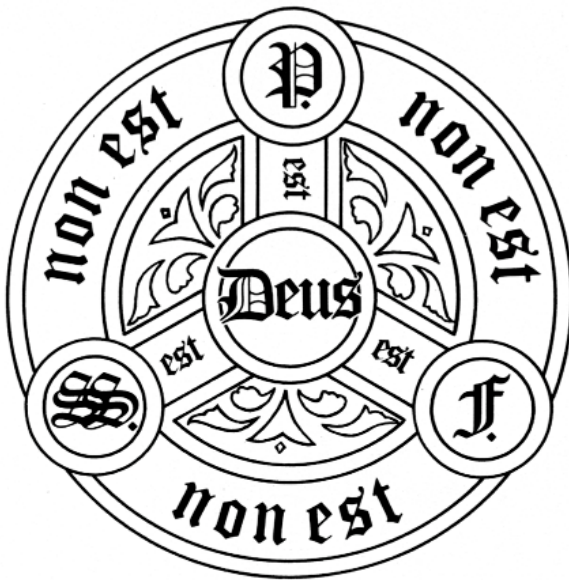


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

November 7, 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.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service at 10:50 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. The adult class meets in the fellowship hall at 11:00 AM. There will be no evening service to-night. Parish groups will meet this afternoon and evening. Please check with your parish group elder or pastor for the location of your group meeting.

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.providencesstl.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 — November 7, 2010
Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *Romans 11:33-36*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Romans 11:33-36*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

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 the Lord,

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Psalms 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love

and your faithfulness,

For you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

for they have heard the words of your mouth,

And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Purification

†Let us humbly confess our sins to God, our Father.

Eternal God, my heavenly Father, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, not only because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have offended you, my Father. Accept my confession, O God, for you have promised to be gracious and compassionate with your erring children. With the help of your grace, I humbly confess my sins and resolve to repent and amend my life. *Silent Prayer.*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment.

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. It includes a measure with a cross symbol (x) in the treble staff, indicating a rest or a specific performance instruction.

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of

The third line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure with a cross symbol (x) in the treble staff.

Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

The fourth line of musical notation concludes the prayer with a final cadence. It includes a measure with a cross symbol (x) in the treble staff.

†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 proper, right, and beneficial, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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 #219 “Blessing and honor and glory and power” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scriptures: *2 Kings 17:24-34, 41* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #317 “Almighty God, thy word is cast”

Trinity Hymnal

†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 Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;**

being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Acts 8:1b-25*

Sermon: **THE MAGIC MEN**

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

XVII. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

Matthew 5:2-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† Prayer of 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 unborn 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

Words of Institution, Prayer of Thanksgiving, & Memorial

We Feed on the Body and Blood of Christ

Hymn #54 "The Hope of Faith"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter



1. The hope of faith shall not de-ceive us;
The Sav-iour's words are true and sure.
Our friends on earth may fail and leave us,
But Je-sus' faith-ful-ness en-dures.
Who lim-its His do-min-ion ev-er?
He rules cre-a-tion from on high;
All that His love and grace en-deav-our
Shall Him His pow-er not de-ny.

2. That hope must soften all our sorrow.
Come, fellow-pilgrims, heads then high;
For those who bide salvation's morrow
The hills are level, seas are dry.
O blessedness above all measure,
O joy when once all grief is banned.
There is our heart, there is our treasure,
When we are in the Promised Land.

Pastoral Benediction

† 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!**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have

promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen!

Benediction

†Hymn #253 “O Spirit of the living God” *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune #54)

†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

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please sign our guest registry in the foyer of the church.

Luther's Small Catechism The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life of the world to come.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by his Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian church he daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and will at the Last Day raise up me and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woman of the Week:

Ami Anderson

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – McDonnell

Sunday School – Marianne Pitts, Melanie Carter

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Gibbs

Sunday School – Boeve

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.

Memory Listening Today—Today, during Sunday School, memory listeners will hear the children recite their memory work.

Session Meeting — The session will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, November 8th at 7 PM.

Ladies' Comedy Night, "A Time to Laugh" — Ladies, join us on November 12th at 7 PM for "A Time to Laugh" comedy night. Bring your best stand-up comedy routine, or if you're just in the mood to laugh, your cheerful disposition. The event will be held at the home of Glenn and Lu Greeno. Please bring a snack and/or a beverage to share. A sign up sheet is on the WIC table. See you there!

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!

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!

Announcements Continued

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.

Christmas Lessons & Carols - Dec. 19, 6:00 P.M. — Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Lessons and Carols Service, a festival of Christmas music featuring our four choirs (Preschool, Elementary, Youth, Adult), congregational carols, and Scripture readings of the Christmas story.

The Youth Choir (Grades 7-12) has begun rehearsing for the Lessons and Carols Service. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate. (Participation in rehearsals is mandatory for those who wish to sing during the program.) Rehearsals are during Sunday School from 11:30-12:00.

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
November 8	7 PM Session Meeting
November 12	7 PM Ladies' Comedy Night
November 13	Restore St. Louis Work Day
November 21	Shoebox Drop-off Deadline
December 19	6 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols Service

General Information

Bulletin Announcements – If you would like to put an announcement in the bulletin, email Melanie Carter at cartersonthehill@gmail.com or call Paul Jaeggi. All announcements must be submitted by noon on Wednesday.

Church Calendar – If you would like to plan a church event within or outside of the church building (or even to use the church building for non-PRPC events) please check with Melanie Carter to ensure that the calendar is available.

Officers and Resource People

The Session (Pastors & Elders)

Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers	314-842-9329 (O)	John Moore	314-984-9869
Senior Pastor	314-842-9309 (H)	Ken Pratt	314-416-1176
Rev. Josh Anderson (Assoc)	314-968-5114	Monte Shields	314-849-0597
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The Deacons

Jack Boeve (Chairman)	636-461-1398	Steve Shaffer	314-843-1964
Bill Coller	314-726-6799	Paul Svezia	314-406-9101
Rick Gibbs	636-451-3463	Rodney Weedman	314-846-0210
Dan Hayes	314-984-9814	Bob Wooldridge	314-963-9671
Daryl Hoegemann	314-962-4874		

Women in the Church Officers

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Lori Shaffer	314-843-1964	Kitchen: Rosamma Weston	314-205-2018
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Church Staff

Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers	314-842-9329 (O)	Rev. Tim Weston	314-205-2018 (Home)
Senior Pastor	314-842-9309 (H)	Pastor to International Students	814-2019 (Cell)
Rev. Joshua Anderson	314-814-5213 (Home)	Rev. Timothy LeCroy (Ast. Pastor)	314-604-2088
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Paul Jaeggi, Sr.	314-843-7994 (Church)	Melanie Carter (Secretary)	636-271-7288
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Home and Foreign Ministries

Ross Dixon	RUF Ministry (Mizzou)	Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia
Garrett & Michelle Crow	Santa Clarita, CA	John & Cathy Rug	Chile
Jamison & Laura Galt	New York City	Brian & Jessie Steadman	New York City
Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Lian & Clara Tombing	India
Bryan Walker	US Army Chaplain	Marcus Toole	Canada
Daniel & Stephanie McKinney	Salt Lake City	Tim & Rosamma Weston	ISI (St. Louis)
Emad & Michelle Mikhail	Middle East	Dan & Becky Young	Mexico