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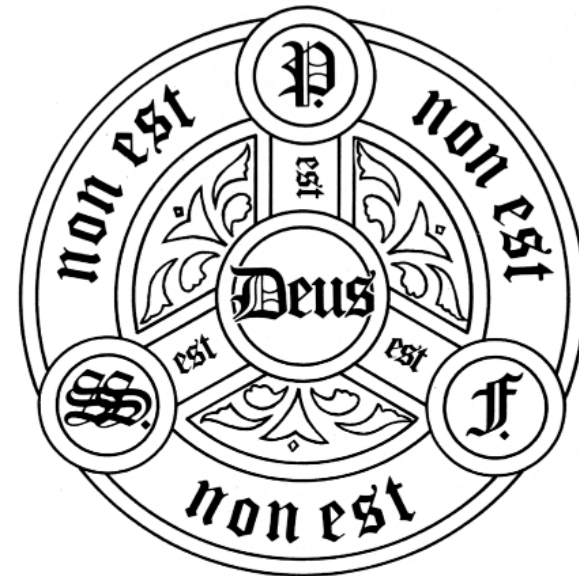
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# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## Trinity Season

*August 30, 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 of prayer, praise, and Bible teaching. Afterwards we will have a cookout on the church parking lot. Everyone is invited.

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](http://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

### *The Importance of the Body in Worship*

Sadly, our tradition has largely failed to guard and pass on the traditional Christian teaching and practice regarding the importance of bodily posture throughout the entire worship service. I have heard people say that God is not interested in the posture of our bodies, but only the attitude of our hearts. Well, that's not exactly what the Bible says. There are too many references in the Bible to outward bodily postures in worship to dismiss standing, kneeling, and hand-lifting as mere formalism. Even the Hebrew and Greek words that we translate as "worship" (*shacha, proskuneo*) mean "to bow down" or "to prostrate oneself" before another (Gen. 22:5; Ex. 32:10; Ps. 22:27, 29; Matt. 2:2; 4:9; John 4:20-24; Heb. 11:21; Rev. 4:10).

What many people fail to recognize is that one's bodily posture will both express, as well as help establish, the posture of one's heart. When we are humbled, we hang our heads. When we are joyful, our arms and head fly up and we begin to move. More often than not, the reason most American Protestants don't kneel in worship is not because they are too humble, but too proud. It is all too convenient for us to keep to ourselves and not reveal our true selves in such bodily postures. Many mistakenly think that avoiding rituals like kneeling is evidence of simple faith and humility. C. S. Lewis, however, disagrees: "The modern habit of doing ceremonial things unceremoniously is no proof of humility; rather it proves the worshiper's inability to forget himself in the rite, and his readiness to spoil for everyone else the proper place of ritual."

After citing numerous biblical references, Pastor Robert S. Rayburn has this to say about "offering our bodies as living sacrifices" (Rom. 12:1):

The position of the body is itself an act of worship. When you kneel or stand because you are in the presence of the Almighty and are to speak to him, you are honoring him with your entire self, with your soul and body together expressing reverence. In Holy Scripture, whenever men or women came face to face with God, they always immediately and instinctively assumed postures which were appropriate for a creature and a sinner before the living God . . . If we are really worshiping God as his children, then we are to worship him not with half ourselves but with our whole selves and our bodies ought to be as involved as our souls . . . This was the feeling of the church in the days of the Reformation. A failure to take proper positions of body in the church was regarded as an act of irreverence.

### **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.

## Announcements Continued

**Ladies' Bible Study** – Ladies, please plan to join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning September 10 as Pastor Meyers leads us in a study of the Book of Acts. Childcare is provided. Please sign up today at the WIC table in the narthex, and consider bringing a friend! For more information, see Barb Hoover.

**Choir** – The fall Choir season is coming, and we'd love to have you join us! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 P.M. during the school year (September-May). Our first rehearsal will be September 16. We sing during morning worship several times a month and also during special evening services for Reformation Sunday (Oct. 25), Christmas Lessons and Carols (Dec. 20), and Good Friday. The choir is open to all adults (including college-age; please come!) and high school juniors and seniors. We always have room for new members, so come and give it a try! For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314-966-3523, billhoover@fastmail.net). P.S. - If you are an accomplished instrumentalist, please let Bill know; several of our pieces have instrumental accompaniment.

**Ladies Prayer Partners** – Ladies, please consider becoming a prayer partner with a woman who will be a part of our new church plant. Our hope is to pair a PRPC woman to partner in prayer with every woman planning to join with the work begun in South St. Louis with Pastor Smith. Please see the signup in the narthex. For more information, see Barb Hoover.

**Secret Sisters for Teenage Girls** – Once again the teen girls will have the opportunity to bless one another through the Secret Sister program that runs from September to December! Please sign up and fill out an information sheet at the WIC table. For more information, see Barb Hoover.

**Ladies Night Out** – Save the date! Join us at our first WIC get-together on Thursday evening, October 1. More details to follow in the weeks ahead.

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## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 30, 2009

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Proverbs 2**

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

## The Entrance

Call to Worship: *Habbakuk 2:20*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Silent Preparation for Worship

†Hymn #10 "O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord" *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 help is in the Name of the Lord!

*Psalms 124:8*

**Who made heaven and earth!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**O God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth: All your works praise you in all places of your dominion, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ your Son; therefore, we praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. 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:

**Merciful God, my heavenly Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. I humbly confess my sins and ask your mercy. I have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. I have not been just in dealing with others. I have not loved kindness or walked humbly before**

you, my God. Have mercy on me, O God, because of your lovingkindness. In your great compassion, cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. *Silent prayer.*

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. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stand and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you who trust in him the forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

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

Morning Service—Greeno, Hoegemann  
Evening Service—Melanie Carter, Ami Anderson

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

Morning Service—John Moore Family, Hui  
Evening Service—John Moore Family

**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.

**Sunday School Registration** – Thank you to those who filled out the Sunday School registration form and gave it to Lori Shaffer or Jason Carter. For those of you who didn't have the chance to do that yet, please send either Lori (lorishaf@sbcglobal.net) and/or Jason (carter.jwc@gmail.com) an email with the names, birthdates, and rising grades of each of your children who will be attending Sunday School this fall. Sunday school will begin on September 13.

**Sunday School Teachers** – Training for Sunday school teachers will be held Sunday afternoon, August 30, at 4:30 PM in the second grade classroom.

**Thank You** – Tim and Rachel would like to thank everyone who participated in making Tim's ordination party a great success. We appreciate everyone who came and celebrated with us! We would especially like to thank the following people who helped to pull everything off. The pig cookers: John Keane, Rick Gibbs, Allen Wamsley, Steve Shaffer, Monte Shields, Jason Carter, David Linton, Bryan Carter, and Bob Carter. Those who helped set up the feast: Brookie Moore, Crystal Schmidt, Melanie Carter, and Linda Carter. To Steve and Lori Shaffer for their longsuffering service at the beverage table. And to several deacons and elders who helped clean up. Thanks so much to everyone!

## Church Calendar

August 30	Meeting for Sunday School Teachers
September 10	Ladies Bible Study Begins
September 13	Sunday School Resumes/Parish Groups Meet
September 16	First Choir Rehearsal
September 29	Deacons' Meeting
October 1	Ladies Night Out
October 10	Harvet Party

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

## The Heidelberg Catechism

Question & Answer #32

### Q. Why are you called Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing [*christos* in Greek = "anointed"]. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

## Proverbs 2:1-5

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

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 immediate following. Bring chairs, drinks, and something to grill.

## The Evening Service

Pentecost Season — August 30, 2009

Preparation For Worship: *Genesis 2:1-17*

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 28:9-29:5*

†Hymn #224 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

†Opening Prayer

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Psalm 95 "The LORD be praised"

The Scripture Reading: *Genesis 2:1-17*

Sermon: **A PRIEST & KING IS IN THE GARDEN**

†Hymn #305 (*Psalm 84*) "O Lord of Hosts"

†Benediction & Postlude

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Trinity Hymnal

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

*Trinity Hymnal*

## 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 proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended into heaven and, sitting at your right hand, poured out as he had promised the Holy Spirit on the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth rejoices with great joy. 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 #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated"

*Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 2:1-22* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *2 Timothy 2:14-26*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†*Psalm 1* "How blessed is the man"

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

**How blessed is the man whose walk is not  
In evil counsel which the wicked plot,  
Who does not stand where sin its pleasure offers  
And will not take his seat among the scoffers;  
But his delight is in God's covenant law:  
By night and day he ponders it with awe.**

**Behold, the righteous man is like a tree  
Which by the streams yields fruit abundantly,  
Whose leaves are green and shall not fade or perish;  
In all he does the righteous one shall flourish.  
But wicked men are not like him, for they  
Resemble chaff that winds will drive away.**

**Their downfall and destruction is at hand:  
The wicked shall not in the judgment stand,**

**Nor sinners in the righteous congregation.  
The LORD our God shall judge their generation;  
He watches o'er the way of righteous men,  
But doomed forever is the way of sin.**

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 9:33-37*

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*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be;  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Sermon Text: *Revelation 2:18-29*

Sermon: **THE FOOLISHNESS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL** Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn #385 "O God, to us show mercy" (Tune of #165) *Trinity Hymnal*

## **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

We Feed on the Body and Blood of Christ

Hymn #301 (*Psalms 78*) "My people, give ear" *Trinity Hymnal*

Pastoral Benediction, followed by congregational **Amen!**

†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 hast 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: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that you have again refreshed us this morning with so many wonderful gifts; we ask you now to grant us the grace to respond to your self-giving love with steadfast faith in you and fervent love toward one another; 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 #36 (*Psalms 29*) "Now unto Jehovah"

*Trinity Hymnal*