

## Officers and Resource People

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| Shane & Kim Gibson          | New Orleans, LA       | Lian & Clara Tombing    | India           |
| Bryan Walker                | US Army Chaplain      | Marcus Toole            | Canada          |
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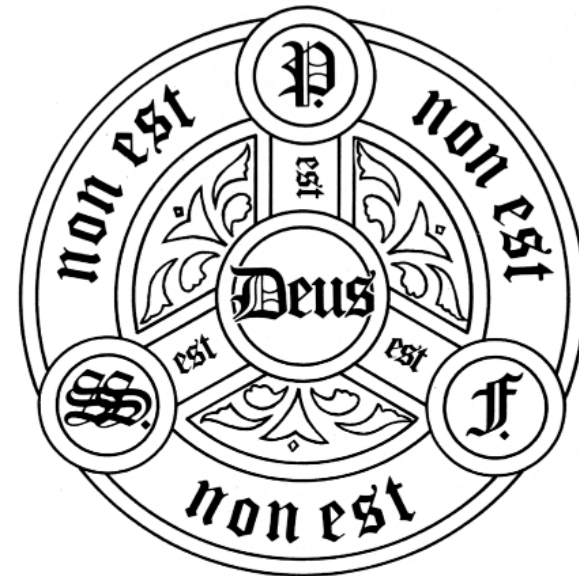
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# The Covenant Renewal Service

## Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## Pentecost Season

*September 6, 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. There will be no evening service tonight.

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.

## **Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests**

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# **The Morning Service**

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Preparation For Worship: *Proverbs 2*

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

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## **The Entrance**

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-5*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Pastor: O give thanks to Yahweh; call upon his Name!

**Make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**Tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy Name,

**Let the hearts of those who see Yahweh rejoice!**

Seek Yahweh and his strength;

**Seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works he has done,

**The miracles and the judgments he uttered.**

†Hymn #86 "Now thank we all our God"

*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!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and Father of glory, give us, we ask you, the Spirit of wisdom and insight that we might increase in our knowledge of and our love for you. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what is the hope to which you have called us, even the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance for the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe. 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.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite 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 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.***

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!**

## **Announcements Continued**

**Men of the Covenant** – All men at Providence are invited to a Men of the Covenant meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 PM at the home of Monte Shields. Discussion topic to be announced.

**Nursery Duty** – A brand new nursery schedule is out on the WIC table and awaiting your name!

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

## **Directory Updates**

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Marne Wood – [marneannewood@gmail.com](mailto:marneannewood@gmail.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

**Today's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – John Moore Family, Hui

**Next Sunday's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – John Halsey Wood Family, Barlow

Sunday School – Harris, Hoard, Nicoletti

**Sunday School Registration** – If you have not yet registered your child for Sunday School, please contact Lori Shaffer (lorishaf@sbcglobal.net) or Jason Carter (carter.jwc@gmail.com) stating your children's names, birthdates, and rising grades. Sunday school will begin on September 13.

**Parish Group Sunday** – September 13 is the first Parish Group Sunday of the fall. Please speak to your Parish Group elder for details on your meeting that day. Everyone is encouraged to do their best to meet with their Parish Group for food, fellowship and prayer!

**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.

**High School Guys Bible Study** – All High School Guys are invited to a weekly Bible study, meeting at the church at 3:30 PM on Fridays. This fall we will be reading and discussing Doug Wilson's book, Fidelity.

**Futon Needed** – Within the congregation there is a need for a queen sized futon (even just the frame). If you have one you would be willing to sell or donate, please talk to Melanie Carter for more details.

## Church Calendar

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| <i>Thursdays</i> | Ladies' Bible Study                               |
| <i>Fridays</i>   | High School Guys' Bible Study                     |
| September 13     | Sunday School Resumes/Parish Groups Meet          |
| September 16     | First Choir Rehearsal/Men of the Covenant Meeting |
| September 29     | Deacons' Meeting                                  |
| October 1        | Ladies' Night Out                                 |
| October 10       | Harvest Party                                     |

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so.**

†Truly it is proper, right, and beneficial, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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 #219 "Blessing and honor and glory" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-9, 12:1-6*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 John 4:7-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *John 14:15-31*

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: 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon: THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE

Pastor Joshua Anderson

VIII. EXPOSITION OF JOHN'S FIRST EPISTLE

## Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

†Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give you praise and hearty thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies. We bless you for the love which has created us and sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known to us your will and grace.

**We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and godly men, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord Jesus has done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to Your service.**

Save and defend your Church Universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the sacraments.

**Make it perfect in love and in good works, and establish it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all.**

Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands.

**Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them**

**steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord.**

God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those most dear to us . . . [Specific requests]

**Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care.**

†[HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

## The Sacrifice of Peace

Words of Institution, Prayer of Thanksgiving, & Memorial

We Feed on the Body and Blood of Christ

Communion Hymn: #135 "I greet thee"

*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: O God, you prepare for those that love you such good things as surpass human understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain the promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 #124 "At the Name of Jesus"

*Trinity Hymnal*

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude