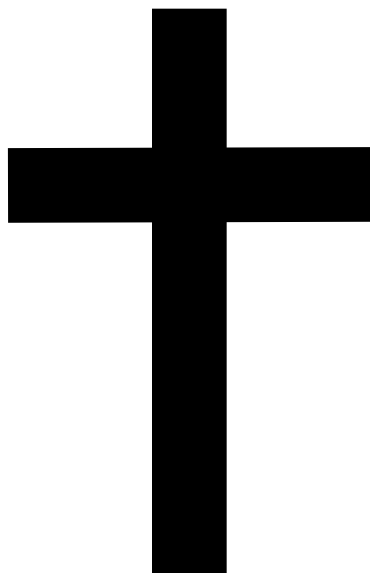


The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
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The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 10, 2011

Welcome

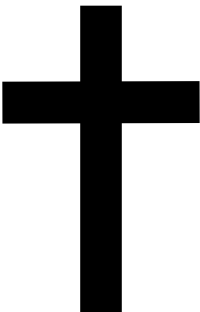
If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use 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 tonight at 5 PM for our evening service and a cookout that will follow afterwards.

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.)

The Simple Cross (*Front Cover*)



During Lent this year we will display a simple, unadorned cross on the front cover of our bulletins. This will remind us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is "the message of the cross. . . to us who are being saved is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18)

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 10, 2011
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 148

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 148*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn “All creatures of our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Refrain

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

Refrain

4. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

Refrain

5. And thou most kind and gentle Death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

Refrain

6. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Refrain

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare your praise.

Psalm 51:5

Your steadfast love, O LORD never ceases;

your mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

O God, Eternal King and Father of all mercies, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning; In you we live and move and have our being; Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our risen and reigning Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen!

Purification

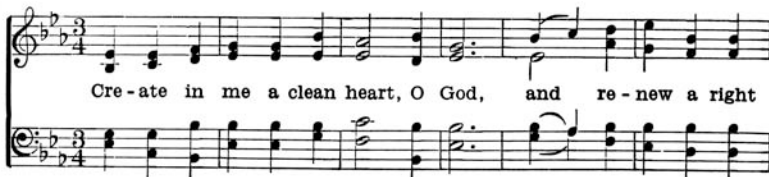
†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us confess our sins before God our Father, seeking and imploring his grace through Jesus Christ.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge before you our sinful nature
and our many offenses.**

**We are prone to do evil and slow to do good.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your way,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Lord, we are ashamed and sorry
for all the ways that we have displeased you.**

**Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts,
cleansing us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son.
Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength.
And give us the power of your Holy Spirit
so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days.**



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. You graciously invite your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to us as the children of 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 #526 “O Lord, by thee delivered”

Trinity Hymnal

The Appointed Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

The OT Reading: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

A Lenten Prayer

(Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #7)

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| 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay. | 3. As you did hunger and did thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self and so to live
By your most Holy Word. |
| 2. As you with Satan did contend
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin. | 4. Abide with us, that through this life
Of suff'ring and of pain
An Easter of unending joy
We may at last attain. |

†The Gospel Reading: *John 11:17-27*

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 15:36-41*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **ANOTHER SHARP DISAGREEMENT**

XXXV. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

Romans 12:1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought,

But to think with sober judgment, each according to the measuring rod of faith God has provided.

For as in one body we have many members,

And the members do not all have the same function,

So we, though many, are one body in Christ,

And individually members of one another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us,

Let us use them.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection;

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you;

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem “At thy feet we humbly kneel”

At thy feet we humbly kneel,

Lord, be near us;

May we now thy presence feel,

Lord, be near us;

Fill our hearts with love of thee,

Lord, be near us;

In thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms,

Lord, be near us;

In thine everlasting arms

Hold and cheer us.

Bind our souls with bonds of faith,

Lord, be near us;

In thy mercy hear us.

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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

Hymn #280 “I love thy kingdom, Lord”

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: God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may be conformed to the image of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #596 “Jesus lives, and so shall I”

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

The Evening Service

The Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 10, 2011

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 119:28-40*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Psalm 119 (sts 11-15) “How blessed are those upright” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Singing & Prayer Requests

†Psalm 83 “Do not be silent God”

(see handout)

Scripture Reading: *2 Samuel 13:1-22*

Sermon: **EVIL IN THE HOUSE OF THE KING** Pastor Jeff Meyers

XXV. EXPOSITION OF THE LIFE OF DAVID

†Closing hymn: #77 (Ps 23) “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction & Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woman of the Week:

Rachel LeCroy

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Pratt

Sunday School – Joanie Harris, Lu Greeno

Evening – Cassie Linton, Amy Pratt

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Wood

Sunday School – Pitts

Evening – Chris Meyers

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.

Cookout Tonight — Our first evening cookout of 2011 will be held tonight after evening service which will begin at 5 PM. Remember to bring your own meat to toss on the grill, drinks, and lawn chairs. Good conversation will be provided.

Men of the Covenant — Tomorrow night, at 7 PM, there will be a Men of the Covenant Meeting at the church. See Pastor Anderson for more details.

Church Family Work Day — Please join us on Saturday, April 30 for a church work day. Shifts run from 8-10 and 10-12. Everyone is welcome to come! Wear work clothes and bring shovels, wheelbarrows (if possible) and other yard tools. See Steve Shaffer if you have any questions.

Church Calendar

April 11	7 PM Men of the Covenant
April 17	No Evening Service
April 22	7 PM Good Friday Service
April 24	No Evening Service
April 30	Church Work Day
May 1	5 PM Service and Cookout
May 6-7	Men and Boys' Campout
July 11-15	VBS

Bible Study for High School Guys — On Saturdays, at 3 PM, high school guys are invited to come to Bread Co. in Sunset Hills for a 4-6 week Bible study on Work, Rest, and Life Plans. Call or email Phillip Bozarth (270-993-7161/ phil.boz@gmail.com) to ask questions or express interest.

Church Budget	Giving	\$408,042
(Fiscal Year ends 4/30)	Spending	\$451,902
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Directory Update — Please update your directory with LaVerne McDonnold's new phone number: 314-651-7002.

Nursery Coordinators Needed — Two nursery coordinators are needed to oversee the sign up schedule and maintain the nurseries. If you are interested, please talk to Denise Gerstung.

Special Music and Children's Events:

Today — Any High School students who wish to join with the Adult Choir and Elementary Choir in a special Easter anthem (see below) will be excused from class today at 11:30 to rehearse in the choir loft with Bill Hoover.

Palm Sunday — Next Sunday morning (Apr 17), we will enjoy an annual Providence tradition as our Preschool children distribute palms to the congregation at the beginning of the Sunday School hour, accompanied by singing from the Elementary Choir. Immediately afterward, the Elementary Choir, Adult Choir, and interested High Schoolers will rehearse their Easter anthem (from approx. 11:15-12:00).

Easter Sunday — The Elementary Choir & Adult Choir will combine to sing a special Easter anthem. Any interested **High School students** are invited to join with the Adult Choir for this anthem if they can rehearse with Bill Hoover in the choir loft **today from 11:30-12:00** and **next Sunday (Apr 17) from 11:15-12:00**. They will be excused from Sunday School class to do so.

Simplified Lent Readings - This Week

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Hymns & Psalms</u>
Mon., Apr 11 –	Psalm 35	John 19:1-11	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #461
Tues., Apr 12 –	Psalm 36	John 19:12-16	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #462
Wed., Apr 13 –	Psalm 37	John 19:17-22	Psalm 36 (<i>Anglo-Gen</i>)
Thurs., Apr 14 –	Psalm 38	John 19:23-27	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #463
Friday, Apr 15 –	Psalm 39	John 19:28-30	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #467
Sat., Apr 16 –	Psalm 40	John 19:31-37	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #472

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