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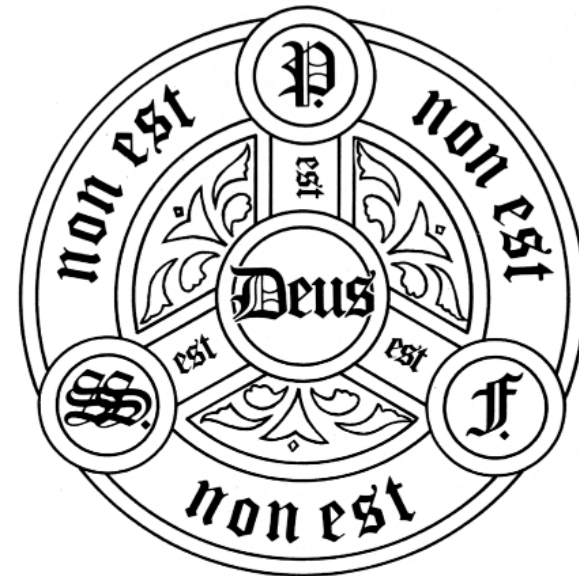
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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

July 26, 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. Join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening service and cook out afterwards 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 more information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestlouis.com.

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

Our Common Table

The unity of the church is not merely something we claim by faith every week when we sit at the common Table, it is also something we *become* every week as we eat the bread and drink the wine together. When we join our voices together with the gathered assembly in prayer, confession, singing, eating, and drinking we are weekly reconstituted by the Spirit as the Body of Christ, the very visible, even tangible public presence of God's saving activity in the world.

Sadly, we often reduce the Lord's Supper to a means of providing mental stimulus for individual religious meditation. It is thought by many to be just another opportunity to exercise personal, private devotions at church. To some extent, the way we have traditionally practiced the Supper encourages this. Everyone closes their eyes, turns inward, and mediates privately. The corporate, communal dimension of the Sacrament gets smothered beneath what in effect becomes an opportunity for personal quiet time in church. There is, of course, room for silence during the rite of Communion, but there is so much more going on than merely private devotions with the visual aids of bread and wine. Surely the food on the Table is not merely God's flannel graph for adults.

What we do at the Lord's Table ought to form us into a particular kind of community—a community of sacrificial love united to one another in Jesus our Savior. The Scriptures, for example, teach the necessity of reconciling any fellow Christians who might be at variance with each other before they could eat the Lord's Supper together. The unity of the church as the Body of Christ, symbolized in the one loaf, must not be violated by personal disputes among the members of the local body as well as formal ecclesiastical schisms in the larger communion of the saints.

The Apostle Paul says that we assemble "as the church" and we "come together" precisely to eat the Lord's Supper and that in an openly unified way (1 Cor. 11:18, 20, 33, 34). The more we faithfully *do* the Lord's Supper, the more we will experience the communal dimensions of the Sacrament, indeed, the community-forming nature of the ritual meal. Only then will the concrete oneness that our Lord petitioned the Father for be realized in the Church "in order that the world may believe" (John 17:23).

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

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — July 26, 2009

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 47

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Chris Smith

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 47*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #61 "Rejoice, ye people, homage give"

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!

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 God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning, and though we have in no way deserved your goodness, you still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Lord upholds those who are falling *Psalm 145:14-16*
And raises up those who are bowed down

The eyes of all look to you,
And you give them their bread in due season.

You open your hand;
You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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 remission 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, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through 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, 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 #92 “All glory be to thee, Most High” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Exodus 34:29-35*

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

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 26:1-23*

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

Hymn #509 “To God my earnest voice I raise” *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *John 21:1-14*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Praise be to you, O Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Greeno, Bangura

Evening Service—Hiers

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Gibbs

Evening Service—Hoegemann

Parking Lot Barbecue—Join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening service and cook out afterwards on the church parking lot. Bring your meat to grill, sides, and lawnchairs.

Summer Bible Study—Men at Providence gather at 7 AM on Tuesday mornings in the church fellowship hall for coffee, food, prayer and study. Currently we are discussing Pastor Meyers' book on Ecclesiastes, "A Table in the Mist." All are welcome.

Directory Update—Please add the Hui Family in your new 2009 church directory:

Hui, Wei San 9/24 & Dana 9/29

Alice 12/18/97

Rebekah 9/14/00

Luke 4/8/03

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Elizabeth 9/20/08

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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.

†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: 1 John 2:23-3:3

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **WE SHALL SEE HIM**

V. EXPOSITION OF JOHN'S FIRST EPISTLE

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

Matthew 5:2-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†[HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #434 "How lovely shines the Morning Star!"

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: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good

counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended by you from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; 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 #230 "O God, thy judgments give the King" *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. Join us this evening at 5 PM for our evening service and a casual picnic immediately following. Bring chairs, drinks, and something to grill.

The Evening Service

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 36*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 36*

†Hymn #109 "This is my father's world"

Trinity Hymnal

Hymns & Psalms Requests

Prayer Requests

†Psalm 6 "Chide me, O Lord, no longer" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 32:22-32*

Sermon: **WHAT DOES GOD NAME HIS PEOPLE?**

Rev. Mark Horne

†Hymn #278 "Jesus, with thy church abide"

Trinity Hymnal