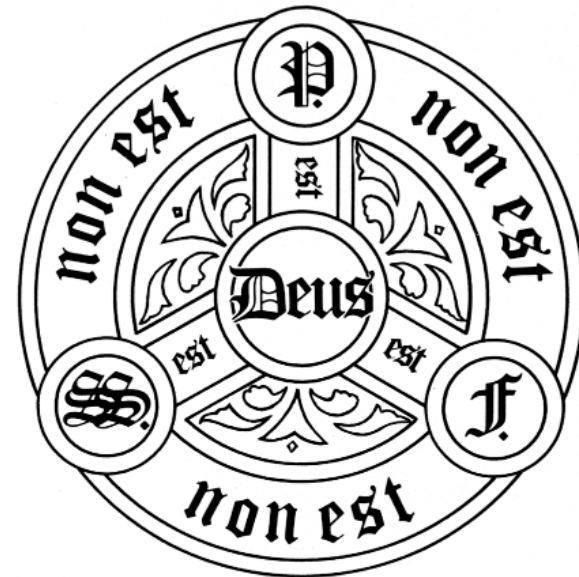
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# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## Trinity Sunday

June 7, 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.

**Sunday School** classes have been suspended for the summer months. Please use the rest of the Lord's Day to show hospitality and enjoy the day of rest the Lord has provided. We will gather together again at 5 PM for our evening service and then afterwards for a cookout on the church parking lot.

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](http://www.prpc-stl.org)

## The Lord's Supper at Providence

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. The Lord's Table is not for Presbyterians alone. Rather, it is for all professing Christians.

You do not have to speak to the elders before the service. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging 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 questions about your participation at the Lord's Table, please speak to one of the elders or a pastor before or after the service.

**Note:** We use wine for communion, according to our Lord's example and instruction. But if you require a non-alcoholic drink, the middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice.

## The Lord's Service Explained

### *We Come to Church to Receive*

Some say that we don't come to church on Sunday to get anything from God but simply to give him praise. It's all about praising God, not getting something from God. But to reduce the purpose of the assembly on Sunday to "praise" is dangerously one-sided. Not only is the super-spiritual-sounding assertion that "we just gather together to give praise to God taking no interest in what we might get from him" unbiblical, it may also easily lead to arrogance, and often has. In our tradition pastors and theologians are particularly vulnerable to this distortion of the purpose of worship. The slogan "we gather for worship to give not to get" has become something of a shibboleth. We love to beat other traditions over the head with it. It makes us feel superior. As if we don't go to church because we need anything! We Presbyterians go to church to give God glory and honor, not to get something from him. This kind of thinking is extremely dangerous.

For us, as *creatures* of God, there can be no such thing as "disinterested praise." We simply cannot love or praise God for who he is apart from what he has given us or what we continue to receive from him. We are not his equals. The notion that pure love and worship of God can only be given when it is unmixed with all thoughts of what we receive, has no biblical grounding. To be sure, it sounds very spiritual and pious. It even comes across as self-denial. "We just want to praise you for who you are, God. We love you and praise you, O God, not for what we get from you, but just for who you are." Sound's pretty pious, right?

In fact, however, there is no such worship in the Bible for the simple fact that we cannot approach God as disinterested, self-sufficient beings. We are created beings. Dependent creatures. We must continually receive both our life and redemption from God. Our "worship" of God, for this reason, necessarily involves our passive reception of his gifts as well as our active thanksgiving and petitions. We cannot pretend that we do not depend upon him. We will always be receivers and petitioners before God. Our receptive posture is as ineradicable as our nature as dependent creatures. On Sunday we put ourselves in a position to be served by him. Recognizing this is true spirituality. Opening oneself up to the need for God's service is the first movement in our "worship," indeed, the presupposition of all corporate worship. It is faith's posture before our all-sufficient, beneficent Lord. Praise follows after this and alone can never be the exclusive purpose for our gathering together on the Lord's Day.

### **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.

## Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

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# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — June 7, 2009

*Trinity Sunday*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 104**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Ephesians 2:18-22*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts,

*Isaiah 6:3*

**The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

## The Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; *Psalm 5:4-8*

**Evil may not dwell with you.**

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

**You hate all evildoers.**

You destroy those who speak lies;  
**Yahweh abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love;  
**will enter your house.**

I will bow down toward your holy temple;  
**in the fear of you.**

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness;  
**because of my enemies, make your way straight before me.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are, by ourselves, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, since you have given your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for his sake grant me forgiveness of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. 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 good, right, and fitting that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. We praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and we worship your triune fullness of life and glory. 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 #87 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 1:26-28* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

### **Today's Volunteers:**

Morning Service—McDonnell, Boeve

Evening Service—Brad Wood Family

### **Next Sunday's Volunteers:**

Morning Service—Greeno, Wolff, Young

Evening Service—Meyers, Hoard

**Congratulations Samakis!**—Sophia “Sophie” Safi Samaki was born Friday, May 29 at 4:15 PM at St. Mary’s Hospital. Sophie was 6 pounds, 3 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Mama and baby are doing great.

**Nursery Sign Up**—A new nursery sign up sheet is on the WIC table. Please sign up for a few spots. Your service to our little ones is greatly appreciated!

**Memory Recitations**—Congratulations to our covenant children who had a perfect score on their year end memory recitations: *Callie Coppens, Thomas Gibbs, Eli Dernlan, Halsey Wood, Aria Schmitt, Joseph Hiers, Andrew Smith, Isabelle Carter, Matthew Wamsley, Kristina Wooldridge, Luke Hui, Charis Horne, Faith Boeve, Caleb Hiers, Anna Carter, Mary Keane, Elizabeth Wamsley, Jonathan Wooldridge, Rebekah Hui, Evangaline Horne, Katrina Wood, Paul Carter, Benjamin Keane, Alaina Pratt, Rebekah Shields, Nick Wamsley, Gabby Boeve, Nevin Horne, Nathan Wamsley, Elijah Keane, Alice Hui, Luke Shields, & John Hoegemann.*

**Providence Moms**—If you’d like to receive emails about planned activities for women and children (you don’t have to have children to join) email ProvidenceMoms-subscribe@yahoo.com. Contact Crystal Schmidt if you have questions 402-432-4301.

**Church Work Day**—Men, women, and children are encouraged to join us on Saturday, June 20 from 8 AM-10 AM or 10 AM-12 PM for a church work day. Breakfast will be served. Four to five people are needed to commit to work from 8-4 to assemble a playground. Sign up if you are able to attend.

## **Church Calendar**

<i>Tuesdays</i>	Men’s Bible Study
<i>1st &amp; 3rd Weds</i>	7:30 PM High School Guys’ Small Group
June 6-13	Restore St. Louis Mission Trip
June 20	Church Work Day
June 21	Father’s Day—No PM Worship
June 25	Bridal Shower for Erin Linton

this faith, and evermore lead us into a fuller enjoyment of your divine fellowship; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: Amen!

## Benediction

†Hymn #81 "A mighty Fortress is our God" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†A Parting Prayer: "God be with you till we meet again"

God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you —  
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you —  
God be with you till we meet again

†Greet One Another

†Postlude

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. Tonight we begin our new Summer schedule with our evening service at 5 PM and a cook out on the church parking lot immediately following the service. Everyone is welcome! Bring food and drinks for your family.

## The Evening Service

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 36*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 36*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #271 "How sweet and awful"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Hymns, Psalms, & Prayer Requests

Deacons' Fund Collection

†Psalm 36 "He who in evil does rejoice"

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture Reading: *1 John 1:5-7*

Sermon: GOD IS LIGHT

Pastor Joshua Anderson

II. EXPOSITION OF 1 JOHN

†Hymn #56, "O Splendor of God's glory bright"

*Trinity Hymnal*

## Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Ephesians 2:11-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

## Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:13-17*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

## Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *Luther's Sung Nicene Creed*



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est



earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love  
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,  
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,



Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and  
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,  
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His



bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;  
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,  
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.



Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no  
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might  
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



harm be - tide us. He cares for us by  
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for  
Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and



day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.  
all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.  
we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Text: *John 14:1-17*

PASTOR JEFFREY MEYERS

Sermon: **WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY "GOD"?**

A TRINITY SUNDAY SERMON

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

*Luke 6:20-28*

Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,

**For yours is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now,

**For you shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are you who weep now,

**For you shall laugh.**

Blessed are you when people hate you and when exclude you and revile you

**and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!**

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold your reward is great in heaven,

**For so their fathers did to the prophets.**

But woe to you who are rich,

**For you have received your consolation.**

Woe to you who are full now,

**For you shall be hungry.**

Woe to you who laugh now,

**For you shall mourn and weep.**

Woe to you, when all people speak well of you,

**For so their fathers did to the false prophets.**

But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies,

**Do good to those who hate you,**

Bless those who curse you,

**Pray for those who abuse you!**

†The *Gloria Patri*

**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!**

## **Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Covenant Memorial Meal

Communion Hymn "O Bread of life from heaven"

O Bread of Life from heaven,

To weary pilgrims given,

O Manna from above:

The souls that hunger feed thou,

The hearts that seek thee lead thou

With sweet and tender love.

O fount of grace redeeming,

O river ever streaming

From Jesus' holy side:

Come now, thyself bestowing

On thirsting souls and flowing

Till all are satisfied.

O Jesus, this receiving,

Thy Word of truth believing,

We thee unseen adore:

Grant, when our life is ended,

That we, to heav'n ascended,

May see thee evermore.

†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, who has given to us your servant's grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of your eternal triune life: keep us steadfast in