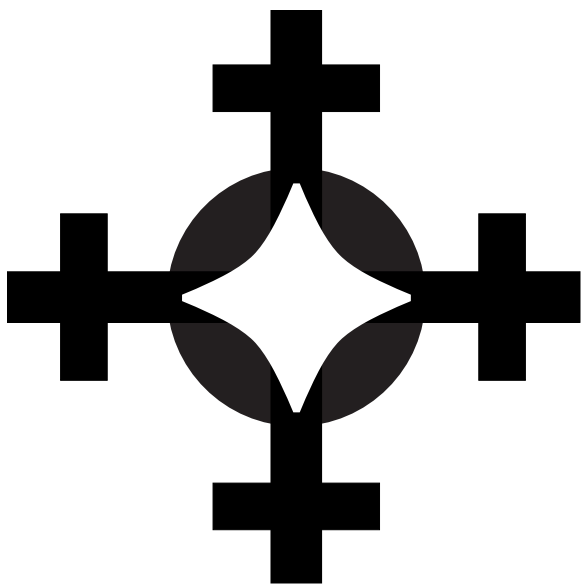


# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

**Providence Reformed  
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**Epiphany Season**  
*March 6, 2011*

# Welcome

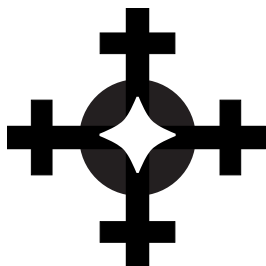
If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use 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. Join us this evening at Resurrection Presbyterian Church for their particularization 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](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

The Lord's Day — March 6, 2011  
*Epiphany Season*

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 75*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 136:1-3*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

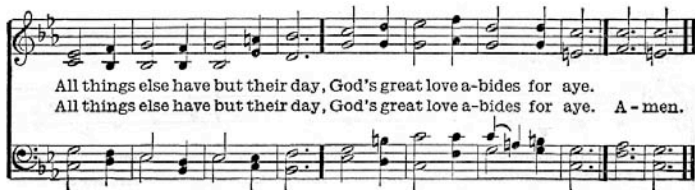
†Hymn "I will sing my Maker's praises"

1 I will sing my Mak-er's prais-es And in Him most joy-ful be,  
2 Yea, so dear did He es-teen me That His Son He loved so well

For in all things I see trac-es Of His ten-der love to me.  
He hath giv-en to re-deem me From the quenchless flames of hell.

Noth-ing else than love could move Him With such sweet and ten-der care  
O Thou Spring of bound-less bless-ing, How could e'er my fee-ble mind

Ev-er-more to raise and bear All who try to serve and love Him.  
Of Thy depth the bot-tom find Tho' my ef-forts were un-ceas-ing?



All things else have but their day, God's great love a-bides for aye.  
 All things else have but their day, God's great love a-bides for aye. A-men.

3 All that for my soul is needful  
 He with loving care provides,  
 Nor of that is He unheedful  
 Which my body needs besides.  
 When my strength cannot avail me,  
 When my powers can do no more,  
 Doth my God His strength outpour;  
 In my need He doth not fail me.  
 All things else have but their day,  
 God's great love abides for aye.

4 When I sleep, He still is near me,  
 O'er me rests His guardian eye;  
 And new gifts and blessings cheer me  
 When the morning streaks the sky.  
 Were it not for God's protection,  
 Had His countenance not been  
 Here my guide, I had not seen  
 E'er the end of my affliction.  
 All things else have but their day,  
 God's great love abides for aye.

5 As a father never turneth  
 Wholly from a wayward child,  
 For the prodigal still yearneth,  
 Longing to be reconciled,  
 So my many sins and errors  
 Find a tender, pardoning God,  
 Chastening frailty with His rod,  
 Not, in vengeance, with His terrors.  
 All things else have but their day,  
 God's great love abides for aye.

6 Since, then, neither change nor coldness  
 In my Father's love can be,  
 Lo! I lift my hands with boldness,  
 As Thy child I come to Thee.  
 Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee,  
 That I may with all my might,  
 All my lifetime, day and night,  
 Love and trust Thee and obey Thee  
 And, when this brief life is o'er,  
 Praise and love Thee evermore.

## †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!

*Psalms 124:8*

**Who made heaven and earth!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great mercy you adopted us for your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!**

## **Purification**

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and righteous, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Accordingly, the Scriptures move us in many places to acknowledge and confess our many transgressions and sins. Therefore I exhort all who are here today, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, to the throne of heavenly grace. Let us pray:

**Most merciful God, I confess to you that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ. 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. 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 #304 "Open now thy gates of beauty"

*Trinity Hymnal*

The OT Reading: *Jeremiah 26:1-15*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #220 "Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 3:1-21*

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 13:42-52*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **NEW AGE, NEW PEOPLE**

XXXI.

EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory & Presentation of Offerings

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give you praise and hearty thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies. We bless you for the love which has created us and sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known to us your will and grace.

**People: We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and godly men, and for the hope of the life to come.**

**Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord Jesus has done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to Your service.**

Save and defend your Church Universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the sacraments.

**Make it perfect in love and in good works, and establish it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all.**

Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands.

**Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord.**

Preserve our Nation in righteousness and honor, and continue your blessings to us as a people, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.

**Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the President and Congress, the Governors and Legislators of Missouri and Illinois, and enable them to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord and obey and enforce his perfect law.**

God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those most dear to us, whom we name in our hearts before you. . . *Pause for Silent Prayer*

**Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your church on earth, who now rest from their labors.

**Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, and bring us at length to the joy of your heavenly kingdom; All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Father, for his sake who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age. Amen!**

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Hymn #239 (*Psalms 50:1-6*) "The mighty God, the Lord"

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: Almighty and everlasting God, you who govern all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the prayers of your people, and grant us patience to wait for your sure promises all the days of our life; 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

†Closing Hymn “God be with you ‘till we meet again”



1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by his  
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; 'neath his  
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's  
 4 God be with you till we meet a-gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -  
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na  
 per - ils thick con - found you, put his arm un -  
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ening

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 fail - ing round you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

**This evening we will gather with our daughter church, Resurrection Presbyterian, to celebrate their becoming a self-governing body. The service begins at 4:30 PM and will be held at Saint Trinity Lutheran Church, 7404 Vermont Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63111. Plan to stay afterwards for a pig roast feast!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## *Woman of the Week:*

Crystal Schmidt

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

Morning Service – Greeno

Sunday School – Gerstung

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

Morning Service – Pratt

Sunday School – Shaffer

**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.

**RPC's Particularization Service** — Join Resurrection Presbyterian Church for their particularization service this afternoon at 4:30 PM. A dinner will follow the service. (St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7404 Vermont Ave. 63111)

**Parish Groups** — Parish groups will be meeting next Sunday, March 13. If you are new to the church or visiting, see Pastor Anderson to see which group you can join for the afternoon.

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

**SGT. Woodward, Joseph**

958th MCT

APO AE 09355

**Bryan Walker**

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### **Church Budget**

(Fiscal Year ends 4/30)

Giving                    \$350,057

Spending                \$379,093

Deficit                    \$ -29,036

## **Church Calendar**

March 13

Parish Groups Meet

May 6-7

Men and Boys' Campout

# 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 dance 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.

This gift & response 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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