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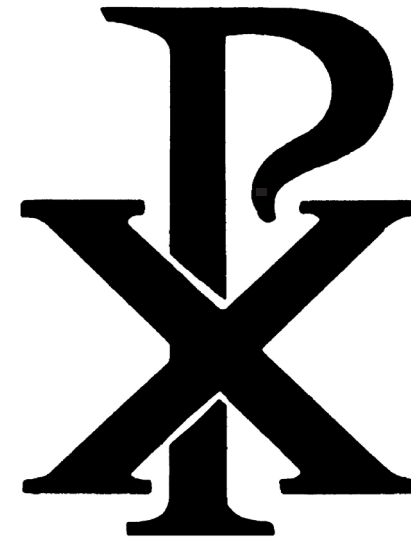
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Ages 2 & 3	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 4	Joel Montgomery
Age 4	Rachel Keane	Grade 5	Wei San & Dana Hui
Age 5/K	Rachel Wood & Amanda Cone	Grade 6	Jon Barlow
Grades 1	Wes Murrell	Grades 7 & 8	Brookie Moore
Grade 2-3	Donna Carter	High School	Dave Salyer

# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## Pentecost Season

*November 22, 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. Pastor Smith will be providing an update on Resurrection Presbyterian Church -- Providence's daughter church plant in the Carondelet Park area.

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.providencestl.com](http://www.providencestl.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.

**Thanksgiving Day Service** - Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day Service on November 26 at 9:30 AM.

**The Annual Ladies' Christmas party** will be held at Brookie Moore's home Monday, December 7, at 7 PM. Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift and either a dessert or appetizer. (Teens who participated in the Secret Sisters should bring the final gift.) Our giving this year will focus on our church kitchen and nursery. A list of items or duties will be available soon. The sign up sheet is on the WIC table. (Brookie's address is 695 Hawbrook Avenue in Kirkwood.) Contact Joanie Harris if you have questions 636-394-6896.

**Shower for our Daughter Church, Resurrection Presbyterian Church**  
Only THREE Sundays left to nail your note of encouragement to the door. You may take a notecard or two home to fill out then nail it on the door the next Sunday. Notes will be kept confidential. The notepaper and envelopes are provided. We are also accepting donations to help support the church plant. Please put "church plant" in the memo and either drop it in the box by the door or in the offering plate. Member of the WIC board are available for assistance.

**Christmas Lessons & Carols** – Our annual Christmas Lessons and Carols Service will be Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 PM. This is a festive carol and anthem celebration involving special music from four choirs (Adult, Youth, Elementary, and Preschool). Please note the following:

**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 notify Barb or Bill Hoover.

**Youth Choir Dress Code (grades 7-12)** - Ladies: white (or closest light colored) blouse or sweater, and black (or closest dark) skirt and hose. Gentlemen: white (or closest light colored) dress shirt, necktie, black (or closest dark) slacks, and nice shoes (no jacket necessary). Long sleeves are preferred.

**Food for Reception** - Please sign up to bring cookies or finger food for the reception which will follow the service. A signup sheet will be in the narthex.

## **Directory Update**

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# **The Morning Service**

The Lord's Day — November 22, 2009  
*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 146**  
Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover  
Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Chris Smith

## **The Entrance**

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #53 (Psalm 146) "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah" *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,  
**Who made heaven and earth!** *Psalm 124:8*

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Purification**

†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, our heavenly Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. I humbly confess my sins and ask for 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. 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, 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
God of Hosts, eternal King,  
By the heavens and earth adored!  
Angels and archangels sing,  
Chanting everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.

Since by Thee were all things made,  
And in Thee do all things live,  
Be to Thee all honor paid;  
Praise to Thee let all things give;  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.

Thousands, tens of thousands, stand,  
Spirits blest, before Thy throne,  
Speeding thence at Thy command,  
And, when Thy behests are done,  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.

Cherubim and seraphim  
Veil their faces with their wings;  
Eyes of angels are too dim

## TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

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

Morning Service – Wamsley, Schmitt  
Sunday School – M. Carter, Shaffer, John Keane Family  
Evening Service – Montgomery

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

Morning Service – Coller, Pratt  
Sunday School – Rodger, Jeff Keane Family  
Evening Service – Meyers, Hoover

**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](http://www.providencestlouis.com). Our class today is on "John Knox & the Reformation in Scotland".

The **College and Career Class** meets at the Shield's home during the Sunday school hour. Tim LeCroy is leading this class.

## Church Calendar

*Tuesdays*

Men's Bible Study

*Fridays*

High School Guys' Bible Study

November 26

Thanksgiving Day Service

November 30

Session Meeting

December 6

Deacons' Fund Collection

December 7

WIC Christmas Party

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.

**Bulletin Announcements** - Due to the holiday schedule, announcements need to be submitted by noon on Monday. You may contact Paul Jaeggi at the church or Melanie Carter at [cartersonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:cartersonthehill@gmail.com).

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 #365 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" *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.

**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 #124 "At the name of Jesus" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Threefold Amen

†Postlude & Greet One Another

To behold the King of kings,  
While they sing eternally  
To the blessed Trinity.

Thee apostles, prophets thee,  
Thee the noble martyr band,  
Praise with solemn jubilee;  
Thee, the church in every land;  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.

Hallelujah! Lord, to Thee  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Godhead one, and Persons three,  
Join we with the heavenly host,  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862  
DIX 7.7.7.7.7;  
Conrad Kocher, 1838

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 71*

Deacon Steve Sterner

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 1:3-9*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #317 "Almighty God, thy Word is cast" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *John 3:1-15*

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,**

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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 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon: RESURRECTION AND LIVING HOPE

Pastor Chris Smith

†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 "All glory, praise, and blessing"

*All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity  
 For planting and increasing our faith in Him who set us free,  
 On whom our trust is grounded, our house built on a rock,  
 Our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock,  
 Dear children to Him clinging, who, welcomed once again,  
 Join saints and angels singing Amen, amen, amen!*

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Music: J. S. Bach, ed. and arr. Richard Peek  
 Ann Hirschl, violin; Joanie Harris, organ

† [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 them-  
 selves from powerful oppressors, especially the women and un-  
 born 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