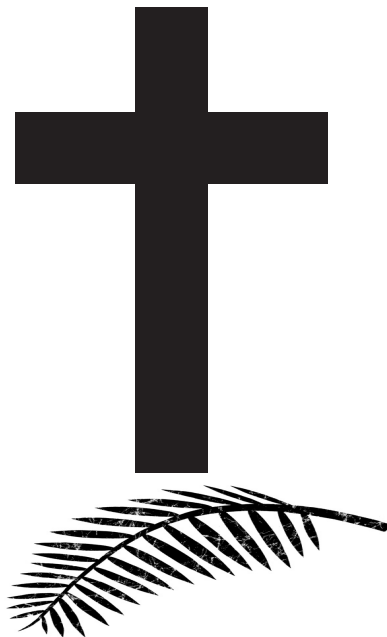


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Palm Sunday
March 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. There will be no evening service tonight. Remember to join us this Friday for our annual Good Friday vespers service at 7 P.M.

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. Although the people of Jerusalem did not realize what they were doing, by welcoming Jesus into the city with palm branches they were heralding their true King, who would prove he was the true servant Ruler by dying for them on the cross.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — March 28, 2010
Palm Sunday

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 91:1-2*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118:1-4*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Hymn #173 "All glory, laud, and honor"

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!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!

Psalm 118:26-7

We bless you from the house of Yahweh!

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

Hebrews 12:2

The author and perfecter of our faith,

Who for the joy set before him endured the cross,

**Despising its shame, and sat down at the right hand
of the throne of God.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move
and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our
hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Grant us purity
of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may
hinder us from receiving your good gifts, and no weakness keep
us from experiencing the perfect freedom that only comes from
serving you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God our Father
with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for
Christ's sake:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Test me and know my thoughts!

Psalms 139:23-24

See if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray.

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 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 . . .

†Sanctus

with vigor
 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: *Psalm 118:1-17* Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 4:23-31*

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Hymn #172 "Ride on, Ride on in majesty"

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 11:1-14*

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: *Luke 22:66–23:25*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **THE TRIAL OF JESUS - HUMANITY IN THE DOCK**

LXX. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

†A Lenten Prayer

(Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #7)

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| 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 "O how shall I receive Thee"

O how shall I receive Thee,
How greet Thee, Lord, a-right?
All nations long to see Thee,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord, most holy,

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-76) Music: Johann Franck (1618-77) arr. Walter Ehret
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Thy lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please Thee best.

Thy Zion palms is strewing,
And branches fresh and fair;
My heart its powers renewing,
An anthem shall prepare.
My soul puts off her sadness
Thy glories to proclaim;
With all her strength and gladness
She fain would serve Thy Name.

Rejoice then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed,
And tremble at your doom;
He who alone can cheer you
Is standing at the door;
He brings His pity near you,
And bids you weep no more.

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Distribution of the Bread & Wine

Communion Hymn #63 "God is known"

Trinity Hymnal

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: Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior to unite himself with our flesh, and to suffer

death upon the cross for our sins, and that we might follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 #174 "Praise the Savior Now and ever"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. There will be no evening service tonight, but join us this Friday evening at 7 PM for our Good Friday Vespers service.

WIC NOMINATIONS

Today is the last day to submit nominations for some of the WIC (Women in the Church) positions. Ballots are available on the WIC table. Please place your nominations in the basket on the WIC table. In order to qualify, ladies must be PRPC members and possess a desire to serve others.

Committees that need to be filled and the ladies who are rotating off:

President: Joanie Harris

Vice President: Barb Hoover

Secretary/Treasurer: Annie Barlow

Kitchen: Brookie Moore

Hospitality: Ami Anderson & Dawn Saylor

These ladies will be serving on their committees for another year:

Committee Coordinator: Rhonda Hoard

WIC Advisor: Joanie Harris

Prayer chain: Doris Daily, Carolan Van Heest, Brenda Svezia

Missions: Debbie Keane

Nursery: Kathy Pratt and Anne Hiers

Bethel: Lu Greeno and Rachel LeCroy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Wamsley, Wolff, Divine

Sunday School – Pitts

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Coller, Shaffer

Sunday School – Coller

Sunday School Schedule for Today:

- Preschoolers and their teachers, meet in classrooms at 10:35 to prepare.
- Grades 1-6 meet in the choir loft at 10:35 to prepare.
- Adults and grades 7-12, meet in sanctuary at 10:50 for Distribution of Palms.
- Afterward, everyone goes to regular classes.

Adult Sunday School Class: 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 Tim LeCroy will be teaching on the Lord's Supper.

VBS Dates - Mark your calendars! The dates for VBS this summer will be July 12-16. Volunteers should speak to Weisan Hui.

Restore St. Louis Summer Mission Trip 2010 - This year we will be participating in the Restore St. Louis Mission trip from June 19-24. There are a few changes to this year's trip that need to be noted. 1. Our team will be staying in South St. Louis City and doing ministry in the neighborhoods surrounding Resurrection Presbyterian, our recent church plant. 2. The trip this year will be opened up to parents and families to attend, in fact, participation of families will be encouraged. The main idea behind both these items is for our church to have a tangible way to serve Pastor Chris Smith, Resurrection Presbyterian Church and the people of Carondolet. Please see Pastor Tim LeCroy for more information.

Church Calendar

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

April 2

May 14-15

June 19-24

July 12-16

Men's Bible Study

Choir Rehearsal at 7 PM

Ladies Bible Study

High School Guys' Bible Study

7 PM Good Friday Service

Men and Boys Campout

Restore St. Louis

VBS

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Lord's Service Explained

Rituals & Repetition

Some people may object to weekly rituals that don't change. Surely, saying the same thing over and over again may become rote and meaningless. Well, it *may*, but it doesn't have to. We have not often thought very carefully about the place of ritual in our lives. Our tradition makes us suspicious of certain kinds of ritual.

Some things strike us as too Catholic or Episcopal. All the while, without much serious reflection, we develop rituals of our own—rituals that remain unexamined theologically and biblically. It might be helpful to note that repetition is not inherently bad. I say, "I love you" to my wife over and over again without much variation. I kiss her the same way. Our family sits down to eat, going through the same rituals every night. I introduce myself and extend my hand for a handshake the same way as everyone else. These activities are not meaningless simply because they are repeated without much variation. Just the opposite. The uniformity and continuity of these repeated rituals provide stability, security, and structure to our lives. This is what living is all about. We inevitably dispose our lives ritually. Ritual repetition is evidence of rich living! G. K. Chesterton makes just this point:

The sun rises every morning. I do not rise every morning; but the variation is due not to my activity, but to my inaction. Now, to put the matter in a popular phrase, it might be true that the sun rises regularly because he never gets tired of rising. His routine might be due, not to a lifelessness, but to a rush of life. The thing I mean can be seen, for instance, in children, when they find some game or joke that they specially enjoy. A child kicks his legs rhythmically through excess, not absence, of life. Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, 'Do it again'; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we. The repetition in nature may not be a mere recurrence; it may be a theatrical encore. Heaven may encore the bird who laid an egg (G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy* [New York: Image Books, 1959], pp. 60-61).

We move through life ceremonially. It is reoccurrence and repetition that make life worth living. If rituals like the salutation, votum, the Nicene Creed, the Gloria Patri, or even the Lord's Supper become for us meaningless and boring, it is not the fault of ritual per se but of the one doing the ritual.

Simplified Holy Week Readings – This Week

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
Mon., March 29	Psalms 41	John 18:33-40	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #191
Tues., March 30	Psalms 42	John 19:1-16	Psalms 42 (<i>Anglo-Gen</i>)
Wed., March 31	Psalms 43	John 19: 17-22	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #192
Thurs., April 1	Psalms 44	John 19:23-30	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #193
Friday, April 2	Psalms 22	John 19:31-37	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #195
Sat., April 3	Psalms 16	John 19:38-42	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #196

Hymn texts & tunes from the *Trinity Hymnal* can be accessed here: <http://opc.org/hymnal.html>

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Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Lian & Clara Tombing	India
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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