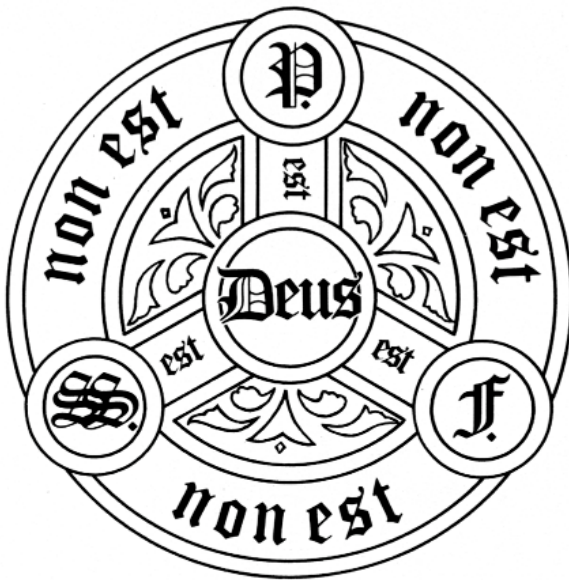


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

September 12, 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.

There will be no evening service tonight. Parish Group meetings will be held in the afternoon and evening.

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.)

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 — September 12, 2010
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 105

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-5*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Pastor: O give thanks to Yahweh; call upon his Name!

Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy Name,

Let the hearts of those who see Yahweh rejoice!

Seek Yahweh and his strength;

Seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works he has done,

The miracles and the judgments he uttered.

†Hymn #86 "Now thank we all our God"

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!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and Father of glory, give us, we ask you, the Spirit of wisdom and insight that we might increase in our knowledge of and our love for you.

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what is the hope to which you have called us, even the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance for the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe. 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.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. *Silent Prayer.*

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news!

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; so as Christ's minister and in his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Rite of Christian Baptism

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-26*

Parental Vows: *Joshua & Ami Anderson*

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vows

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Holy Baptism: *Judah Barry Anderson*

Prayer: Elder Barry Anderson

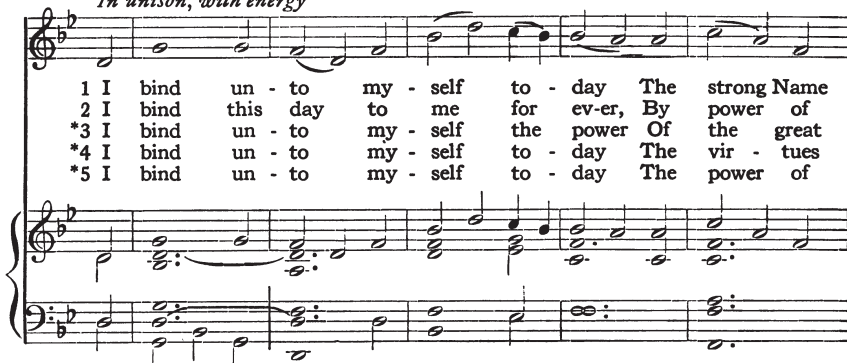
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The Lorica

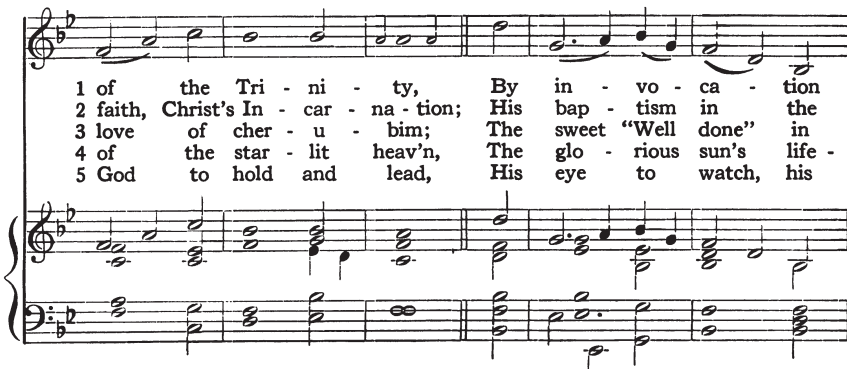
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Traditional Irish Melody

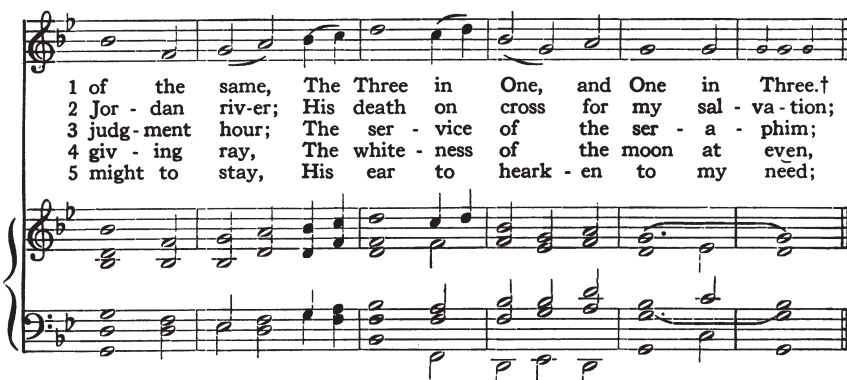
In unison, with energy



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name
2 I bind this day to me for ev - er, By power of
*3 I bind un - to my - self the power Of the great
*4 I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues
*5 I bind un - to my - self to - day The power of



1 of the Tri - ni - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion
2 faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
3 love of cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
4 of the star - lit heav'n, The glo - rious sun's life -
5 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his



1 of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.†
2 Jor - dan riv - er; His death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
3 judg - ment hour; The ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
4 giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at even,
5 might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need;

†Stanza 1 ends here; the following stanzas continue on the next page

2 His burst - ing from the spi - ced tomb; His ri - ding
 3 Con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, The pa - triarchs'
 4 The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
 5 The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

2 up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the
 3 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; All good deeds done un -
 4 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, The sta - ble earth, the
 5 guide, his shield to ward; The word of God to

2 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 3 to the Lord, And pu - ri - ty of ran - somed souls.
 4 deep salt sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks.
 5 give me speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.

DEIRDRE**Traditional Irish Melody***In harmony, with breadth*

6 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

ST. PATRICK

7 I bind un-to my-self the Name, The strong Name

of the Tri-ni-ty; By in-vo-ca-tion

of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: Praise to the Lord of

In harmony
my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord. A-men.

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Ascension

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Exodus 12:29-42*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 5:12-42*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 14:12-24*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Acts 5:12-42*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: THE NEW LEADERS OF ISRAEL

XIV. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† Prayer for the Church

Almighty God, you have taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men: Hear us as we pray for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. For your holy Church on earth; for her ministers, elders, deacons, that all who love the Savior may love him truly and serve him faithfully:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For all who do not know the Gospel of your love in Jesus Christ, that you would be pleased to gather them into your fold:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For your missionaries, especially those known to and supported by us, that they may cause your light to shine in the dark places of the earth:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

For our country, for our President and others in authority, that you would guide them in your wisdom:

We ask You to hear us, King of Kings.

For the poor, the exploited, and those too weak to defend themselves from powerful oppressors, especially the women and un-

born children abused, injured, and even murdered by the abortion industry in our country:

We ask You to hear us, gracious Lord.

For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, that you would comfort and sustain them:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord!

For the glorious company of the Apostles, prophets, and martyrs, and for the pleasant fellowship of the faithful in all ages:

We ask You to hear us, O Lord!

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

We Feast at the Lord's Table

Hymn: #39 (*Psalms 114*) "When Israel" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #549)

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and blood of our Lord. . ."

Congregation: **Amen!**

†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 hast 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. *Psalms 136:1-3*

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living Bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #200 "Come, you faithful, raise the strain" *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

†Postlude & Greet One Another

†Greet One Another!

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Hiers

Sunday School – Gerstung

Evening Service – Montgomery

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Svezia, Tageson

Sunday School – Volunteers Needed

Evening Service – Pratt

Sunday School — It's that time again! Today begins another year of God's blessing on the Christian education of our children. Memory booklets are ready for distribution and will be handed out to the children.

The **College and Career Sunday School Class** begins today in the Shields' home. We will be embarking on a series covering dating, relationships, and marriage. All young adults are welcome. Please see Pastor LeCroy or Steve Schlepphorst for more information.

Parish Groups — Today our regular evening service and cookout time will be suspended so that our parish groups can meet together after the morning service for a meal, fellowship and prayer.

Missionary Care — Pastor LeCroy and WIC missions coordinator Debbie Keane are looking for volunteers from each Parish group to help care for our missionaries. Please see either Tim or Debbie if you are interested.

New WIC Blog — There's a new way for the ladies of church to stay in touch: prpcwic.blogspot.com. Go online and check it out!

The **WIC Annual Fall Meeting** will be held on September 25th, from 10-2 PM at PRPC. We'll have a "Second-Hand Fashion Show". Some of our ladies will be modeling their fashion-finds from Goodwill and other second-hand stores, to show us how realistic it is to dress well on a shoestring budget! Please sign up to bring sandwiches or a salad and let Lori know if you are interested in participating in the "show". All are welcome to join in.

Nursery Duty – A brand new nursery schedule is out on the WIC table and awaiting your name!

Women's Fall Bible Study — The study has begun, but feel free to still join on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 AM. We are studying the Book of Acts with Pastor Meyers. Please sign up at the WIC Table in the narthex if you are interested and especially if you need childcare.

Announcements

Welcome Baby MaggieAnne Pitts! — Congratulations to the Pitts Family on their newest addition of Magnolia Anne Skye Pitts. MaggieAnne was born on Friday, September 3rd at 9:10 AM. She weighed 7 lbs, 4 oz and measured 19 inches.

Welcome Baby Judah Barry Anderson! — Congratulations to the Anderson Family on their newest addition of Judah Barry. Judah was born on September 1, at 6:40 AM weighing 7 lbs, 13 oz.

Choir — The fall Choir season is coming, and we'd love to have you join us! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 P.M. during the school year (September-May). Our first rehearsal will be this Wednesday, September 15. We sing during morning worship several times a month and also during three special evening services: Reformation Sunday (Oct. 31), Christmas Lessons and Carols (Dec. 19), and Good Friday (Apr. 22). The choir is open to all adults (including college-age; please come!) and high school juniors and seniors. We always have room for new members, so come and give it a try! For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314-540-2427, billhoover@fastmail.net). P.S. - If you are an accomplished instrumentalist, please let Bill know; several of our pieces have instrumental accompaniment. **YOU'RE INVITED:** After this Wednesday's practice, i.e., at about 8:30 PM, we will have a "season kick-off" party for singers and their families, at my home (8654 Otto Westway, 63127). Hope to see you Wednesday night! - Bill Hoover, director

Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9 AM WIC Bible Study
September 15	8:30 PM Choir Season Kick-off Party
September 25	10 AM WIC Fall Meeting

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Lord's Service Explained

The Opening Trinitarian Confession

After the opening hymn the minister proclaims: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." To which the people respond with a hearty, "Amen!" Why do we say this every week?

For one thing, we are carefully identifying ourselves and our worship as *Christian*. As baptized believers we bear the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the God we worship. This is the God under whose authority and in whose presence we live and die. This is our Lord who serves us in worship. We don't trust in or worship some generic "god." We praise the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Bible clearly admonishes the faithful: "whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Col. 3:17; also Eph. 2:18; 1 Cor. 12:3). The liturgy includes this right up front so as to insure that we remember that everything that happens in the service comes under the sign of our Three-Personed God. We solemnly and publicly call God and the world to witness that we are "gathered together" in his Name (Matt. 18:20) and in that Name alone we offer our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving (John 16:23).

Give careful consideration to the fundamentally trinitarian nature of our worship as a whole. We don't simply *say* the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at the beginning of the service. Although we cannot be reminding everyone of this at every point in the worship service, nevertheless, we should always remember that *Christian* worship must be explicitly trinitarian in content and shape.

James B. Torrance says it well, describing two views of worship:

A unitarian view that worship is what we, religious people, do to try to please God, and a trinitarian one, where worship is the gift of grace to participate through the Spirit in the incarnate Son's communion with the Father—the way of joy and peace and confidence. The church which takes her eyes off Jesus Christ, the only mediator in worship, is on the road to becoming apostate. There is no more urgent need in our churches today than to recover the trinitarian nature of grace—that it is by grace alone, through the gift of Jesus Christ in the Spirit that we can enter into and live a life of communion with God our Father" (*Worship, Community & the Triune God of Grace* [Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 1996], p. 59).

We have access to the Father through Jesus Christ in one Spirit (Eph. 2:18). The Spirit enables us as a congregation to draw near to the Father through the Son. That's what's happening this morning. You are graciously being drawn into the personal relations between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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