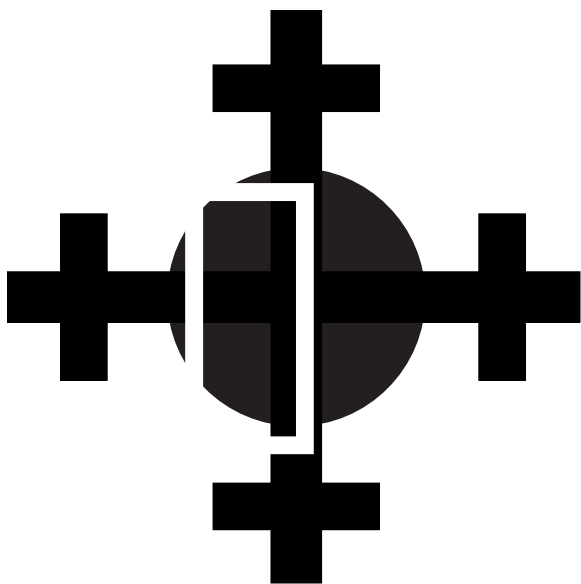


The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
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Epiphany Season
February 27, 2011

Welcome

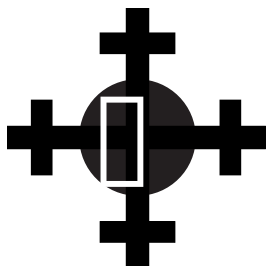
If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use 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. Join us this evening for our service of prayer, praise, and Bible teaching 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.)

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

The Lord's Day — February 27, 2011
Epiphany Season

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 75*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Revelation 3:20*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee"

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 Yahweh!

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfills the law. Grant us grace to love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, all our strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Purification

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

Have mercy on me, O God,

Psalm 51

According to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy

Blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

And cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

And my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned

And done what is evil in your sight

So that you may be justified in your words

And blameless in your judgment.

Behold I was brought forth in iniquity,

And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold you delight in truth even in the womb,

You even teach me wisdom in hidden places.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

Let the bones that you have broken rejoice!

Hide your face from my sins,

And blot out all of my iniquities.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, you who have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for Jesus' 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, to the end that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *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 clef and a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

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 features a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and".

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

†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. We praise you that you sent us your only-begotten Son and that in him, having united himself to our humanity, you manifested the fullness of your glory. 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 of Praise: #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated"

The OT Reading: *Habakkuk 1:1-11*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 13:13-31*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #451 (*Psalms 119:33-40*) "Teach me, O Lord"

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *John 12:36b-50*

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 13:13-43*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **WHAT GOD PROMISED, THIS HE HAS FULFILLED**

XXX. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem "O Christ, Thou bright and Morning Star"

O Christ, Thou bright and Morning Star,
Now shed Thy light abroad;
Shine on us from Thy throne afar
With Thy pure, glorious word.

O Jesus, Comfort of the poor,
I lift my heart to Thee;
I know Thy mercies still endure,
And Thou wilt pity me.

For Thou didst suffer for my soul,
Her burdens to remove;
Oh make me through Thy sorrows whole,
Refresh me with Thy love.

Then, Jesus, glory, honor, praise,
I'll ever sing to Thee;
And Thou at last my soul wilt raise
To endless joy with Thee.

Text: Anon., Leipzig, 1579, Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878) Music: Christopher Tye (ca. 1497-1572)
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† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn: #215 "The Head that once was crowned"

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: Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his Name, never turn away from the world, but serve the world in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Closing Hymn: #27 “Great is thy faithfulness” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

The Evening Service

Sunday, February 27, 2011 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 95*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #47 (sts. 1-5) “Our Father”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Psalm & Hymn Sing

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #47 (sts. 6-10) “Do not our trespasses” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture: *2 Chronicles 6-7*

Pastoral Intern Steve Schleppehorst

Report: Some Lessons from Israel & A God who Dwells Among Men

†Hymn #77 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

†Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woman of the Week:

Meha Gibbs

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Wood

Sunday School – Shaffer

Evening – Montgomery

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Greeno

Sunday School – Gerstung

Evening – Wamsley

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](#). Each Sunday we deal with a topic, the relevant Scripture passages, and discuss related practical issues.

Session Meeting — The session will be meeting today at 4 PM.

Directory Updates: Hoard's new phone number: 636 587-2726

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Church Budget

Giving \$350,057

Spending \$379,093

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RPC's Particularization Service — Join Resurrection Presbyterian Church for their particularization service on Sunday afternoon, March 6 at 4:30 PM. A dinner will follow the service. If you are willing to volunteers to help with nursery, ushering, parking or security, please contact Mike Koller (koller7@gmail.com / 314-843-4512).

Church Calendar

March 6

RPC's Particularization Service

March 13

Parish Groups Meet

May 6-7

Men and Boys' Campout

Church Rules

The diaconate requests the congregation's assistance in instructing children to follow these rules while at church:

1. The choir loft, sound room, pulpit, and elevator are off limits to children unless accompanied by an adult.
2. No running in the church building (with the exception of the fellowship hall after evening service).
3. No standing or climbing on furniture.
4. **Food and drink are not allowed outside the fellowship hall.** Sunday school teachers and nursery workers may at times make exceptions in their rooms.

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

The Lord's Service Explained

Our Common Table

The unity of the church is not merely something we claim by faith every week when we sit at the common Table, it is also something we become every week as we eat the bread and drink the wine together. When we join our voices together with the gathered assembly in prayer, confession, singing, eating, and drinking we are weekly reconstituted by the Spirit as the Body of Christ, the very visible, even tangible public presence of God's saving activity in the world.

Sadly, we often reduce the Lord's Supper to a means of providing mental stimulus for individual religious meditation. It is thought by many to be just another opportunity to exercise personal, private devotions at church. To some extent, the way we have traditionally practiced the Supper encourages this. Everyone closes their eyes, turns inward, and mediates privately. The corporate, communal dimension of the Sacrament gets smothered beneath what in effect becomes an opportunity for personal quiet time in church. There is, of course, room for silence during the rite of Communion, but there is so much more going on than merely private devotions with the visual aids of bread and wine. Surely the food on the Table is not merely God's flannel graph for adults.

What we do at the Lord's Table ought to form us into a particular kind of community—a community of sacrificial love united to one another in Jesus our Savior. The Scriptures, for example, teach the necessity of reconciling any fellow Christians who might be at variance with each other before they could eat the Lord's Supper together. The unity of the church as the Body of Christ, symbolized in the one loaf, must not be violated by personal disputes among the members of the local body as well as formal ecclesiastical schisms in the larger communion of the saints.

The Apostle Paul says that we assemble "as the church" and we "come together" precisely to eat the Lord's Supper and that in an openly unified way (1 Cor. 11:18, 20, 33, 34). The more we faithfully do the Lord's Supper, the more we will experience the communal dimensions of the Sacrament, indeed, the community-forming nature of the ritual meal. Only then will the concrete oneness that our Lord petitioned the Father for be realized in the Church "in order that the world may believe" (John 17:23).

Officers and Resource People

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