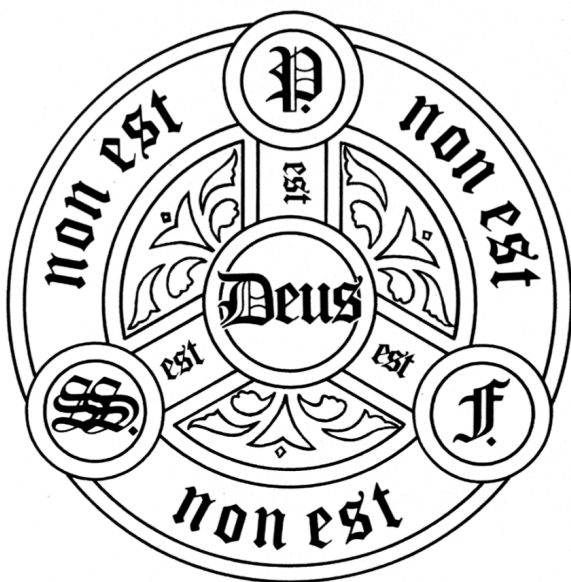


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

November 21, 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. Our evening service begins at 6 PM.

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 — November 21, 2010

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 146*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #53 (*Psalm 146*) "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah" *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,

Psalm 24:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Psalm 47

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords:

Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Purification

†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:

Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. I humbly confess my sins and ask for your mercy. I have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. I have not been just in dealing with others. I have not loved kindness or walked humbly before you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your lovingkindness. In your great compassion, cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. *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 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 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord” (Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #154)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, eternal King,
 By the heavens and earth adored! Angels and archangels sing,
 Chanting everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.

Since by Thee were all things made, and in Thee do all things live,
 Be to Thee all honor paid; Praise to Thee let all things give;
 Singing everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.

Thousands, tens of thousands, stand, Spirits blest, before Thy throne,

Speeding thence at Thy command, and, when Thy behests are done,
Singing everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.

Cherubim and seraphim veil their faces with their wings;
Eyes of angels are too dim to behold the King of kings,
While they sing eternally to the blessed Trinity.

Thee apostles, prophets thee, Thee the noble martyr band,
Praise with solemn jubilee; Thee, the church in every land;
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.

Hallelujah! Lord, to Thee Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Godhead one, and Persons three, join we with the heavenly host,
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Psalm 76*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 22:1-16*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #63 (*Psalm 76*) "God is known"

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:1-12*

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 9:1-19*

Sermon: **Save the Pharisee, Save the World** Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

XX. Exposition of The Acts of the Apostles

†Hymn #404 "We sing the glorious conquest" *Trinity Hymnal*

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings
The Offertory

O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit;
for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children:
Thou hast given them most wondrous Bread from Heav'n:
Thou fillest the hungry with good things,
and the rich Thou sendest empty away.

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† [Hands Raised] The *Doxology* *Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† [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 #569 "Forever trusting in the Lord" *Trinity Hymnal*

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!**

Eternal Father, you sent your blessed Son to free us from bondage and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Give us confident hope in Christ, that we may purify ourselves as he is pure; living self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age. Amen.

Benediction

†Hymn “By all your saints in warfare” Tune: *King’s Lynn (76 76 D)*

By all your saints in warfare,
For all your saints at rest,
Your holy Name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For you have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from your throne.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
And all the noble throng
Who wear the spotless raiment
And raise the ceaseless song.
For these, passed on before us,
We offer praises due
And walking in their footsteps,
Would live our lives for you.

Praise for the light from heaven
And for the voice of awe;
Praise for the glorious vision

The persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's conversion,
We bless your Name today;
Come shine within our darkness,
And guide us on our way.

We praise you for Saint Peter;
We praise you for Saint Paul;
They taught both Jew and Gentile
That Christ is all in all.
To cross and sword they yielded
And saw your kingdom come;
O God, these two apostles
Reached life through martyrdom.

Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

The Evening Service

Sunday, November 21, 2010 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: Psalm 21 Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #211 "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph" *Trinity Hymnal*

Psalm Sing

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Psalm 2 "Why do the restless heathen" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture Reading: 2 *Samuel 5:1-25* Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **David: King of all Israel**

XV. Exposition of the Life of David

†Hymn #499 "Children of the heav'nly King" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woman of the Week:

Kathy Pratt

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Wooldridge
Sunday School – Bryan & Melanie Carter
Evening – Horne

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Morning Service – Greeno
Sunday School – Schmidt

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 Schlepffhorst for more information.

Ladies' Night, Food, Fun, and Fellowship — Join us for "The Bones of Hospitality" December WIC meeting. Marianne Pitts will be talking about having good "bones" in our repertoire of recipes and learning how to take those bones and turning them into meals we can share with others as we practice hospitality. Marianne will be demonstrating these recipes and we will also get to enjoy the finished products. This fun time will be on Saturday, December 4th at 5:30 PM in the church fellowship hall. Come hungry and ready to eat! Bring your favorite wine to share! Let's relax and have food, wine, fun, and fellowship.

Church Budget

YTD Income: \$241,999.08

YTD Expense: \$270,444.53*

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*Expenses include \$12,875.00 cost to repair HVAC and \$38,552.87 cost to replace carpet.

Announcements Continued

New Orleans Mission Trip — The Providence men will be taking a mission trip to help rebuild homes that were destroyed in New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. The dates for the trip are December 29 - January 5 including travel days. The signup deadline, along with a \$100 deposit, is due today. Please see Pastor LeCroy for more information.

Officer Nominations — For the next several weeks, the session will be receiving officer nominations for next year. Nomination forms are available in the foyer. Several things to keep in mind this year: Elder Joel Montgomery is in his sixth year of service on the session this year, and thus will be taking a sabbatical next year. Elder John Moore has just finished serving a three year term on the session and must be renominated to serve another term. Deacons Bryan Carter and Allen Wamsley are both in their sabbatical year now and are thus eligible for renomination for next year.

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
December 4	Ladies' Cooking Party
December 19	6 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols Service

The Lord's Service Explained

The *Sursum Corda*

After the Absolution, God's purified people are invited to come nearer. Just as the sacrificial animal is brought near the altar in preparation for his being drawn into the fire as food for God and, likewise, just as the Ascension follows the Purification, so now the Christian worshiper ascends into heaven to praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to hear the Lord's verbal instruction in preparation for his fellow-ship meal with God.

Appropriately, therefore, the *sursum corda* (Latin: "lift up your hearts") comes at this point in the service.

The "heart" here stands for the center of the whole man. The purpose of the *sursum corda*, therefore, is not to elicit an "emotional" response. We are not being summoned to work up "feelings" about the Lord. We may experience certain emotions at this point in the service or not. But how we feel must be transcended by what we know *by faith* is happening in the liturgy. When the pastor calls out, "Lift up your hearts," the congregation is being summoned to accept by faith our heavenly positioning in Christ. The Lord has forgiven us and now invites us "in close" to praise him and hear his life-giving Word. This is objectively true whether we feel like it or not. Although everything may still "look" the same, by faith we understand that the roof of the church has been rolled back not only to expose the heavenly service in progress but also to incorporate us into it. Cherubim and seraphim, angels and archangels, together with the church triumphant are now "visible" to the eye of faith. Heaven and earth are now joined and we have been ushered into the festal assembly gathered around the throne of the Lamb (Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4-5). We lift up our hearts to the Lord!

Following the *sursum corda*, the people give thanks to God the Father for his glorious grace. This prayer, led by the pastor, reminds them that they are now joining in the chorus of praise before the throne of God. When one makes the ascent into God's presence one starts singing. Singing is a means of ascent. This is when the music and singing began in the temple liturgy—when the Ascension begins (see 2 Chron. 29:27-28). Now is when we sing the *Sanctus* ("Holy, Holy, Holy") or another hymn that provides the congregation with the opportunity to participate in the praise offered around the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven. Hymns of praise based on the Rev. 4:8 ("Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty"), Rev. 4:11 ("Worthy are you, our Lord and God"), or Rev. 5:9 ("Worthy is the Lamb who was slain") are particularly appropriate.

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
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Dan Hayes	314-984-9814	Bob Wooldridge	314-963-9671
Daryl Hoegemann	314-962-4874		

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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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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 & Beckv Young	Mexico