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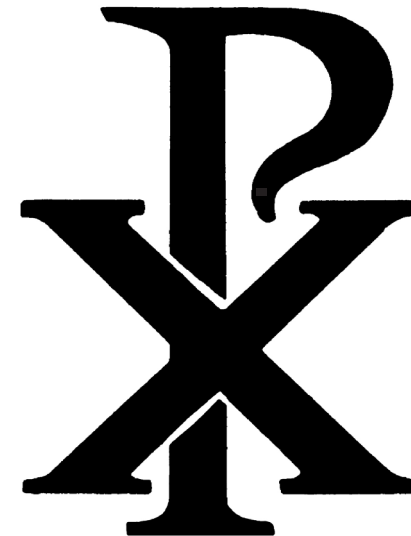
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Age 5/K	Rachel Wood & Amanda Cone	Grade 6	Jon Barlow
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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

November 8, 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. This afternoon and evening Parish Groups will meet for prayer and fellowship. If you do not know your assigned group, please see the Parish Group lists in the foyer of the church. 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. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providenceschl.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

Our Common Table

The unity of the church is not merely something we claim by faith every week when we sit at the common Table, it is also something we *become* every week as we eat the bread and drink the wine together. When we join our voices together with the gathered assembly in prayer, confession, singing, eating, and drinking we are weekly reconstituted by the Spirit as the Body of Christ, the very visible, even tangible public presence of God's saving activity in the world.

Sadly, we often reduce the Lord's Supper to a means of providing mental stimulus for individual religious meditation. It is thought by many to be just another opportunity to exercise personal, private devotions at church. To some extent, the way we have traditionally practiced the Supper encourages this. Everyone closes their eyes, turns inward, and mediates privately. The corporate, communal dimension of the Sacrament gets smothered beneath what in effect becomes an opportunity for personal quiet time in church. There is, of course, room for silence during the rite of Communion, but there is so much more going on than merely private devotions with the visual aids of bread and wine. Surely the food on the Table is not merely God's flannel graph for adults.

What we do at the Lord's Table ought to form us into a particular kind of community—a community of sacrificial love united to one another in Jesus our Savior. The Scriptures, for example, teach the necessity of reconciling any fellow Christians who might be at variance with each other before they could eat the Lord's Supper together.

The unity of the church as the Body of Christ, symbolized in the one loaf, must not be violated by personal disputes among the members of the local body as well as formal ecclesiastical schisms in the larger communion of the saints.

The Apostle Paul says that we assemble "as the church" and we "come together" precisely to eat the Lord's Supper and that in an openly unified way (1 Cor. 11:18, 20, 33, 34). The more we faithfully *do* the Lord's Supper, the more we will experience the communal dimensions of the Sacrament, indeed, the community-forming nature of the ritual meal. Only then will the concrete oneness that our Lord petitioned the Father for be realized in the Church "in order that the world may believe" (John 17:23).

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — November 8, 2009

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *John 1:1-18*

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *John 1:14, 18*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn#56 "O Splendor of God's glory bright" *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 rejoiced when they said to me,

Psalms 122:1

"Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

This is the day the Lord has made!

Psalms 118:24

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

The Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and righteous, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Accordingly, the Scriptures move us in many places to acknowledge and confess our many transgressions and sins. Therefore I exhort all who are here today, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, to the throne of heavenly grace.

Let us pray:

Most merciful God, I confess to you that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; so as Christ's minister and in his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Rite of Christian Baptism: *Kevin William Schmitt*

Scripture Readings: *Luke 18:15-17*

Parental Vows: *Kevin & Jennifer Schmitt*

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vows

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility—assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Prayer: *Elder Ken Pratt*

Holy Baptism: *Kevin William Schmitt*

Prayer: The Great Flood Prayer

Almighty eternal God,
who according to your righteous judgment
did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood
and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family,
and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh

Announcements

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

Operation Christmas Child – Every year Samaritan's Purse takes collections of shoeboxes filled with toys and hygienic products for children around the world. More information is available on the WIC table. Boxes are due back to church by November 22. If you have any questions see Anna Hoegemann.

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 be for PRPC 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.

Church Shower – Hear ye, hear ye! Let it be known that on the last month of the year of our Lord 2009, Resurrection Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, MO shall be established with much joy and jubilation. Providence Church is hosting a shower for its daughter church. Through 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". The guest speaker is Nancy Guthrie from Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee. The cost is \$20 for breakfast snacks and lunch. Registration is due by today. A brochure with more detailed information is on the WIC table with registration forms.

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.

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Van Horn, Schmitt
Sunday School – M. Carter, Barlow, Weston
Evening Service – No Evening Service

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Svezia, Tageson, Wooldrige
Sunday School – Wolff, Horn, Ami Anderson, Inion
Evening Service – Hiers

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 Radical Reformation".

The **College and Career Class** meets at the Shield's home (11731 Parkshire Dr.) Tim LeCroy is leading this class.

Parish Groups – Today 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.

Youth Choir will meet today at 11:30 in the choir room as usual. Tim Werkema and Joanie Harris will be leading the rehearsal. Students, please be sure to attend -- there are only four regular rehearsals left after today!

Elementary Choir will NOT meet today. Rehearsal will resume next week during Sunday School.

Church Calendar

<i>Tuesdays</i>	Men's Bible Study
<i>Thursdays</i>	Ladies' Bible Study
<i>Fridays</i>	High School Guys' Bible Study
November 26	Thanksgiving Day Service
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.

with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel
through the same sea on dry ground,
thereby prefiguring this water of Holy Baptism,
and who through the baptism of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
have consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water
as a symbolic life-giving flood of a rich and full washing away of sins:
We pray through your same unbounded mercy
that you will graciously behold Kevin Schmitt
and bless him through the Spirit with true faith
so that by means of this saving flood
all sin that has been born in him from Adam
and which he himself will add thereto
may be drowned in him and engulfed,
and that he may be separated
from the number of the unbelieving,
preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of your Church,
serve your Name, and at all times remain
fervent in spirit and joyful in hope,
so that in the end with all believers
he may attain eternal life
according to your promise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer is a modified version of Martin Luther's "Great Flood Prayer." It is based on a number of biblical texts, most prominently First Peter 3:18-22

†We Sing: *The Lorica*

(see pages 6-9)

Ascension

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Deuteronomy 8:11-20* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 6:2b-10, 17-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:18-34*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Luke 18:18-34*

Sermon: TRUSTING JESUS FOR EVERYTHING

LXVII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

O God, in mercy remember your inheritance, and do not forget your beloved church. You are our Redeemer and the one who lifts up our head, and under the shadow of your wings we shall find our shelter and our rest.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Preserve, O God, your church in holiness and truth, in unity and peace. May she ever advance the honor of her Lord, forever represent His sacrifice, glorify His Person, and advance His kingdom, that being accepted by you, and filled with the Spirit, she may partake of her Lord's glory.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give the spirit of justice and righteousness to all Christian rulers and magistrates; grant that people may obey them, and that they may obey you. Especially we pray for our President and Congress, that they might conform their judgments more and more to your holy law, and further your kingdom in this world, the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give to your servants, pastors, elders and deacons, the spirit of patience and humility, of holiness and diligence, of prudence and courage, to declare your will by a pure life and wise words, that they may minister to the good of souls, and find the reward of the Master's approval at His coming.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by your comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity [*here the congregation may offer sentence prayers for friends and loved ones*].

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give unto our enemies your forgiveness, charity towards us, and love for Thee. Bring the nations to repentance, and all your saints to perfect love and holiness; bring the world to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and all the benefits of His passion; to the glory of His name.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.

of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: Praise to the Lord of

my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord. A - men.

In harmony

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The Sacrifice of Peace

DEIRDRE

Traditional Irish Melody

In harmony, with breadth

6 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-restore me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

ST. PATRICK

7 I bind un-to my-self the Name, The strong Name

of the Tri-ni-ty; By in-vo-ca-tion

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

We Feast at the Lord's Table

Hymn: #510 "Thy lovingkindness, Lord"

Trinity Hymnal

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and blood of our Lord. . ."

Congregation: **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.

Psalms 136:1-3

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn#604 "Jerusalem the golden"

Trinity Hymnal

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question & Answer #69

Q. How does baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

The Lorica

ST. PATRICK

Traditional Irish Melody

In unison, with energy

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name
 2 I bind this day to me for ev - er, By power of
 *3 I bind un - to my - self the power Of the great
 *4 I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues
 *5 I bind un - to my - self to - day The power of

1 of the Tri - ni - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion
 2 faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
 3 love of cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
 4 of the star - lit heav'n, The glo - rious sun's life -
 5 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his

1 of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.†
 2 Jor - dan riv - er; His death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
 3 judg - ment hour; The ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
 4 giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at even,
 5 might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need;

†Stanza 1 ends here; the following stanzas continue on the next page

2 His burst - ing from the spi - ced tomb; His ri - ding
 3 Con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, The pa - triarchs'
 4 The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
 5 The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

2 up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the
 3 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; All good deeds done un -
 4 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, The sta - ble earth, the
 5 guide, his shield to ward; The word of God to

2 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 3 to the Lord, And pu - ri - ty of ran - sored souls.
 4 deep salt sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks.
 5 give me speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.