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Age 5/K	Rachel Wood & Amanda Cone	Grade 6	Jon Barlow
Grades 1	Wes Murrell	Grades 7 & 8	Brookie Moore
Grade 2-3	Donna Carter	High School	Dave Salyer

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

October 18, 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. Join us this evening at 6 PM for our evening prayer and worship 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 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

The Special Presence of God

God has promised to be present with his people in a special manner when they gather on the appointed day of worship. The one who skips church for the golf course or shopping mall or State park may not argue from God's omnipresence to justify his not being in church. Sure, God is present on the golf course, just as he is present in hell. But this *general* presence of God doesn't do the people in hell much good. They suffer "torment. . . in the presence of the Lamb" (Rev. 14:10). This means that God is present in heaven and hell, but he is not present in the same way in each of these locations. There is a huge difference. His presence means torment for one, life and blessing for the other. What does this teach us about God's presence on the Lord's Day?

Even if we cannot define it precisely, God is nonetheless present in a heightened special sense when his people gather as the church on the Lord's Day. For one thing, he is present there "for us." This is the place and time where he gathers his people around the Word and Sacraments. He has promised to be there *for us* when his people gather. It is not so much that God was not present in, say, China, when the pillar and fire led the people of Israel out of Egypt or when his presence filled the Tabernacle upon its completion; rather, the Lord was at these appointed places in a special, life-giving way.

The people of Israel were given singular signs of God's special presence as they gathered around Mt. Sinai and the Tabernacle. Similarly, it is not that God is absent from the food court in the mall on Sunday; rather, he has promised to be present in a special way, the way of salvation and blessing, at the Communion Table in church. The bread and wine are singular signs designed to assure us of his special, gracious presence with us. To make this personal, God has not promised to be in the mall on Sunday morning *for you*. Actually, if you refuse to heed the Lord's summons to gather with his church, he may be present there *against you* so that you could very well experience his judgment and curse, rather than his promise of blessing, life, and salvation.

Moreover, when we are in God's special presence every week, receiving from him his promise through his Word and Sacrament, we can go forth out of church into the world with the full assurance that God will be with us and for us wherever we may be during the week. Without being in the Lord's special presence we have no assurance of his omnipresent help in every situation and location (see Gen. 3:8; 4:16; Exod. 33:14-15; Deut. 4:37; Deut. 12:7, 18; 14:23, 26; 15:20; Judges 18:6; 2 Kings 13:23; 17:18-23; Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 5:4; 11:18ff.; etc.).

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

Congregational Meeting - The Session of Providence has called a congregational meeting on October 25, 2009 for the purpose of voting on calling Joshua Anderson as Associate Pastor. Currently, Joshua is serving as an Assistant Pastor, called by the Session of the Church. Copies of the official Call to Joshua will be available on the table in the foyer for the congregation to review. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any session member or pastor.

Joint Reformation Service - The Missouri Presbytery invites you and your family to attend this year's Joint Reformation Service to be held at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1230 Big Bend Blvd. (Hwy. 141 and Big Bend in West County) next Sunday, October 25 at 6:00 P.M. Dr. Bryan Chapell, president of Covenant Seminary, will be the preacher for this year's service. Leading the 100-voice choir will be guest musician Craig Courtney, president of Beckenhorst Music Publishing Company, who will conduct several of his own anthem compositions. Come be inspired by an uplifting message and let your heart be stirred by the dynamic blending of organ, brass, choir, bagpipes and contemporary gospel musicians.

Leave of Absence - Deacon Steve Shaffer's has requested a leave of absence from serving as an active deacon for personal and family reasons. The session has granted his request.

Christmas Lessons & Carols - Our annual Christmas Lessons and Carols Service will be Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 P.M. This is a festive carol and anthem celebration involving special music from the adult, youth, elementary, and preschool choirs -approx 130 singers in all! All children and youth from age 2 through grade 12 are involved, including our Resurrection Presbyterian families. Parents - please support the attendance of your children at Sunday School each week, which is where the music is being learned. Thank you! Bill Hoover.

Men's Bible Study - For the next several months, Pastor Anderson will be leading a men's Bible study. We'll be reading and discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, "Life Together." We meet every Tuesday morning at 7 AM in the fellowship hall at church. If you need a copy of the book, or have any questions, see Josh. Anyone is welcome!

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.

The Morning Service

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 116*

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Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 116:16-19*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #537 "What shall I render to my 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!

I was glad when they said to me, *Psalm 122:1-2*

Let us go up to the house of the Lord!

Our feet have been standing

Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

†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.*

†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. 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 #216 "Crown him with many crowns" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 2*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 2:22-41*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #228 "Who is this that comes from Edom" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:29-32*

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,

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Cakouros, Samaki

Sunday School – Pitts, Horne, Linton

Evening Service – Barlow

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Brad Woods, Wolff, Pratt

Sunday School – Shields, Montgomery, Smith

Adult Sunday School Class "The Reformation" – Our adult Sunday school class continues this morning in the fellowship hall. Audio mp3s of the previous classes are available online at www.providencestlouis.com. Our class today is on the life of John Calvin.

The **College and Career Class** meets at Pastor Anderson's home. Directions are available. This fall, the class will be discussing the place of wisdom in the life of a believer using Pastor Meyers' book, "A Table in the Mist."

New Members & Inquirers Class – A new adult Sunday school class for all those interested in finding out more about membership is now underway. The class meets during the Sunday school hour after the morning service in the home of Pastor Meyers.

This Week at Providence

Rachel Keane's Bridal Shower – Ladies, please join us in the celebration of Rachel Keane and Phillip Bozarth's engagement. Maggie Montgomery will be hosting a bridal shower tomorrow, October 19, at 7 PM. The happy couple is registered at Target. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, see Deborah Shields or Maggie.

Church Calendar

Tuesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

October 19

October 25

October 25

November 1

November 8

Men's Bible Study

Ladies' Bible Study

High School Guys' Bible Study

Bridal Shower for Rachel Keane

Congregational Meeting

Reformation Sunday

Deacons' Fund Collection

Parish Groups Meet

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Evening Service

Pentecost Season — October 18, 2009

Preparation For Worship: *Titus 3:1-11*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *Titus 3:1-11*

†Hymn #415 (*Psalm 51*) "God be merciful to me"

Prayer Requests & Prayer

Psalm 45 (*Cantus Christi*) "My heart has found"

Scripture Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:1-12*

Message: **SAVED TO BE NORMAL**

†Hymn #335 "Abide with me"

†Benediction

†Postlude

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Trinity Hymnal

(see handout)

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Trinity Hymnal

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: *Hebrews 1:1-5*

Sermon: KING JESUS

Pastor Joshua Anderson

I. EXPOSITION OF THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Psalm of Response: #2 "Why do the restless heathen madly rage"

Strasbourg, 1539/Lyons, 1548

1. Why do the rest-less hea-then mad-ly rage?
What haugh-ty schemes are they in vain con-triv-ing?
The kings and rul-ers of the earth en-gage
In rash at-tempts to plot their emp-ty striv-ing.

The Sacrifice of Peace

Words of Institution, Prayer of Thanksgiving, & Memorial
We Feed on the Body and Blood of Christ

Communion Hymn: #549 "Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts"

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 #226 "Rejoice, the Lord is 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 visitor's registration in the foyer after the service is over. This evening we invite you to return at 6 PM for our service of prayer, singing, Bible teaching, and fellowship.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

They stand pre-pared, they all con-spire to- geth- er
A- gainst the LORD and His a- noint- ed King.
“Let us,” they say, “tear loose and break their fet- ters,
Cast off their chains, their shack- les from us fling.”

2. Though proudly now they raise their battle cry,
How vain is all their frenzied opposition!
The LORD, who sits enthroned in heaven on high,
Laughs them to scorn: He has them in derision.
Then He will speak in wrath and indignation
And all their host will He with terror fill:
“I’ve set My King,” so runs His proclamation,
“Upon mount Zion, on My holy hill.”
3. O peoples, listen to the LORD’s decree,
For unto Me He made this declaration:
“Thou art My Son, I have begotten Thee
This very day. To Thee I’ll give the nations.
Ask what Thou wilt: Thy heritage I’ll make them;
Their lands shalt Thou possess, both near and far.
Lo, with a rod of iron shalt Thou break them,
Dash them in pieces like a potter’s jar.”
4. Take heed, O rulers of the earth, and hear;
Be wise, O kings, and let His edict warn you.
Rejoice with trembling, serve the LORD with fear.
Now kiss the Son, lest He in fury scorn you,
Lest in His wrath the LORD cause you to perish,
For quickly kindled is His anger’s blaze.
But all who trust in Him the LORD will cherish;
He will defend and bless them all their days.

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord’s Prayer