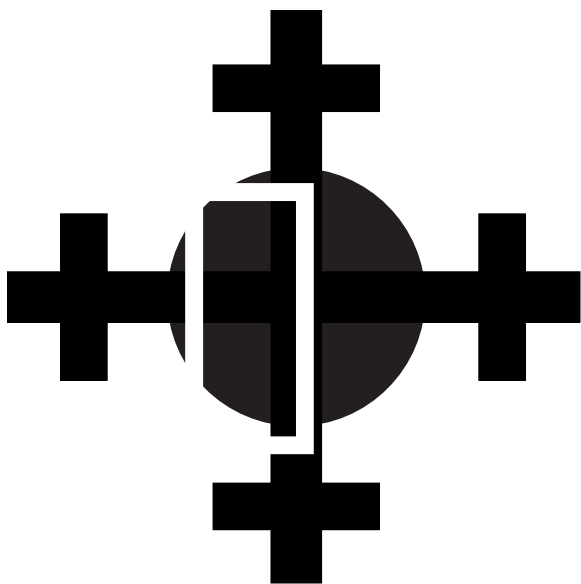


# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

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**Epiphany Season**  
*February 6, 2011*

# Welcome

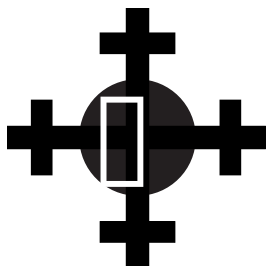
If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Join us downstairs for coffee after this morning's service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting 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 to study Christian Marriage. There will be no evening service tonight; enjoy the rest of the Lord's day with family and friends.

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](http://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.)

## To the Four Corners of the Earth (*Front Cover*)



The season of Epiphany reminds us of the church's world-wide mission to reveal the true God and his love for mankind in his Son. The star in the center is the star of Bethlehem. It shines to the four corners of the earth to manifest the cross of Christ to all the nations. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates how Jesus Christ manifests himself to the world as God Incarnate and King of kings—as the crucified and risen Lord.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — February 6, 2011

*Epiphany Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 96*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

Sing and bless God's name!

*Psalm 96:2-3*

**Tell of his salvation from day to day!**

Declare his glory among the nations,

**His wonderful works among all the peoples!**

†Hymn #1 (*Psalm 100*) "All people that on earth"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts; receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you; seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies their hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

*Psalm 139:23-24*

**Test me and know my thoughts!**

See if there is any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray. *Silent prayer.* Amen!

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

## Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

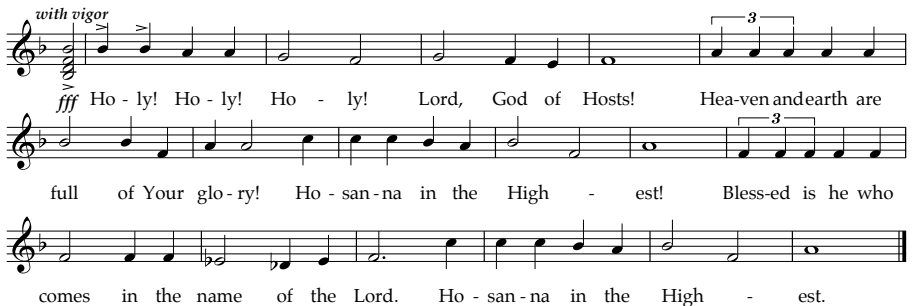
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so.**

†Truly it is good, right, and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory so that knowing you in the Person of your Son, we may be drawn to love you and your people. 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.

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 Savior,  
 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.

*The Appointed Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

The OT Reading: *Genesis 11:27–12:3*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Galatians 2:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Epiphany Hymn “The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

**The star proclaims the King is here;  
So Herod quakes with guilty fear.  
He knows the Christ was born to reign,  
But his proud fight will end in vain.**

**The eastern sages saw from far  
And followed on His guiding star;  
And led by light, to light they trod  
And by their gifts confessed their God.**

**Within the Jordan’s sacred flood  
The heav’nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That He, of whom no sin was known,  
Might cleanse His people from their own.**

**And oh, what miracle divine,  
When water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
In streams that nature ne’er bestowed.**

**For this His glad epiphany  
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-20*

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*

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!

Sermon Text: *Acts 13:1-12*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: ANTIOCH, CYPRUS, & PAULUS

XXVIII. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

†Hymn #385 "O God, to us show mercy"

*Trinity Hymnal*

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [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 [*the congregation may add their petitions here*]:

**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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn: #44 "O Lord Most High"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Communion in the Body & Blood of Our Lord

†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!**

Pastoral Prayer: O Christ, Lord of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #53 (*Psalm 146*) “Hallelujah, praise Jehovah” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

## **Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## *Woman of the Week:*

Brookie Moore

### **Nursery Volunteers for Today:**

Morning Service – Hui

Sunday School – Gerstung

### **Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:**

Morning Service – Wood

Sunday School – Bryan and Melanie Carter

Evening – Weston

**Adult Sunday School “Christian Marriage”** — Please join us this morning in the fellowship hall as we continue our Sunday school class on marriage. We are working our way through Peter Leithart's book [A Great Mystery](#). We have copies of the book on the book table. Each Sunday we deal with a topic, the relevant Scripture passages, and discuss related practical issues.

**Memory Listeners**—will hear our Covenant children recite their catechism questions and scripture verses next Sunday. Please work with your child this week so that he/she will give a good recitation!

**Directory Addition** — Sgt Joseph A. Woodward, 958 MCT, APO AE 09355

**Ladies' Night Out** — Ladies, join us on Thursday, February 24 at 7 PM to hear Pastor Smith give an update on Resurrection. Cornerstone's new pastor, Pastor Aaron Hofius, will also catch us up on what the Lord is doing in and through that congregation. Rosamma Weston will be hosting this event. Sign up to RSVP and “feel free” to bring an appetizer or a dessert. Sign up at the WIC table.

## **Church Calendar**

Thursdays	9:30 AM WIC Bible Study
February 13	Memory Listening During Sunday School
February 24	7 PM Ladies' Night Out
March 13	Parish Groups Meet

# The Lord's Service Explained

## *Epiphany Season*

**What does Epiphany mean?** The English word is derived from the Greek *epiphainein*, which means "to appear" or "manifest." The Epiphany season has to do with the Lord's *manifestation* or *appearance* to the nations. Epiphany (January 6) and the season called by the same name (from January 6 through March 6) celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, beginning with the visit of the Eastern Kings (the Magi) in Matthew 2.

Of course, the manifestation of the Person and mission of Jesus was only gradually unveiled, so the season focuses on the progressive unveiling of our Lord's mission to the world in his teaching. The four main events commemorated during Epiphany are the adoration of the Magi, the story of Christ's visit to the temple as a twelve-year-old boy, our Lord's baptism in the Jordan, and the miracle of turning water into wine for the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee. All four events served progressively to unveil the Lord Jesus Christ to humanity in significant ways at the beginning of his life and the inauguration of his Gospel ministry.

**How should I pray?** Once again, it is important to remember that Epiphany, like Advent and Christmas, is not merely an opportunity to remember the history of our Lord's work. More than that, the season calls upon us to memorialize our Lord's life in prayer before God. The Lord has manifested himself to the Gentiles (representatively to the Magi), he is still manifesting himself to them (in the mission work of the church), and will finally manifest himself fully to all the nations at the last day as Lord and King.

Epiphany therefore is a time to reflect upon all of these ways in which the Lord manifests himself. Please remember that the purpose of Epiphany is not primarily to think historical thoughts about Jesus' life and work. The purpose of Epiphany, like every season in the church year, is to pray—in particular, to pray for the manifestation of the Lord to those who do not know him. Epiphany is a time to reflect upon and pray for the evangelistic mission of the Church.

**Color:** White - symbolizing joy, celebration, gladness, light, and the shining forth of God's glory to the nations through Jesus Christ.

**Epiphany Hymns:** *Trinity Hymnal* #434, 123, 133, 136, 154, 167, 224.

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