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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Pentecost Season

September 27, 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 for all ages will meet after the service at 10:50 AM. We'd love to have you return tonight at 6:00 PM for singing, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship in a more informal setting. Tonight we will hear from Pastor Garrett Crow, a former intern at Providence, now church planting in California.

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

Why Do We Use Set Prayers?

First, we don't naturally know how to pray, and pre-composed prayers can help train our minds to pray biblically. Good prayers guide us and assist us in composing our own private prayers, both with respect to content and structure. Almost all the phrases from all the prayers that we use in our worship come right out of the Bible. Thus, ultimately, we are praying God's Word. There are biblical ways to pray, and these pre-composed prayers, used consistently, will help you learn how to pray. Surely this is the reason why so many prayers are recorded for us in the Bible. The traditional prayers of the Church offer the worshiper guidance and direction, oftentimes by utilizing the language and structure (order of prayer) lifted right from the Bible itself.

Second, prayers sung or said in unison manifest the *unity* of the church in prayer. We all pray together as the corporate Body of Christ, not just as a bunch of individuals. Corporate worship is not designed merely as an aid to each individual's devotions. We don't come into church to worship merely as individuals with our own private tubes to God. We come together as the Body of Christ, and as the Body of Christ we confess our sins, pray, and praise God together. The Spirit re-creates us into a community by means of common prayer.

Third, printed prayers insure congregational participation in the prayers. Remember worship ought not to be something you come to watch or hear, rather you come to perform worship yourself. Think about this: it is very difficult to get distracted when you are saying a prayer out loud. It is hard to do anything else but pray the prayer. A set prayer insures your participation and guards against your mind wandering. It is much more difficult for your mind to wander when your attention is focused on reading and saying a prayer that you are familiar with than it is when you have your eyes closed and are merely listening to the pastor pray. Let's face it—most people find it very difficult to concentrate on praying when someone else is saying a long prayer. If you aren't familiar with the prayer that you are reading or hearing, then you will have to evaluate it as you are praying. And how much more effective would it be to recite prayers that you trust and know by heart?

Fourth, no church can avoid prayer rituals altogether. You either have good prayer rituals or you have bad ones, helpful or dangerous ones, but it is impossible to be free from all forms in a church's corporate prayer life. Congregations that never use prayer books or set prayers, nevertheless, do develop, sometimes unknowingly (which is unfortunate), certain habits with respect to praying. You know very well what happens when there is no guidance or direction to the prayers. Prayers become tedious: "I just want to thank you, Lord . . . and I just want to ask . . . and I just want . . ." Or they become trivial and down right silly: "O Lord, help us to be all that we can be" (the Army Prayer) or "Lord, help us to reach out and touch somebody this week" (the AT&T prayer).

Obviously, we are not obliged to use all kinds of pretentious words and grandiose phrases in order for our prayers to be acceptable to God. I'm not trying to put down anyone's prayer merely because it is not as well structured and manicured as someone else's. God is pleased with the meager and unsophisticated prayers of his people, just as he is pleased with a young child's. But—and here's the important point—if the child never grows up and learns how to pray biblically, if the content of his prayers remain the same, then it is not so cute anymore. God may be pleased with a childlike prayer, but he is not satisfied with it either. He expects us to grow up and learn how to pray like adults, to conform our prayers more and more to the models he has given us in the Scriptures.

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

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 103*

Pentecost Season

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:20-22*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #70 "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" *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 Yahweh!

Psalm 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: Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;

Psalm 131:1-2

My eyes are not raised too high.

I do not occupy myself with things,

Too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Like a weaned child with its mother.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought, word and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

†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 proper, right, and beneficial, 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, rules over your entire creation. 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 #89 “Come, thou Almighty King”

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 4:1-16*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†Hymn “Awake, awake and strengthen”

(to tune of #178)

1. **Awake, awake and strengthen
The things about to die,
The works yet unperfected,
Before the Lord draws nigh.
But if thou be not watchful,
If thou dost not repent,
The Lord shall come upon thee
When thou dost least expect.**

Announcements

Harvest Party; October 10, 4-8 PM – Join us for our annual Harvest Party hosted by John and Debbie Keane. We’ll have our annual Chili Cook Off and Pie Dessert Contest. Do you have a recipe that you think will take first place in our ‘09 competition? We’ll have costume contests for all ages, including adults (21+). In the event of rain, the party will be canceled this year. Sign up if you would like to come. If you have any questions, please see the Keanes or Carters.

The **Greater St. Louis Life Chain** will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 1:30-2:30 PM. We will hold our pro life signs in front of our church on Sappington Rd to show our commitment to sanctity of life. A light lunch will be served. Please sign up if you can attend.

Special Concert – Our evening service on October 11 will be a special event - the Missouri Baptist University Choirs and Ringers will minister to us in music and song. MBU’s 60-voice Chorale, 25-voice Chamber Singers, and five-octave bell choir will present a variety of sacred music -- three excellent groups on the same night! Come and encourage local Christian college students (including two PRPC members) as they share their talents, and be blessed in the process. An offering will be taken to help support the MBU music ministry. In addition, we would like to provide a light meal for the musicians, since they will be here at 4:00 PM to setup and rehearse. If you can bring some hors d’oeuvres or sandwiches that morning, please let Bill Hoover know. Thank you!

New Members & Inquirers Class – On October 11, we will begin a new adult Sunday school class for all those interested in finding out more about membership. The class will meet during the Sunday school hour after the morning service in the home of Pastor Meyers. Please speak with Pastor Meyers if you have any questions about the class.

Choir – The fall Choir season has begun, 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). 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.

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Schmidt, Hiers

Sunday School – Pratt, Wamsley

Evening Service – Sterner

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Brad Woods, Gibbs

Sunday School – John Halsey Woods, Dawson, Inion

Evening Service – Meyers

New Adult Sunday School Class "The Reformation" – Our adult Sunday school class continues this morning in the fellowship hall. Audio mp3s of the previous classes is available online at www.providencestlouis.com. Today Pastor Meyers will be teaching on the life of Martin Luther.

This Week at Providence

The **Deacons** will be meeting Tuesday, September 29 at 7 P.M.

Food, Fellowship & Farewell - Ladies, join us Thursday, October 1 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall to honor our sisters who will soon be leaving us for Resurrection Presbyterian. Bring a finger food appetizer/dessert and your favorite wine or soda. A booklet containing the recipes for the night will be made available to all at a later date, so bring one copy of your finger food recipe. Marj Hansen from Cornerstone will bring our devotional and a love offering will be taken to help with expenses for starting our new sister church. We will have a time of prayer for this very important time in the life of PRPC's community. We hope you can make it! Contact Rhonda Hoard (314-799-1545) or Joanie Harris (636-394-6896) if you have any questions.

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2. For him that overcometh,
This glorious state shall be:
His garments all resplendent
In whitest purity,
His name inscribed forever
In the Lamb's great Book of Life,
Confessed before the Father
And holy angels bright.

3. But, lo! thou hast a remnant
With garments yet unstained,
Who, undefiled, have labored
And faithful have remained.
They flee from all temptation,
They triumph in the fight;
The Lord hath found them worthy,
And they shall walk in white.

Text: Adapted from Rev. 3:1-6 by Bill Hoover © 1999 Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729

†The Gospel Reading: *John 19:28-37*

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*

Sermon Texts: *John 19:28-37*

Sermon: **HOW DO WE OVERCOME THE WORLD?** Pastor Joshua Anderson

X. EXPOSITION OF FIRST JOHN

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 & Memorial

The Words of Institution

We Feed on the Body and Blood of Christ

†Hymn #499 "Children of the heav'nly King" (Tune of #165) *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: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #136 "Ye servants of God" *Trinity Hymnal*

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

The Evening Service

Pentecost Season — September 27, 2009

Preparation For Worship: *Ezra 1:1-11*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *Ezra 1:1-11*

†Hymn #58 "The Lord is King!"

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Psalm 83 "Do not be silent, God"

Scripture Reading

Message: **CHURCH PLANTING ON THE LEFT COAST**

†Psalm 2 "Why do the restless heathen?"

†Benediction

†Postlude

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Trinity Hymnal

(see handout)

Rev. Garrett Crow

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Visit Providence's web site for more information about our church:

www.providencestlouis.com

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 in the foyer after the service. Join us this evening for our service of praise, prayer, and teaching. We will meet at 6 PM. Rev. Garrett Crow will be preaching and reporting on his church planting work in Santa Clarita, California.

Upcoming Events

Thursdays

Fridays

September 29

October 1

October 4

October 8

October 10

October 11

October 17

Ladies' Bible Study

High School Guys' Bible Study

Deacons' Meeting

Ladies' Night Out

Life Chain

Session Meeting

Harvest Party

Inquires Class Begins/Special Evening Concert

Church Work Day