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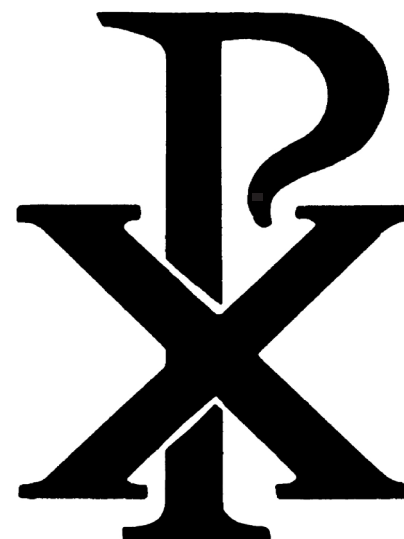
Children's Sunday School Program

Ages 2 & 3	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 4	Joel Montgomery
Age 4	Rachel Keane	Grade 5	Wei San & Dana Hui
Age 5/K	Rachel Wood & Amanda Cone	Grade 6	Jon Barlow
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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

November 1, 2009

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the black registration folder at the end of the pew 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.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service at 10:50 AM. Please take the time to sign our guestbook in the foyer before you leave today. We invite you to return to our evening service at 6 PM and fellowship in a more informal setting. Tonight Pastor Meyers will be teaching on the dangers of "Weird Spirituality."

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. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencesfl.com.

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. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

The Chi Rho (Front Cover)

The Chi Rho is the oldest known monogram of Jesus Christ. It is sometimes known as a "Christogram". The *chi* and the *rho* are the first two letters of the word Christ (*Christos*) in the Greek language. The *chi* (X) = ch and the *rho* (P) = r. The Greek word *christos* translates the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "anointed one". Jesus was born to be the promised *anointed* Priest and King. The pulpit parament has a variation of the Chi-Rho called a "staurogram" -- from the Greek word for cross, *stauros*. The staurogram is one of the earliest Christian symbols, appearing in the late 2nd or early 3rd century. Unlike other Christian monograms in which each letter stands for a word, the staurogram is more of a visual representation, and some scholars think that it is the earliest visual depiction of the cross.



The Lord's Service Explained

The Opening Trinitarian Confession

After the opening hymn the minister proclaims: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." To which the people respond with a hearty, "Amen!" Why do we say this every week?

For one thing, we are carefully identifying ourselves and our worship as *Christian*. As baptized believers we bear the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the God we worship. This is the God under whose authority and in whose presence we live and die. This is our Lord who serves us in worship. We don't trust in or worship some generic "god." We praise the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Bible clearly admonishes the faithful: "whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Col. 3:17; also Eph. 2:18; 1 Cor. 12:3). The liturgy includes this right up front so as to insure that we remember that everything that happens in the service comes under the sign of our Three-Personed God. We solemnly and publicly call God and the world to witness that we are "gathered together" in his Name (Matt. 18:20) and in that Name alone we offer our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving (John 16:23).

Give careful consideration to the fundamentally trinitarian nature of our worship as a whole. We don't simply *say* the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at the beginning of the service. Although we cannot be reminding everyone of this at every point in the worship service, nevertheless, we should always remember that *Christian* worship must be explicitly trinitarian in content and shape.

James B. Torrance says it well, describing two views of worship:

A unitarian view that worship is what we, religious people, do to try to please God, and a trinitarian one, where worship is the gift of grace to participate through the Spirit in the incarnate Son's communion with the Father—the way of joy and peace and confidence. The church which takes her eyes off Jesus Christ, the only mediator in worship, is on the road to becoming apostate. There is no more urgent need in our churches today than to recover the trinitarian nature of grace—that it is by grace alone, through the gift of Jesus Christ in the Spirit that we can enter into and live a life of communion with God our Father" (*Worship, Community & the Triune God of Grace* [Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 1996], p. 59).

We have access to the Father through Jesus Christ in one Spirit (Eph. 2:18). The Spirit enables us as a congregation to draw near to the Father through the Son. That's what's happening this morning. You are graciously being drawn into the personal relations between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Announcements

Parish Groups – Next Sunday Parish groups will be meeting in the afternoon or evening. See your elder to determine where your group will be meeting. If you have not yet been placed in a group, see one of the pastors.

Operation Christmas Child – Every year Samaritan's Purse takes collections of shoeboxes filled with toys and hygiene products for children around the world. More information is available on the WIC table. If you decide to fill a shoebox, please bring it back to church by November 22. If you have any questions, or need a shoebox, see Anna Hoegemann.

Church Shower – Providence Church will be hosting a shower for its daughter church starting today. From November 1st to December 6th, you will have the opportunity to write a note of encouragement to an individual, to a family, or to Resurrection Church as a whole and nail the note to the door in the Narthex. Notes will be kept confidential. The notepaper and envelopes will be provided. We will also accept donations to help support the church plant, which will be put in a separate box in the Narthex or placed in the offering plate with "church plant" written in the memo. Members of the WIC board will be available for assistance.

Kirk of the Hills Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Day of Spiritual Enrichment Saturday, November 14 from 9-2. This year the topic is "Holding on to Hope" which will include messages from the book of Job such as "When Your World Falls Apart", "Questions We Ask When Life Hurts" and "Hearing God Speak in Your Storms". The guest speaker is Nancy Guthrie from Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee. She has written several books including *Hoping for Something Better*. The cost is \$20 for breakfast snacks and lunch. Registration is due by November 8. A brochure with more detailed information is on the WIC table with registration forms. If you have questions contact either Joanie Harris or Jean at Kirk of the Hills 314-392-4741.

Christmas Lessons & Carols – Our annual Christmas Lessons and Carols Service will be Sunday, December 20 at 6 PM. This is a festive carol and anthem celebration involving special music from four choirs (Adult, Youth, Elementary, and Preschool).

Sunday School Rehearsals - Please support regular attendance of your children at Sunday School, which is where the music is being learned. (Preschool and Elementary rehearsals are at 10:50, Youth Choir is 11:30-12:00.)

Children's Prelude - If your child is taking music lessons and would like to play a short Christmas carol (approx. one minute) as part of the Children's Prelude, please contact Barb or Bill Hoover.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — November 1, 2009

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Romans 11:33-36

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Romans 11:33-36*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

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,

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Psalms 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love

and your faithfulness,

For you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

for they have heard the words of your mouth,

And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O
Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Purification

†Let us humbly confess our sins to God, our Father.

**Eternal God, my heavenly Father, I am heartily sorry for having
offended you, and I detest all my sins, not only because I dread the
loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have
offended you, my Father. Accept my confession, O God, for you
have promised to be gracious and compassionate with your erring
children. With the help of your grace, I humbly confess my sins
and resolve to repent and amend my life. *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 proper, right, and beneficial, that we should at all times, and
in all places, give praise to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlast-
ing 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 #117 “Shepherd of tender youth” *Trinity Hymnal*
The Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 10:1-15* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #352 “A little child the Saviour came” *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:13-16*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Schmidt, McDonnell, Pratt

Sunday School – Inion, Ami Anderson, Gibbs

Evening Service – Wamsley

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Van Horn, Schmitt

Sunday School – M. Carter, Barlow, Weston

Evening Service – No Evening Service

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 Martin Bucer.

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.”

Memory Listening Today – Today, during Sunday School, memory listeners
will hear the children recite their memory work.

Deacons' Fund Offering – The deacons' fund offering will be collected
tonight. Please consider supporting this ministry. 100% of your donation
goes directly to families within our church and community who need extra
assistance.

Church Calendar

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays

Ladies' Bible Study

Fridays

High School Guys' Bible Study

November 8

Parish Groups Meet

December 20

Lessons and Carols

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 calendar is
available. The calendar on Paul's desk may not reflect all the recent updates.

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.

And his mercy endures forever!

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living Bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #253 “O Spirit of the living God” *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune #54)

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†A Parting Prayer: “God be with you till we meet again”

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you —
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,
’Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you —
God be with you till we meet again

†Postlude & Greet One Another

The Evening Service

Preparation For Worship: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*
Organ & Piano - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #211 “See the Conqueror mounts in triumph” *Trinity Hymnal*

Hymn Sing, Prayer Requests, & Psalm & (see handout)

Sermon Text: *Colossians 2:16-23*

Sermon: **WEIRD SPIRITUALITY**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #499 “Children of the heav’nly King”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction & Postlude

†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: *Luke 18:15-17*

Sermon: **CHILDREN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD** Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

LVI. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

†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

Offertory "Lift thine eyes" from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.

Thy Keeper will never slumber. (Ps. 121:1-3)

† [HANDS RAISED] *The Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, you have taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men: Hear us as we pray for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. For your holy Church on earth; for her ministers, elders, deacons, that all who love the Savior may love him truly and serve him faithfully:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For all who do not know the Gospel of your love in Jesus Christ, that you would be pleased to gather them into your fold:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For your missionaries, especially those known to and supported by us, that they may cause your light to shine in the dark places of the earth:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For our country, for our President and others in authority, that you would guide them in your wisdom:

We ask You to hear us, King of Kings.

For the poor, the exploited, and those too weak to defend themselves from powerful oppressors, especially the women and unborn children abused, injured, and even murdered by the abortion industry in our country:

We ask You to hear us, gracious Lord.

For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, that you would comfort and sustain them:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord!

For the glorious company of the Apostles, prophets, and martyrs, and for the pleasant fellowship of the faithful in all ages:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord!

† [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

Hymn #54 "The Hope of Faith"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter



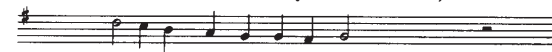
1. The hope of faith shall not de-ceive us;



The Sav-iour's words are true and sure.



Our friends on earth may fail and leave us,



But Je-sus' faith-ful-ness en-dures.



Who lim-its His do-min-ion ev-er?



He rules cre-a-tion from on high;



All that His love and grace en-deav-our



Shall Him His pow-er not de-ny.

2. That hope must soften all our sorrow.
Come, fellow-pilgrims, heads then high;
For those who bide salvation's morrow
The hills are level, seas are dry.
O blessedness above all measure,
O joy when once all grief is banned.
There is our heart, there is our treasure,
When we are in the Promised Land.