

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

October 3, 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 — October 3, 2010
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 47

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Joshua Anderson

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 47:1-4*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For Yahweh, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us,

and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us,

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,

Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;

he is highly exalted!

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n" *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, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate this glorious resurrection feast today, may honor and praise you, who through your only-begotten Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: If we say we have no sin,

We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

**He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins
and to purify us from all unrighteousness**

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins to God our Father:

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.* 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.

†It is good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that he might make us partakers of your divine fellowship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud 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 #87 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Trinity Hymnal

The OT Reading: *Habakkuk 1:12-2:5*

Mr. Steve Schlepffhorst

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #294 “The Lord will come”

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:1-8*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†The *Te Deum* “O God, we praise Thee” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

O God, we praise Thee, we acknowledge Thee as Lord.

Eternal Father, Thou art everywhere adored.

The cherubim and seraphim their homage show Thee:

“O Thou Lord God of hosts are holy, holy, holy!

Both heav’n and earth are filled with Thy majestic splendor.”

To Thee all angels loud and ceaseless praises render.

Thy prophets’ and apostles’ glorious company,

The martyrs robed in white—all sing their praise to Thee.

Thy holy catholic Church in worship stands before Thee,

Confessing Thee: the Father, infinite in glory;

Thy true and only Son, worthy of veneration;

The Holy Spirit, source of strength and consolation.

Thou, Christ, art King of glory, radiant is Thy throne;

Thou art the heav’nly Father’s everlasting Son.

Yet Thou didst not despise the virgin’s womb, O Saviour,

When Thou didst take upon Thee mankind to deliver.
Thou has defeated death and Satan's power infernal,
That all believers might inherit life eternal.

Thou art enthroned in glory at God's own right hand
Till Thou shalt come as judge and we before Thee stand.
We therefore pray Thee, grant Thy help to those who serve Thee,
Whom Thou hast with Thy blood redeemed in Thy great mercy.
With all Thy saints, O Lord, wilt Thou Thy servant number;
O save Thy people, Thy inheritance remember!

We bless Thee day by day, we praise thy holy Name;
Thy power and glory we from age to age acclaim.
Keep us from sin and lead us not into temptation.
Have mercy on us, Lord; hear Thou our supplication.
Let us be with Thy grace and steadfast love surrounded.
In Thee we've trusted; we shall never be confounded.

Sermon Text: *Hebrews 10:26-39*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: **THE RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH**

XII. EXPOSITION OF THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

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 & Memorial

The Bread of Life

Hymn: #422 "As when the Hebrew"

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer & The Wine of Gladness

†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. *Psalm 136:1-3*

And his mercy endures forever!

Give thanks to the God of gods!

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Give thanks to the Lord of lords!

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Pastoral Prayer: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we take refuge in you; let us never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver and rescue us; incline your ear to us and save us! Be to us a rock of refuge, to which we may continually come, for you are our Rock and our Fortress; hear our prayer in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. *(from Psalm 71:1-3)*

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

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

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Greet One Another

Memorial Service

For George Edward Devlin

Born: MafW 20, 1929

Died: September 25, 2010

Join us this evening at 4:00 PM as we worship God and celebrate the life and faith of our father and brother in Christ, Elder George Devlin. There will be a visitation in the sanctuary from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. After the memorial service everyone is invited downstairs for a fellowship meal in remembrance of George and to celebrate his entrance into heavenly glory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Pratt

Sunday School – Boeve

Evening Service – Shaffer

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

See the Schedule on the WIC Table

Our Brother in Christ George Devlin — On September 25, our dear friend and faithful member, George Devlin, passed away. Please join us as we remember his life and celebrate his new life in heaven with his faithful Savior Jesus.

Today

2:30-3:30 PM - Visitation

4:00 PM - Memorial Service

After the service, join us downstairs for a fellowship meal.

Tomorrow, October 4

9:00 AM - Burial Service at St. Paul Cemetery (S. Rock Hill Rd.)

Developing a Biblical Worldview — Join us in the fellowship hall for the 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 Schlepforth for more information.

The **Providence Life Chain** has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 10 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.

Pastor Anderson's "Office Hours" — Pastor Anderson is regularly available to meet with church members in his office at the church building from 2-4 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons for prayer, counsel or confession. If you'd like to meet, email or call him at 314-814-5213. Of course, he is also available to meet at other times during the week as well!

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.

Announcements

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. This week’s woman is Jennifer Schmidt.

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

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.

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!

Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9 AM WIC Bible Study
October 10	Providence Life Chain/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

Pentecost (Trinity) Season

The Spring & Summer months of June, July, August, and September are considered part of a much longer period covering roughly half of the Christian year. This longer period may be called Pentecost Season (after Pentecost Sunday, June 4) or Trinity Season (from Trinity Sunday, June 11). This year we will call it Pentecost Season and number the Sundays accordingly. The season and readings generally focus on the discipleship and unity of the Church as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord. During this period the New Testament lessons are, in the main, taken one after another in sequence from the Gospel ministry of our Lord and the Acts of the Apostles. The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

“Pentecost is the reverse of the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.”

Red, the color for Pentecost symbolizes the Holy Spirit's fiery presence. Pentecost hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #244-255, but also #369-596.

A Pentecost prayer: Almighty God, who in smoke and fire upon Mt. Sinai gave the old law to Moses, and who this day revealed the New Covenant in the fire of the Spirit: Grant, we pray, that kindled by the same Spirit which you wondrously poured forth upon your apostles, we may receive with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Officers and Resource People

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