

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2010

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 this morning's 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. Today we continue our "Introduction to Providence Church" class for the adults in the fellowship hall. Our evening worship begins at 6 PM tonight and includes prayer, praise, Bible teaching, and fellowship afterwards.

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.

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 Simple Cross (*Front Cover*)

During Lent this year we will display a simple, unadorned cross on the front cover of our bulletins. This will remind us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — February 28, 2010
The Second Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: *Ephesians 1:1-23*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Call to Worship: *Ephesians 1:17-23*

Pastor Jeffrey 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!

The Lord is king forever and ever;

Psalms 10:16-18

The nations perish from his land.

O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

You will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

So that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning, and though we have in no way deserved your goodness, you still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a humble heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness:

Yahweh builds up Jerusalem,

Psalms 147:2, 3, & 6

He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted,
And binds up their wounds.

The Lord lifts up the humble;
But he casts the arrogant wicked to the ground.

Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your wise and gracious laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you and toward others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right

spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of

Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

†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 salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. You graciously invite your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to us as the children of 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 . . .

†The Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #421 "Rock of ages, cleft for me"

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-13

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 Text: *Hebrews 3:1-19*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **GOD'S SON & GOD'S HOUSE**

IV. EXPOSITION OF HEBREWS

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

Romans 12:1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of
himself more highly than he ought,

**But to think with sober judgment, each according to the measuring
rod of faith God has provided.**

For as in one body we have many members,

And the members do not all have the same function,

So we, though many, are one body in Christ,

And individually members of one another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us,

Let us use them.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection;

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you;

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

†A Lenten Prayer

(Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #7)

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

3. As you did hunger and did thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self and so to live
By your most Holy Word.

2. As you with Satan did contend
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

4. Abide with us, that through this life
Of suff'ring and of pain
An Easter of unending joy
We may at last attain.

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Largo, Corelli

Tim Werkema, flute; Bob Wooldridge, guitar

†[HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer of the Church

O Lord, you have taught us to pray not only for ourselves, but for others.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church of Christ in all lands; for all ministers, missionaries, and teachers, that all the nations may come to love our Savior.

Sovereign Lord, hear our prayer.

For our nation, for the President, for all who rule over us, that they may love the good and hate the evil:

Lord of all, hear our prayer.

For parents and friends, that they may be kept in health and happiness.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

For any who suffer, for all who are in trouble, that you would comfort them . . . [specific requests]. . .

Merciful Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have cared for us, protected us, and guided our feet in the way of truth.

We praise you, O Lord!

For everything that makes life interesting and beautiful, the world about us, the love of little children, the kindness of friends, the helpfulness of good books and music, for all the goodness and beauty that is from you:

We praise you, O Lord. Amen!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Distribution of the Bread & Communion Hymn #557 *Trinity Hymnal*

Distribution of the Wine

Pastoral Benediction

†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 has 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: Eternal God, as subjects of the kingdom of your Son, help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love in the world; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #224 "Hail to the Lord's Anointing"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Evening Service

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2010

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 19:1-10*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #404 "We sing the glorious conquest"

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn of the Month "This is the feast of victory"

(see handout)

Sermon Text: *1 Samuel 19:11-24*

Sermon: **WISDOM, DECEPTION, & PATIENCE:**

LETTING GOD TAKE CARE OF THE SAULS IN OUR LIFE

IV. EXPOSITION OF THE LIFE OF DAVID

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #485 "Soldiers who to Christ belong"

TH (Tune of #492)

†Postlude

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Pratt, Divine, Hiers

Sunday School – Shields

Evening Service – Montgomery

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Wooldridge, B. Carter Family

Sunday School – Wolff, Gerstung

Evening Service – Parish Groups

New Sunday School Class Continues Today: Introduction to Providence Presbyterian Church. Today we will continue our new adult Sunday school class designed to introduce (and re-introduce) our church's life and ministry. This morning Pastor Meyers will be leading a discussion on the place of creeds and confessions in the church. If you are a visitor that is interested in learning more about our church, please join us to learn about our church's faith and life.

Announcements

Vacation Bible School – We are seeking a volunteer (or two!) to coordinate Vacation Bible School this summer. Interested volunteers should contact Jason Carter. Please consider serving the Lord and our children in this ministry.

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.

Officer Training Class – Nominees to the office of elder and deacon will meet at 4:45 PM this afternoon with Pastor Meyers for a discussion of the principles of Christian leadership.

Church Calendar

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays

Choir Rehearsal at 7 PM

Thursdays

Ladies Bible Study

Fridays

High School Guys' Bible Study

Sunday

No Evening Service - Parish Groups Meet

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.

The Lord's Service Explained

Lenten Season

What does Lent mean? The word "Lent" comes from the Middle English *lente* ("spring") and from the Old English *lengten* ("to lengthen"), referring to the time of *lengthening* daylight from Christmas (around the Winter solstice) to Easter (Spring equinox). The Lenten season lasts 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 17). In anticipation of the great Paschal mystery (the resurrection of Jesus celebrated on Easter Sunday) we are encouraged to examine ourselves anew in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We follow his example and seek for forty days to wage a more earnest struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our desire in this is increased sanctification and growth in Christian maturity and obedience.

At the heart of any worthy Lenten observance is a cultivated attitude of repentance. A true repentance means a genuine change in heart and mind, a change of disposition where ever in our lives we need to return to God. That is why true repentance and a true Lent can never be satisfied with silly little "fasts" from trivial things like chocolate or TV. On the other hand, repentance is not morbid introspection or a "guilt trip" in which we become bound up in ourselves, turned inward to the point of unhealthy despair. Rather, it has to do with God, who is both holy and compassionate. Therefore, Christian repentance always means faith in God, trusting him, responding to his grace. That is why whatever guilt or sorrow we may feel does not crush us. For we know and trust his goodness toward us.

The color for Lent is purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance. Lent is not merely a time to remember and think about the history of our Lord's suffering and death, but is intended primarily as an opportunity for intense self-examination and repentance, even fasting (Luke 5:34-35). The high point of Lent is reached on Good Friday, when we remember that our sins crucified Christ. In the words of Johann Heermann's great hymn, "Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee" (*Trinity Hymnal* #179). Lenten hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #171-196.

Simplified Lent Readings – This Week

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
Mon., March 1 –	Psalm 17	John 14:1-7	<i>Trinty Hymnal</i> #175
Tues., March 2 –	Psalm 18	John 14:8-14	<i>Trinty Hymnal</i> #177
Wed., March 3 –	Psalm 19	John 14:15-24	Psalm 6 (<i>Anglo-Gen</i>)
Thurs., March 4 –	Psalm 20	John 14:25-31	<i>Trinty Hymnal</i> #178
Fri., March 5 –	Psalm 21	John 15:1-11	<i>Trinty Hymnal</i> #179
Sat., March 6 –	Psalm 22	John 15:12-17	<i>Trinty Hymnal</i> #181

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Bryan Walker	US Army Chaplain	Marcus Toole	Canada
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Children's Sunday School Program

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