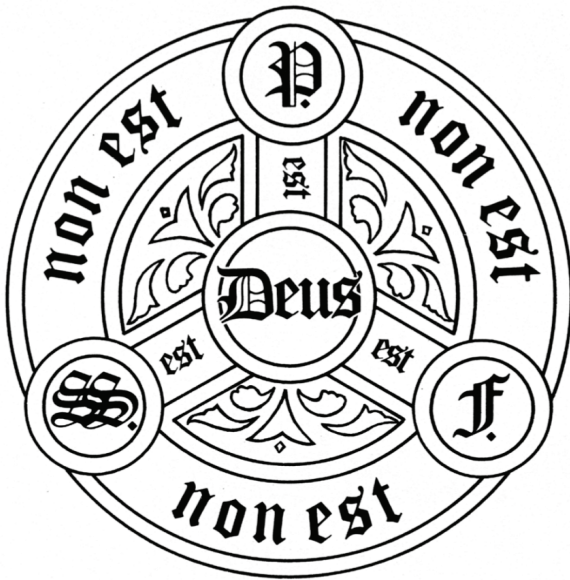


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

September 26, 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.

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 bountiful 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 26, 2010
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 33*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:20-22*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #70 "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" *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 help is in the Name of Yahweh! *Psalm 124:8*

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

O God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth: All your works praise you in all places of your dominion, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ your Son; therefore, we praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
My eyes are not raised too high. *Psalm 131:1-2*

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.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought, word and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

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

The Rite of Christian Baptism

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 10:7-12*

Parental Vows: *Scott & Marianne Pitts*

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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her 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 her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Holy Baptism: *Magnolia Anne Skye Pitts*

Little MaggieAnne, for you Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; for you he uttered the cry "It is finished!" For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there for you intercedes. For you – even though you do not yet fully understand it, little MaggieAnne – but in this way the Word of the Apostle is made true, "We love him because he first loved us."

Welcome to the covenant people of God baby MaggieAnne!"

Prayer: Pastor Tim LeCroy

†We Sing: *The Lorica*

The Lorica

ST. PATRICK

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 18:10-27*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 6:1-15*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:6-16*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Acts 6:1-15*

Sermon: **LEADERS & INSTIGATORS**

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

XV. EXPOSITION OF THE THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O come, ye servants of the LORD,
And praise his holy name;
From early morn to setting sun
His might on earth proclaim.

His laws are just and glad the heart,
He makes his mercies known;
Ye princes, come, ye people, too,
And bow before his throne.

by Christopher Tye (c.1505 – c.1572)

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

We Feast at the Lord's Table

Psalms 36

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

1. He who in e-vil does re-joice
 Hears in his heart a wick-ed voice;
 It whis-pers and it flat-ters.
 It lures him on, and he o-beys
 Till from Thy fear, O LORD, he strays
 And him Thy an-ger shat-ters.
 His words are lies, his wis-dom gone;
 All his trans-gres-sions urge him on,
 He does their will with pleas-ure.
 Up-on his bed he plans de-ceit,
 On ways of sin he sets his feet,
 His e-vil is his treas-ure.

2. Thy love and faithfulness extend
 Wherever Thou to heaven's end
 Thy righteous sceptre wieldest.
 Thy judgment is a secret deep,
 Thy justice like God's mountains steep,
 And man and beast Thou shieldest.
 Of Thy great mercy heaven sings
 For in the shadow of Thy wings
 No son of man shall perish.
 Thou shalt them to Thy feasts invite,
 They drink from streams of Thy delight,
 Thy precious love they cherish.
3. Life's fountain is, O LORD, with Thee,
 And in Thy light the light we see;
 Let right and mercy tarry
 With them who fear Thy faithful Name;
 Put Thou the enemies to shame,
 Let all their schemes miscarry.
 Save Thou me for Thy mercy's sake,
 Let not the proud me overtake,
 Nor from Thy covenant sever.
 O people, praise your God and see
 The workers of iniquity
 Who are cast down forever!

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: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that you have again refreshed us this morning with so many wonderful gifts; we ask you now to grant us the grace to respond to your self-giving love with steadfast faith in you and fervent love toward one another; 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 #526 (*Psalms 30*) "O Lord, by thee delivered" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude & Greet One Another

Baptism Celebration at the Pitts Tonight

In celebration of Magnolia Anne Skye Pitts's baptism, the Pitts have invited the entire church to their home tonight to celebrate.

"We will have the spirits and the sweets waiting. You bring a lawnchair, your favorite appetizer, something to cook over the fire if you wish, an age-friendly beverage, and something to keep the fire going (old furniture if you have anything). It wouldn't be a bad idea to bring roasting sticks or hunt in the woods for them before the sun goes down." - Scott

The celebration starts at 5:00 P.M., come early if you want and stay as long as you wish. The address: 2945 Flucom Road, De Soto, MO 63020.

Directions: Take I-55 South to Festus. At Festus take US 67 South about 8 miles to Flucom Road. You will see 2 "BPs" Flucom Road is the "2nd" BP. Turn left onto Flucom Road. Our house is 1.5 miles on the left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Gibbs

Sunday School – Gerstung

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

See the Schedule on the WIC Table

Developing a Biblical Worldview — Join us in the fellowship hall for the new Adult Sunday school class on developing a biblical worldview. Audio recordings of the class and other resources can be found on the church's website in the "Members Only" section.

The **College and Career Sunday School Class** is meeting in the Shields' home. All young adults are welcome. Please see Pastor LeCroy or Steve Schlepfforst for more information.

Pastor Meyers Out This Week — The session has given Pastor Meyers this week off to work on writing his response to the Presbytery committee. Please pray for him! He will be available again on Tuesday, October 5.

Church Family Work Day — Please join us on Saturday, October 2 for a church work day. Shifts run from 8-10 and 10-12. Everyone is welcome to come! Wear work clothes and bring shovels, wheelbarrows (if possible) and other yard tools. See Steve Shaffer if you have any questions.

The **Greater St. Louis Life Chain** will be held on Sunday, October 3 from 1:30-2:30 PM. We will hold our pro life signs in front of our church on Sappington Rd to show our commitment to sanctity of life. A light lunch will be served immediately following Sunday school and a sign up sheet will be passed during the Sunday school hour next week.

Harvest Party — This year's Harvest Party will be held on Saturday, October 16th from 3-8 PM. Volunteers are needed to help clean up. Sign up sheets are in the narthex and will be passed around during Sunday school.

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

A Woman A Week — Ladies, we hope you received information about "A Woman A Week". If not, stop by the WIC table for an informational sheet. Beginning today, the name of the woman of the week will be on the WIC table. This will be a great way to pray for families, marriages and to honor each other. This week's woman is Anna Hoegemann.

Announcements

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!

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.

Choir — The fall Choir season has begun, 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). 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.

Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9 AM WIC Bible Study
Tonight	5 PM Bonfire in Celebration of MaggieAnne's Baptism
October 2	Church Work Day
October 3	Greater St. Louis Life Chain/5 PM Worship & Cookout
October 10	No Evening Worship
October 16	Harvest Party
October 17	6 PM Evening Worship
October 24	5 PM Evening Worship & Cookout
October 31	No Evening Worship/Reformation Sunday

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Lord's Service Explained

Why Do We Use Set Prayers?

First, we don't naturally know how to pray, and pre-composed prayers can help train our minds to pray biblically. Good prayers guide us and assist us in composing our own private prayers, both with respect to content and structure. Almost all the phrases from all the prayers that we use in our worship come right out of the Bible. Thus, ultimately, we are praying God's Word. There are biblical ways to pray, and these pre-composed prayers, used consistently, will help you learn how to pray. Surely this is the reason why so many prayers are recorded for us in the Bible. The traditional prayers of the Church offer the worshiper guidance and direction, oftentimes by utilizing the language and structure (order of prayer) lifted right from the Bible itself.

Second, prayers sung or said in unison manifest the *unity* of the church in prayer. We all pray together as the corporate Body of Christ, not just as a bunch of individuals. Corporate worship is not designed merely as an aid to each individual's devotions. We don't come into church to worship merely as individuals with our own private tubes to God. We come together as the Body of Christ, and as the Body of Christ we confess our sins, pray, and praise God together. The Spirit re-creates us into a community by means of common prayer.

Third, printed prayers insure congregational participation in the prayers. Remember worship ought not to be something you come to watch or hear, rather you come to perform worship yourself. Think about this: it is very difficult to get distracted when you are saying a prayer out loud. It is hard to do anything else but pray the prayer. A set prayer insures your participation and guards against your mind wandering. It is much more difficult for your mind to wander when your attention is focused on reading and saying a prayer that you are familiar with than it is when you have your eyes closed and are merely listening to the pastor pray. Let's face it—most people find it very difficult to concentrate on praying when someone else is saying a long prayer. If you aren't familiar with the prayer that you are reading or hearing, then you will have to evaluate it as you are praying. And how much more effective would it be to recite prayers that you trust and know by heart?

Fourth, no church can avoid prayer rituals altogether. You either have good prayer rituals or you have bad ones, helpful or dangerous ones, but it is impossible to be free from all forms in a church's corporate prayer life. Congregations that never use prayer books or set prayers, nevertheless, do develop, sometimes unknowingly (which is unfortunate), certain habits with respect to praying. You know very well what happens when there is no guidance or direction to the prayers. Prayers become tedious: "I just want to thank you, Lord . . . and I just want to ask . . . and I just want . . ." Or they become trivial and down right silly: "O Lord, help us to be all that we can be" (the Army Prayer) or "Lord, help us to reach out and touch somebody this week" (the AT&T prayer).

Obviously, we are not obliged to use all kinds of pretentious words and grandiose phrases in order for our prayers to be acceptable to God. I'm not trying to put down anyone's prayer merely because it is not as well structured and manicured as someone else's. God is pleased with the meager and unsophisticated prayers of his people, just as he is pleased with a young child's. But—and here's the important point—if the child never grows up and learns how to pray biblically, if the content of his prayers remain the same, then it is not so cute anymore. God may be pleased with a childlike prayer, but he is not satisfied with it either. He expects us to grow up and learn how to pray like adults, to conform our prayers more and more to the models he has given us in the Scriptures.

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