

# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## Easter Season

*April 25, 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. Enjoy your day of rest with family and friends.

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.)

## Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCŌYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now

reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — April 25, 2010  
*Easter Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Colossians 3*

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalms 33:1-5*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #27 "Great is thy faithfulness"

*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 soul waits for Yahweh!

*Psalms 33:20-22*

**He is our help and our shield!**

Our heart is glad in him!

**Because we trust his holy Name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Yahweh, be upon us

**Even as we hope in you.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have faithfully called us again to this assembly; and by your grace we have gathered together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ; because of him we know we are welcome, with him we make our journey to our true home, and in him we long to serve you throughout eternity. Therefore, we pray in his name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, ever rejoicing in your glory, O Father; one God, Most High, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

†Pastor: 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.

**Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all wherein I have displeased you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ my Lord. *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 fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and 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 . . .

†Sanctus

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of Hosts!**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory!**

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

†Hymn of Praise: “Now all the vault of heaven resounds”

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 1:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 13:26-52*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #569 "Forever trusting in the Lord"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:16-30*

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*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Sermon: **JESUS THE PROPHET**

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

LXXIII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

†Hymn #135 "I greet thee who my sure Redeemer art" *Trinity Hymnal*

# Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†[HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

†A Bidding Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Congregation: **Almighty and everlasting God, since you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of his truth, keep, we ask you, in safety the works of your mercy so that your Church, spread throughout all nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray for all the ministers, elders, deacons, and for all the people of God:

**Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all your servants in your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

**O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, especially the President and the Congress of the United States, the Govenors of Missouri and Illinios, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that he would deliver his people from disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

**Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of those who labor, may the prayers and cries of those of your people who are in any tribulation or distress graciously**

**come before you, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
[specific requests] **Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray for all who are outside of the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and his only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into his family, the Church:

**Almighty and everlasting Lord, because you do not delight in the death of the wicked, but that they should turn to you and live, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of you, free them from their error, and for the glory of your name bring them into the fellowship of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable to their salvation:

**O almighty, everlasting God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore you that by your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with your whole Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to his own goodwill:

**O Lord, Father Almighty, by your Word you created and you still continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray you so to reveal to us your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may dwell in our hearts and we may by your grace be made ready to receive your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and the things that pertain to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #12 “At the Name of Jesus”

*Trinity Hymnal*

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

**Today's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Schmidt, Wolff, A. Hiers  
Sunday School – M. Pitts, M. Carter  
Evening Service – Bozarth

**Next Sunday's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Van Horns, Salyers  
Sunday School – Harris, Van Heest  
Evening Service – Parish Groups Meet

**Sunday School Class: Introduction to Providence Presbyterian Church.**

Today we will continue our adult Sunday school class designed to introduce (and re-introduce) our church's life and ministry. Pastor Anderson will be teaching on living out the mission of the church.

**College and Career** — Today the college and career class will meet at the Shields' home during the Sunday School hour.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** — We will hold our annual congregational meeting during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, May 9th. During the meeting we will be voting on church officers (elders and deacons). The session will also be presenting the new budget for the coming year. The proposed budget will be on the book table in the foyer for the next two Sundays. Please review it and talk to Elder Joel Montgomery (treasurer) or any other member of the session if you have any questions or concerns.

**WIC Luncheon** — Ladies, please join us for a luncheon honoring the seminary wives at Rosamma Weston's home on May 8 at 10 AM. A sign up sheet is on the WIC table.

**Guys' Camp Out** — This year's annual camping trip will be on May 14-15 at the Keane's property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday at 2 PM. If you are a male, a man, a boy, a guy, a dude, a beefcake, etc. come on out and join the fun! If you have questions contact John Keane.

**Year End Memory Review** — We are coming to the close of another Sunday School year and to the important annual recitation. We thank God for planting His Word in the hearts of our covenant children. Now the children will be preparing for the occasion to demonstrate the retention of what they have learned this year. Each child should have been given a new booklet by his or her Sunday School teacher. The booklet contains all of the work to be recited. The annual recitation schedule is as follows, during the Sunday School hour on: **Sunday, May 16 - 1st half** and **Sunday, May 23 - 2nd half**.

# Church Calendar

May 2	Parish Groups Meet
May 6	National Day of Prayer
May 8	WIC Luncheon
May 9	Congregational Meeting During Sunday School
May 14-15	Men and Boys Campout
May 16	Fall Review Memory Recitation
May 23	Spring Review Memory Recitation Pig Pickin' after Evening Worship
May 25	Deacons' Meeting
May 30	Promotion Sunday
June 19-24	Restore St. Louis
July 12-16	VBS

**Job Available** — If you're interested in serving as a financial secretary for Providence Church, please contact Joel Montgomery at 314-968-8033.

**National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 6** — Christians throughout our country are encouraged to meet at their local city hall from 12-1 PM to pray for our government leaders, our soldiers, and for our country. Those who live in Crestwood are invited to attend the meeting at the Crestwood Government Center on Sappington Road just north of Watson. For more information go to the website: [www.gatewayndp.org](http://www.gatewayndp.org) or call 314-253-4075.

**Restore St. Louis Summer Mission Trip, June 19-24, 2010** — This year our team will be staying in South St. Louis City and doing ministry in the neighborhoods surrounding Resurrection Presbyterian, our recent church plant. This trip is open and encouraged for families to attend. We would love to have a tangible way to serve Pastor Chris Smith, Resurrection Presbyterian Church and the people of Carondolet. Please see Pastor Tim LeCroy or Phillip Bozarth for more information.

**Jim Schoemehl 5K Run** — Alison Harre, a new member at Providence, is the chair of the Webster Groves High School's 9th annual Jim Schoemehl 5K Run to Benefit ALS, which is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The race will be held on May 8th, at Webster Groves High School at 8am. This year all of the race proceeds will go to help the family of Kenny Alber. Mr. Alber is in his late 30s, and is a father of two young children, and was diagnosed with ALS 7 years ago. Donations are greatly appreciated, we need all the help we can get to raise the most benefits for this family. If you are sponsoring through your work there are levels of contribution for your company to have its logo on the back of the t-shirt or on the race route. Please see Alison Harre for further questions about donations or registration. You can also find out more on [www.jims5krun.com](http://www.jims5krun.com) or contact Alison at [jimsrun@gmail.com](mailto:jimsrun@gmail.com).

# The Lord's Service at Home

## *Easter Season*

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolises purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

## **Catechism of the Week**

### **The Westminster Larger Catechism – Q. 55**

*Q. How does Christ make intercession?*

A. Christ makes intercession, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services.

# Officers and Resource People

## The Session (Pastors & Elders)

Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers	314-842-9329 (O)	John Moore	314-984-9869
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Joel Montgomery	314-984-8074		

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Bryan Carter (Chairman)	636-271-7288	Allan Wamsley	636-257-3933
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## Church Staff

Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers	314-842-9329 (O)	Rev. Tim Weston	314-205-2018 (Home)
Senior Pastor	314-842-9309 (H)	Pastor to International Students	814-2019 (Cell)
Rev. Joshua Anderson	314-814-5213 (Home)	Rev. Timothy LeCroy (Ast. Pastor)	314-604-2088
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## Home and Foreign Ministries

Ross Dixon	RUF Ministry (Mizzou)	Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia
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Jamison & Laura Galt	New York City	Brian & Jessie Steadman	New York City
Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Lian & Clara Tombing	India
Bryan Walker	US Army Chaplain	Marcus Toole	Canada
Daniel & Stephanie McKinney	Salt Lake City	Tim & Rosamma Weston	ISI (St. Louis)
Emad & Michelle Mikhail	Middle East	Dan & Becky Young	Mexico

## Prayer Chain Contacts

Doris Daily	314-961-8799	Carolann Van Heest	314-966-5732
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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