

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

July 11, 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.

Sunday School classes have been suspended for the summer months. Please use the rest of the Lord's Day to show hospitality and enjoy the day of rest the Lord has provided. There will be no evening service tonight. The church will be open this evening in order to prepare for the start of Vacation Bible School tomorrow. Come and help set up!

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

Holy Trinity Diagram (Front Cover)



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. The shield on the front cover depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center of the circle is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). **Reading out from the center along the three spokes the unity of the Godhead is represented:** *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God, *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God, *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. **Reading around the circumference of the circle the distinctions between the Persons are noted:** *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son, *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit, *Spiritus Sanctus non est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — July 11, 2010
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 110

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Joshua Anderson

The Entrance

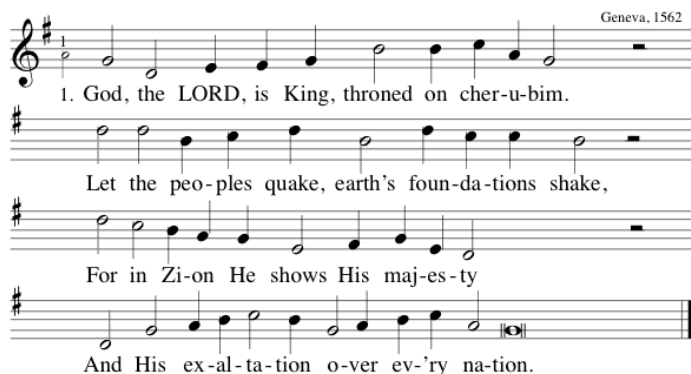
Call to Worship: *Psalm 99:9*

†Psalm #99 "God the Lord is King"

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Geneva, 1562



1. God, the LORD, is King, throned on cher-u-bim.
Let the peo-ples quake, earth's foun-da-tions shake,
For in Zi-on He shows His maj-es-ty
And His ex-al-ta-tion o-ver ev-'ry na-tion.

2. Let them spread the fame of His awesome Name;
Holy is the LORD and to be adored.
Let them praise their King, of His justice sing.
Worship Him uprightly; he, the King, is mighty.
3. Thou in Jacob's land hast by Thy own hand
Right and truth maintained, equity ordained.
At His footstool bow and revere Him now.
Praise Him, high and lowly, for the LORD is holy.
4. Moses to Him prayed, Aaron sought His aid;
Later Samuel called on Him as well.
They cried out to Him, and He answered them;
He in tribulation heard their supplication.
5. He to Israel spoke in a cloud of smoke;
They His glory saw, worshipped Him with awe.
He, the LORD, their Guide, statutes did provide
Which His chosen nation kept with dedication.

6. When they called on Thee, Thou didst hear their plea;
Thou didst pardon them, though avenging sin.
Come to Zion's hill and perform God's will;
Praise Him, high and lowly, for the LORD is holy.

†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 help is in the Name of Yahweh,

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the wise steps of his mature life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Purification

†Confession of Sins

Psalms 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Eternal God, in whom I live and move and have my being, my heavenly Father, your face is hidden from me because of my sins. Cleanse me, I pray, from all my offenses, and deliver me from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that I may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing my faults and confiding in your grace, I look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our 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, right, and beneficial 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 . . .

†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.

†Hymn #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

Trinity Hymnal

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Malachi 3:6-18*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 John 4:7-21*

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Thanks be to God!

Psalms 19 "The spacious heavens laud"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Strasbourg, Geneva, 1542/Lyons, 1548

1. The spa-cious heav-ens laud
The glo-ry of our God
With full ma-jes-tic praise.
The soar-ing fir-ma-ment
Un-meas-ured in ex-tent

His hand-i-work dis-plays.
 Day pours forth speech to day,
 Night will to night con-vey
 The knowl-edge of cre-a-tion.
 There is no speech nor word,
 Their voic-es are not heard;
 Yet they reach ev-'ry na-tion.

2. God in the firmament
 Pitched for the sun a tent,
 The canopy of night.
 It's like a joyful groom
 Who from his bridal room
 Leaps forth with great delight.
 Like one who runs a race
 With strong and eager pace,
 It speeds across the heavens;
 The sun its path completes,
 And from its piercing heat
 Not anything is hidden.

3. God's law is sound and whole;
 It will revive the soul,
 For it new strength supplies.
 His testimony sure,
 Trustworthy evermore,
 Will make the simple wise.
 His precepts plainly show
 How right they are, and so
 The heart they cheer and brighten.
 The LORD'S commandments pure
 Shine forth with radiance clear
 And so the eyes enlighten.

4. The fear of God is clean
 And, free from sin and stain,
 Forever will endure.
 His judgments all express
 Unfailing righteousness;
 The LORD'S decrees are sure.
 They far exceed in worth
 The finest gold on earth:
 His precious testimony!
 It sweeter is by far
 Than all that's sweet and pure
 In combs that drip with honey.

5. Your servant, who has heard
 The warnings of Your word,
 To them pays heed, O LORD.
 Those walking in Your way,
 Who Your commands obey,
 Will win a great reward.
 But, LORD, who can perceive
 What errors one may have
 Unwittingly committed?
 O cleanse me! Let me be
 Of secret failings free,
 Of hidden faults acquitted.

6. O LORD, from wilful ways preserve me all my days:
 The rule of sin prevent. Then I shall blameless be,
 From grave offences free, And wholly innocent.
 O hear me as I pray: Let what my tongue may say
 And what my heart may ponder be pleasing in Your sight,
 O LORD so great in might, my rock and my defender.

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:30-44*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed* (Luther's sung version)



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
 2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
 3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est



earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
 Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
 heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,



Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
 Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
 Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His



bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
 vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.



Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
 life in - her - it. Was cru - ci - fied for
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and



day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Text: *Acts 2:42-47*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **THE NEW COMMUNITY**

VII. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†[HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Hymn: #271 "How sweet and awful is the place"

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Cup & The Words of Institution

†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!**

Congregational Prayer: **Almighty God, Father of mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all mankind.**

We bless you for our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen!

Benediction

†Hymn #365 “At the Lamb’s high feast”

Trinity Hymnal

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

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Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Brenda Svezia and Joyce Tageson

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Rachel Bozarth, Amy Pratt

Evening Service – Hiers

We will have **no evening service tonight** in order to provide time for VBS teachers and volunteers to get ready before VBS opens tomorrow. If you would like to volunteer, please see Mary Hoegemann.

VBS Snacks — More people are needed to sign up to bring snacks for VBS. A sign up sheet is on the VBS table in the narthex.

Bowl/Vase Missing — The missing glass vase is approximately 7-9" high, 7" wide, with white at the top, light green at the bottom and slightly oval in shape. This bowl/vase was a gift to my mother. Before she passed away she gave it back to me. I have used it several times for church flowers, but now it is missing. If you have seen or have this bowl/vase in your possession or know where it might be will you please contact me.

Thank you! Leesa Coller 314-726-679 or 314-486-3153

Found! — A few items have been found around the church: a gift card, a house key copy (made at Lowes) and a ring. If you think one of these items could be yours, see Kathy Hoegemann.

Congratulations to the Sterner Family! — Paul Christopher Sterner arrived on June 27th and weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19 1/2" long.

Nursery Schedule — A current nursery schedule is on the WIC table and more volunteers are still needed. Please stop by before you leave today.



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: **There is going to be a Baby Shower.**
: **Please arrive at the designated hour.**
: **With your reply please do not wait;**
: **Don't even think to hesitate.**
: **Come and see**
: **The new mom to be.**
: **You would not, could not miss**
: **A baby shower as great as this.**
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Join us for a **baby shower honoring Rachel Bozarth**. Rosamma Weston will be hosting the party on July 26 at 7 PM. Rachel is registered at Target and Cotton Babies. Please RSVP to 314-205-2018, 314-814-2018, or timweston@charter.net. The Weston's address is 348 Babler Road, St. Louis, MO 63141.

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).

Catechism of the Week

The Westminster Shorter Catechism - Q. 86

Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the Gospel

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