

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

June 6, 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.

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.

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You do not have to speak to the elders before the service. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

If you have any questions about your participation at the Lord's Table, please speak to one of the elders or a pastor before or after the service.

Note: We use wine for communion, according to our Lord's example and instruction. But if you require a non-alcoholic drink, the middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — June 6, 2010
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 146*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Joshua Anderson

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #53 "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah!"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts,

Isaiah 6:3

The whole earth is full of God's glory!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification

†Pastor: Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord, confessing our sins.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;

Psalm 131:1-2

My eyes are not raised too high.

I do not occupy myself with things,

Too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Like a weaned child with its mother.

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, 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 holy 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 my family and friends. 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 my Savior and 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 good, right, and fitting that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. We praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and we worship your triune fullness of life and glory. 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 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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 #18 “Thee we adore, eternal Lord!”

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 15:1-21*

Mr. Phillip Bozarth

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Hebrews 6:1-20*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #254 “Come, Holy Spirit, come”

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *John 16:25-17:5*

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 6:1-20*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **FAITH, PATIENCE AND HOLDING FAST TO HOPE**

VII. EXPOSITION OF THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

†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

† [HANDS RAISED] *The Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† [HANDS RAISED] *The Lord's Prayer*

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Covenant Memorial Meal

Communion Hymn #362 "Let thy blood in mercy poured"

†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, who has given to us your servant's grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of your eternal triune life: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore lead us into a fuller enjoyment of your divine fellowship; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #501 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†A Parting Prayer: "God be with you till we meet again"

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you —
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you —
God be with you till we meet again

†Greet One Another

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Join us at 5 PM for our evening worship. A cookout will follow the service.

The Evening Service

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 2:10-12*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Psalm 2 "Why do the restless heathen madly rage?"

AG Psalter

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #246 "Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness"

Trinity Hymnal

The Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 26*

Pastor Tim LeCroy

Sermon: **DAVID IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN:**

PATIENCE AND FAITHFULNESS IN THE TIME OF WAITING

†Hymn #499 "Children of the heav'nly king"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction & Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Schmidt, G. Shaffer, C. Keane

Evening Service – Shields

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Greeno, Boeve

Evening Service – Hoover, Meyers

Sunday School Class: Promotion Sunday — Today the adults will gather in the sanctuary for the promotion program of our children. Children should go to their regular classroom and wait for their teacher's instruction.

Restore St. Louis Summer Mission Trip — If you are interested in joining the Restore St. Louis Mission Trip team, come to the informational meeting today at 4:15 PM or see Phillip Bozarth.

Summer Cookouts Begin Tonight — Our summer season of weekly Sunday evening cookouts begins this evening. Please bring food and drink for your family and a little extra for possible visitors. We will continue these cookouts throughout the summer every week we have a Sunday evening service.

New Directory — A new directory is in the works. If you have not yet emailed Melanie Carter with your updates, please fill out the directory form located in the narthex or send it to cartersonthehill@gmail.com. Thank you!

Kneelers Fund — The session would like to announce the formation of a fund for kneelers to be purchased and installed in the sanctuary. If you would like to donate, please designate your gift to "Kneelers Fund."

Fall Men's Retreat — Providence Men, please mark September 10-11 on your calendars for a Men's Retreat this fall. The retreat will be held at the church building this year, and will begin the evening of Friday, September 10th, and will run until the early afternoon of September 11th. Luke Brouwer, director of a local ministry called Sanctuary St. Louis, will be teaching. Please see Josh Anderson with any questions. This is a great opportunity to invite friends or neighbors!

Summer RUF 2010 — College students in St. Louis, including rising freshmen who have just graduated from high school, are invited to join Summer RUF which will consist of a 4-part series of Large Group meetings. Large Groups will feature musical worship, peer fellowship, and preaching from God's Word by ordained pastors. This summer they will be studying the book of Jonah. The group meets at The Chapel, at Memorial Presbyterian Church on Wednesday nights (June 2, June 23, July 14, July 28) at 7:00 PM. www.summerruf.blogspot.com

Church Calendar

June 19-24	Restore St. Louis
July 2-3	Men & Boys Campout
July 6	Deacons Meeting
July 12-16	VBS

Feast of Pentecost — I would like to thank everyone who made this great time of fellowship possible. First, to all those who attended, thank you for coming, bringing food and drinks, and staying for such a long time and enjoying yourselves. It was truly a treat to see everyone having such a good time! Secondly, I would like to thank those who put in an extra effort to make this feast possible, the pig cookers: John Keane, Allen Wamsley, Monte Shields, Jason Carter, Scott Pitts, Steve Shaffer, Jeff Keane, Bryan Carter, and Rick Gibbs; the decorations and themes committee: Debbie Keane and Rachel LeCroy; the set-up crew: Melanie Carter, Jack Boeve, and Brookie Moore; those who helped with the pig pullin': Brookie Moore, Bryan Carter, Rick Gibbs (who had the hottest job), Ken Pratt, and Scott Pitts; the clean-up crew: Allen Wamsley, Rick and Meha Gibbs, and Jack Boeve. Special thanks to Allen Wamsley for pulling double duty (he was on deacon duty that day as well) and staying to the bitter end. And finally, thanks to everyone who pitched in whom I may not have noticed, or have forgotten. Thank you all for helping making this feast possible!
- Pastor LeCroy

Congratulations, Covenant Children! **Many Thanks, Teachers!**

Congratulations to our covenant children who will be receiving plaques and/or grade memory awards during the promotion during Sunday School today. The plaques and grade memory awards are given for excellent memory work completed in scripture verses. The Christian Education Committee is grateful for the fidelity and hard work of the children and the parents and we especially appreciate the labor of love the teachers have bestowed upon our children:

Ages 2 & 3 — Kathy Hoegemann
Age 4 — Anna Hoegemann & Rachel Bozarth
Age 5/K — Rachel Wood & Amanda Cone
Grades 1 — Wes Murrell
Grade 2-3 — Donna Carter
Grade 4 — Joel Montgomery
Grade 5 — Wei San & Dana Hui
Grade 6 — Mark Horne & Jon Barlow
Grades 7 & 8 — Brookie Moore
High School — Dave Salyer
Music Leaders — Bill Hoover & Tim Werkema
Memory Listening Coordinator — Deborah Shields

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Lord's Service Explained

We Come to Church to Receive

Some say that we don't come to church on Sunday to get anything from God but simply to give him praise. It's all about praising God, not getting something from God. But to reduce the purpose of the assembly on Sunday to "praise" is dangerously one-sided. Not only is the super-spiritual-sounding assertion that "we just gather together to give praise to God taking no interest in what we might get from him" unbiblical, it may also easily lead to arrogance, and often has. In our tradition pastors and theologians are particularly vulnerable to this distortion of the purpose of worship. The slogan "we gather for worship to give not to get" has become something of a shibboleth. We love to beat other traditions over the head with it. It makes us feel superior. As if we don't go to church because we need anything! We Presbyterians go to church to give God glory and honor, not to get something from him. This kind of thinking is extremely dangerous.

For us, as *creatures* of God, there can be no such thing as "disinterested praise." We simply cannot love or praise God for who he is apart from what he has given us or what we continue to receive from him. We are not his equals. The notion that pure love and worship of God can only be given when it is unmixed with all thoughts of what we receive, has no biblical grounding. To be sure, it sounds very spiritual and pious. It even comes across as self-denial. "We just want to praise you for who you are, God. We love you and praise you, O God, not for what we get from you, but just for who you are." Sound's pretty pious, right?

In fact, however, there is no such worship in the Bible for the simple fact that we cannot approach God as disinterested, self-sufficient beings. We are created beings. Dependent creatures. We must continually receive both our life and redemption from God. Our "worship" of God, for this reason, necessarily involves our passive reception of his gifts as well as our active thanksgiving and petitions. We cannot pretend that we do not depend upon him. We will always be receivers and petitioners before God. Our receptive posture is as ineradicable as our nature as dependent creatures. On Sunday we put ourselves in a position to be served by him. Recognizing this is true spirituality. Opening oneself up to the need for God's service is the first movement in our "worship," indeed, the presupposition of all corporate worship. It is faith's posture before our all-sufficient, beneficent Lord. Praise follows after this and alone can never be the exclusive purpose for our gathering together on the Lord's Day.

Catechism of the Week

The Heidelberg Catechism – Q. 25

Q. Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A. Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

Officers and Resource People

The Session (Pastors & Elders)

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Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Lian & Clara Tombing	India
Bryan Walker	US Army Chaplain	Marcus Toole	Canada
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Children's Sunday School Program

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