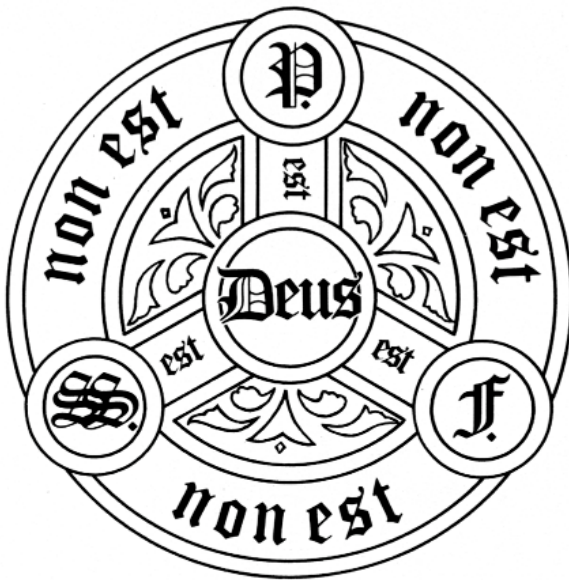


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

October 24, 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 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 — October 24, 2010
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *Mark 1*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Preparation for Worship: *Habakkuk 2:20*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Silent Preparation

The Rite of Christian Baptism

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Scripture Reading: *Mark 1:9-11*

Parental Vows: *Phillip & Rachel Bozarth*

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 of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Holy Baptism: *Phillip Mark Bozarth, Jr.*

Prayer: *Deacon Mark Bozarth*

The Call to Worship: *Deuteronomy 31:12-13*

Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear Yahweh your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law,

and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God.

†Hymn #117 “Shepherd of tender youth”

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

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 humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred, and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your holy laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done; and there is no health in me. But have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner, O Lord. Spare me, O Lord, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. *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!

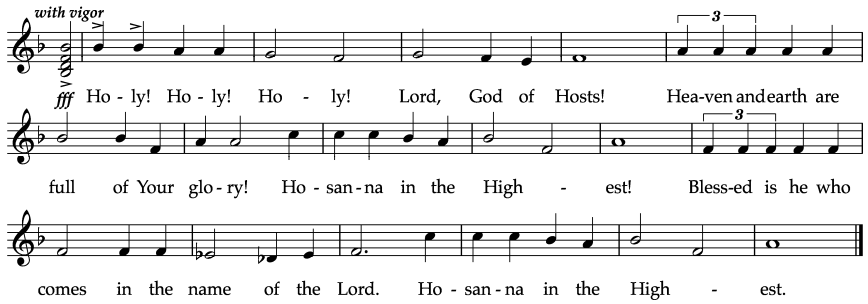
†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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.

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Jeremiah 31:1-9*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 8:1-25*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 4:1-26*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Lorica*

(see next page)

Sermon Text: *Acts 8:1-25*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **NEW LIFE FOR THE SAMARITANS**

XVII. 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 & Memorial

We Feast at the Lord's Table

Hymn: #399 "By grace I'm saved"

Trinity Hymnal

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.

Psalm 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 #385 “O God, to us show mercy”

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three Fold Amen

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the guest book registration after the service. Come downstairs and join us for some coffee after the morning worship service.

The Evening Service

Preparation For Worship: 2 Samuel 2

Organ — Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 2:1-11

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #224 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Trinity Hymnal

Psalm Sing

Prayer Requests, & Prayer

†Psalm 47 “Praise the LORD, ye lands!”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 3:1-39

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: THE GENTLENESS OF THE KING

XIV. EXPOSITION OF THE LIFE OF DAVID

†Hymn #229 (*Psalm 110*) “Unto my Lord”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

***Cookout & Fellowship on the Parking Lot!**

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woman of the Week:

Luz Wooldridge

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Amanda Cone, Amy Pratt

Sunday School – Shields

Evening Service – Meyers, Hoover

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Tageson, Svezia

Sunday School – Vivienne Greeno, Elise Gibbs

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.

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

Cookout Tonight — Join us at 5 PM tonight for our evening service and our last cookout of the season!

Offerings and Expenditures to Date:

Offerings: \$208,040

Expenditures: \$217,833

Deficit: (\$ 9,793)

Pastor Meyers Out of Town — Pastor Meyers will be in Jackson, Tennessee next weekend (Oct 30-31) to speak at a Reformation Day conference. Please pray for safe travel and effective ministry. He will return on Tuesday, November 2.

Ministerial Interns — Steven Schlepphorst and Ryan Van Horn were both received as candidates for the ministry by Missouri Presbytery this past Tuesday. Steve and Ryan have also been endorsed by our session and are now ministerial interns at Providence. If you have a chance to meet and speak with Steve and Ryan today (as well as their wives Sam and Erin!), please take the opportunity to do so.

Men of the Covenant — Daniel McKinney, church planter in Salt Lake City, UT, will speak at the next Men of the Covenant meeting, scheduled for Thursday evening, November 4th at 7:30 at the home of Monte Shields. Please join us as we get an update of Daniel's ministry and a chance for Q&A and discussion. Please bring a beverage and a camp chair if you have one. You can call Monte for more info or directions at 314-681-1378.

Announcements Continued

Reformation Sunday — Next Sunday evening, October 31st, the Missouri Presbytery's annual joint Reformation Day Service will be held at Chesterfield Presbyterian Church, 15037 Clayton Road, Chesterfield MO 63017. The speaker will be Mike Honeycutt, Associate Professor of Historical and Practical Theology at Covenant Seminary. The combined choir will be doing one anthem, "Who Can Separate Us?" by James Ward of New City Fellowship in Chattanooga TN.

Restore St. Louis Work Day in South St. Louis — On Saturday, November 13th, the Deacons are heading up a work day to help those in need in South St. Louis City. People of all skill levels are invited to participate. Breakfast and Lunch are provided by the Restore St. Louis ministry. There is a very likely chance that we will have the opportunity to serve widows in the neighborhood of our daughter church, Resurrection Presbyterian. For more information, see Paul Svezia, Jack Boeve, or Pastor LeCroy. Please come join us in serving the needy in our city!

Operation Christmas Child — Mark your calendars for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive! Fill a shoebox with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other small gifts for a boy or girl. That shoebox, along with nearly 7 million others, will be delivered to children in needy countries. Shoeboxes can be brought to church any time between now and Sunday, November 21. Brochures with directions on how to pack a shoebox are available on the table in the narthex. Please make sure you follow the directions carefully. If you have any questions, contact Anna Hoegemann.

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!

Church Calendar

<i>Tuesdays</i>	7 AM Men's Bible Study
<i>Wednesdays</i>	7 PM Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursdays</i>	9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
October 24	5 PM Evening Worship & Cookout
October 31	6 PM Reformation Service at Chesterfield PCA
November 4	7:30 PM Men of the Covenant
November 13	Restore St. Louis Work Day
November 14	RPC's Particularization Service
November 21	Shoebox Drop-off Deadline

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

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The Lord's Service Explained

The Opening Hymn of Praise

Once the Lord has called us into his special presence it is then our privilege to respond. He has taken hold of us by his Word and separated us out from the world as his people. This is the first step in the order of covenant renewal worship. The congregation now stands before him poised to respond to his call and receive his gracious gifts. The sacrifice begins.

Singing is our first response to God's words and actions in the worship service. Remember, the entire service moves forward as God speaks and the congregation responds. It is something of a conversation between God and his church. God calls and we respond. God speaks and we listen. God gives and we receive. God acts and we thank Him. We say "amen" each time the Lord speaks to us or acts for us. The dialogical pattern is found throughout the Bible when men find themselves in God's presence (Isa. 6:1-12; Jer. 1:4-8; Rev. 4-5, 19:5-10; etc.). It is the biblical way to approach God in worship. So, here, at the beginning of the service, the Lord calls us and we gather to praise him.

Normally, then, we enter into God's presence singing. The opening hymn is almost always a Psalm of praise or a hymn of adoration. This song is addressed to God, which means it is a prayer. This first hymn will usually highlight some aspect of the character and/or work of God thereby giving concrete form to the congregation's adoration and praise. It is appropriate that we should "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:5). The gathered congregation is herself now the house or temple of the Lord (1 Cor. 3:17; Eph. 2:21; 1 Peter 2:5), indeed, the "city of God" (Heb. 12:22). Just as the Israelites passed through the gates of Zion singing, we too enter that which these types symbolized with songs of praise.

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Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Lian & Clara Tombing	India
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Emad & Michelle Mikhail	Middle East	Dan & Becky Young	Mexico