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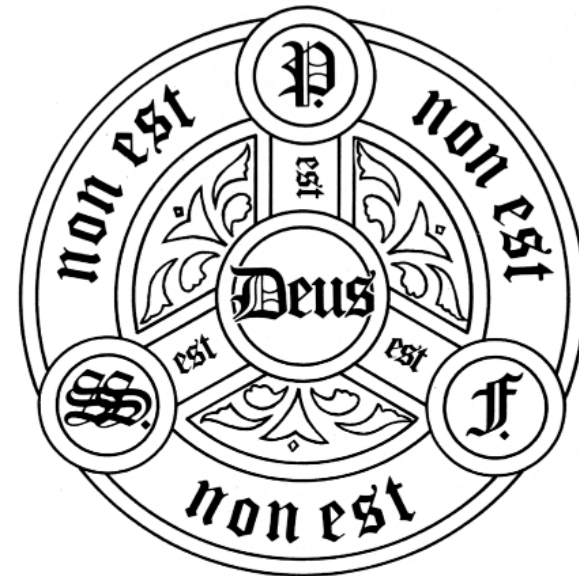
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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Trinity Season

July 5, 2009

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the guest 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. Tonight we will not have an evening service.

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 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

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — July 5, 2009

Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn of Praise "Built on the Rock"

1 Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands, God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Build - ed for

stee - ples are fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land,
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His tem - ple stands,
His hab - i - ta - tion; He through bapt - tis - m claims his own

Bells still are chim - ing and call - ing, Call - ing the young and
All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet He whom heav'n's can -
Heirs of His won - drous sal - va - tion. Were we but two His

old to rest, But a - bove all the soul dis - trest,
 not con - tain Chose to a - bide on earth with men,
 name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell,

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - - ing.
 Built in our bod - ies His tem - - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - - - vor. A - men.

4 Now we may gather with our King
 E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
 Praises to Him we there may bring,
 His wondrous mercy forthtelling.
 Jesus His grace to us accords;
 Spirit and life are all His words;
 His truth doth hallow the temple.

6 Here stands the font before our eyes
 Telling how God did receive us;
The bread unites us in his Son
The wine assures we're forgiven
 Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

5 Still we our earthly temples rear
 That we may herald His praises;
 They are the homes where He draws
 near
 And little children embraces.
 Beautiful things in them are said;
 God there with us His covenant made,
 Making us heirs of His kingdom.

7 Grant, then, O God, where'er men roam,
 That, when the church bells are
 ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come
 Where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;
 Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you." Amen.

†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,

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger,
 and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with
 penitent hearts, receiving in your loving embrace all who come
 home to you. Seat us at your bountiful table of grace, that, with
 all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Pratt, Hui

Evening Service—Edema

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Svezia, Tageson, Bangura

Evening Service—Barlow

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!

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.

Church Calendar

Tuesdays Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Weds 7:30 PM High School Guys' Small Group

July 12 Deacons' Fund Collection

July 20-24 VBS

General Information

Bulletin Announcements—If you would like to put an announcement in the bulletin, email Melanie Carter at 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 building is available. The calendar on Paul's desk may not reflect all the recent updates.

For everything that makes life interesting and beautiful, the world about us, the love of little children, the kindness of friends, the helpfulness of good books and music, for all the goodness and beauty that is from you:

We praise you, O Lord. Amen!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #365 "At the Lamb's high feast" *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Cup & The Words of Institution

†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 most merciful God, teach us to serve you as you deserve, to give and not count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labor and not ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who is alive and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #53 (*Psalms 146*) "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Lord's Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the guest book registration after the service. There will be no evening service tonight. Join us next week at 5 PM for our evening service and a casual picnic immediate following.

our hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin,

We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Eternal God, in whom I live and move and have my being, my heavenly Father, your face is hidden from me because of my sins. Cleanse me, I pray, from all my offenses, and deliver me from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that I may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing my faults and confiding in your grace, I look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. *Silent Prayer*. Amen!

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!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is fitting, right, and beneficial 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 #122 “Of the Father’s love begotten” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Isaiah 58:1-12*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 13:1-17*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #143 “Majestic sweetness sits enthroned” (*TH* Tune of #123)

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1-24* Pastor Jeff Meyers

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 14:1-24*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

SERMON: TABLE MANNERS AT THE KINGDOM FEAST

XLVI. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer of the Church

O Lord, you have taught us to pray not only for ourselves, but for others.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church of Christ in all lands; for all ministers, missionaries, and teachers, that all the nations may come to love our Savior.

Sovereign Lord, hear our prayer.

For our nation, for the President, for all who rule over us, that they may love the good and hate the evil:

Lord of all, hear our prayer.

For parents and friends, that they may be kept in health and happiness.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

For any who suffer, for all who are in trouble, that you would comfort them . . . [specific requests]. . .

Merciful Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have cared for us, protected us, and guided our feet in the way of truth.

We praise you, O Lord!