

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season - Ascension Sunday

June 5, 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.

Children & Adults will all gather in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to see and hear a report from our missionary to India, Lian Tombing. Join us this evening for our special Jamie Soles concert at 5 PM. Afterwards, we will gather outside on the church parking lot for our Pig Pickin' Pentecost Feast!

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.providencestlouis.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.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — June 5, 2011

The Ascension of our Lord

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 47

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 47*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 47 "Praise the LORD, ye Lands"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Praise the LORD, ye lands! Nations clap your hands,
Shout a-loud to God, spread His fame abroad.

Praise him loud and long with a triumph song;
Bow as ye draw nigh, for the LORD Most High,
Terrible is He in his dignity and His kingdom's girth
Circles all the earth.

God has gone on high with a joyful cry;
Hosts with trumpet sound make His praise abound.

Sing ye praise to God, tell His fame abroad,
Take a psalm and shout, let His praise ring out,
Lift your voice and sing glory to our King;
He is Lord of earth, magnify His worth.

Praise His majesty understandingly; God is King alone
On His holy throne, issues His commands
To all foreign lands. Lo, their princes all gather at His call:
His the shields of earth, his the power, the worth;
He, the God on high, is our Helper nigh.

†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!

God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Psalm 47:5

The Lord has ascended on high,
Leading a host of captives in his train!

Psalm 68:18

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Grant, we ask you, Almighty God, that just as we believe that your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand, so may we also in heart and mind even today ascend with him, and so continually dwell in your presence, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, 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: [Congregation Kneels]

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

Psalm 24:3-4

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
**Who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought word and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

†Pastor: Now stand up and hear the good news!

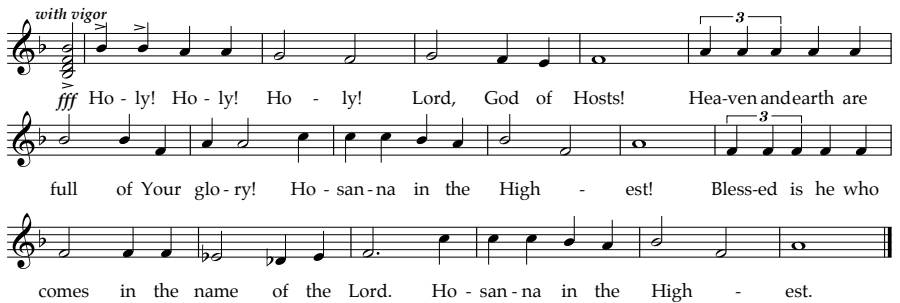
Ascension

†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.

†It is good, right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings you so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for your boundless love shown to us when you sent your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to take on our flesh and die in our place that we might not die eternally. Because he is now risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, and lives and reigns to all eternity, we shall overcome sin and death in him and will rise again to a new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven 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: #212 “A hymn of glory let us sing” *Trinity Hymnal*
The OT Reading: *Daniel 7:1-14* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 26:57-68*

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 17:1-8*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **THIS JESUS IS THE ANOINTED ONE**

†Hymn #211 "See, the Conqueror" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #42)

Ordination & Installation

Elders: *Richard Hiers (installation) & Allan Wamsley (ordination)*

Deacons: *Bryan Carter (installation) & Pat Staebel (ordination)*

Solemn Vows:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this installation vow?

3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder and deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vows

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as Ruling Elders and Deacons, and do you promise to yield to them all honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of his church, entitles them?

Laying on of Hands & Prayer

Joshua Anderson

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

Pastor Jeff Meyers

I now pronounce and declare that . . . have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as ruling elders and . . . as deacons in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†[Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Bread of Life

Communion Hymn: #217 "Look, ye saints"

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Wine of Gladness

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and 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 God, your beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven that he might rule over all things as the Last Adam; mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he will rule until he has put all enemies under his feet; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #216 “Crown him with many Crowns”

Trinity Hymnal

[Kneeling] Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

Pentecost Pig Pickin’ Tonight!



It all begins
with a concert
by Jamie Soles at 5 PM.



**The pig eating feast follows immediately after
the concert on the church parking lot.**

Bring enough sides and drinks for visitors.

Today at PRPC

Woman of the Week:

Chris Meyers

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Wooldridge

Sunday School – Carter

Evening – Shields

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Schmidt

Evening – Pratt

Sunday School — Today, Lian Tombing is visiting PRPC and will give us a report during Sunday School. Everyone, children included, will gather in the sanctuary for this last Sunday school class of the summer.

VBS Meeting — There will be a brief VBS meeting during the coffee break today. If you are volunteering or would like to become involved, please attend. See Anna Hoegemann if you have any questions.

WIC Social — Ladies, you are invited to an appetizer and wine tasting social hosted by Brenda Svezia and Geri Weedman. Bring a bottle of wine and some goodies to share and enjoy fellowship with one another. The social will be held in the Svezia home on Saturday, June 18 at 3 PM.

Weston/Anderson Wedding — We would love to have our Providence Church family join us as Jessica and Alex take their marriage vows on Friday, June 24 at 6:00 P.M. at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 201 South Skinker Boulevard, St. Louis 63105. All are invited to the wedding ceremony.

— Tim and Ros Weston

Church Calendar

June 12	No Sunday School (for the summer)
June 15	Men's Summer Book Study
June 18	WIC Wine & Appetizer Social Begins
June 19	No Evening Worship
July 11-15	VBS

Announcements

2nd Annual Pig Pickin' for the Feast of Pentecost — The time for our great feast has arrived! Tonight we will gather for evening service at 5 PM for the Jamie Soles family concert. Immediately following we will move to the parking lot for a Pig Pickin' to celebrate the Christian Feast of Pentecost (albeit a week early). Every individual or family is asked to bring a side dish. Last names A-H will please bring cole slaw, I-R baked beans, and S-Z potato salad. Those who feel so inclined are also encouraged to contribute a desert to the feast. Please bring a double portion of what your family would normally consume to account for the many visitors we expect. Every family or individual is responsible for bringing their own drinks, whatever they may be, and buns, if you would like to use a bun, just like an evening cookout. Bring lawn chairs, lawn games, or any other festive thing you can think of. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Men's Summer Book Study — Starting June 15, Pastor Anderson will be leading a summer book study for men in the church. The study will meet on Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall and will include prayer, scripture reading, fellowship and a discussion of Doug Wilson's book "Fidelity". Please speak to Josh if you're interested in attending. All are welcome!

Congratulations, Covenant Children! **Many Thanks, Staff!**

Congratulations to our Covenant children who received plaques and/or grade memory awards last Sunday. The plaques and grade memory awards were given for excellent memory work completed in scripture. The Christian Education Committee is grateful for the fidelity and hard work of the children and the parents and we especially appreciate the labor of love the teachers have bestowed upon our children. Our Sunday school teachers were:

Ages 2-3	Kathy Hoegemann
Ages 4-5/Kg	Anna Hoegemann and Amanda Cone
Grades 1-2	Richard and Anne Hiers
Grades 3-4	Todd Tageson
Grades 5-6	Ken Pratt
Grades 7-8	Brookie Moore

Our faithful music leaders were Bill Hoover and Tim Weston. Special thanks to Deborah Shields, Memory Listener Chairman.

The Lord's Service Explained

The Special Presence of God?

God has promised to be present with his people in a special manner when they gather on the appointed day of worship. The one who skips church for the golf course or shopping mall or State park may not argue from God's omnipresence to justify his not being in church. Sure, God is present on the golf course, just as he is present in hell. But this general presence of God doesn't do the people in hell much good. They suffer "torment. . . in the presence of the Lamb" (Rev. 14:10). This means that God is present in heaven and hell, but he is not present *in the same way* in each of these locations. There is a huge difference. His presence means torment for one, life and blessing for the other. What does this teach us about God's presence on the Lord's Day?

Even if we cannot define it precisely, God is nonetheless present in a heightened special sense when his people gather as the church on the Lord's Day. For one thing, he is present there "for us." This is the place and time where he gathers his people around the Word and Sacraments. He has promised to be there for us when his people gather. It is not so much that God was not present in, say, China, when the pillar and fire led the people of Israel out of Egypt or when his presence filled the Tabernacle upon its completion; rather, the Lord was at these appointed places in a special, life-giving way.

The people of Israel were given singular signs of God's special presence as they gathered around Mt. Sinai and the Tabernacle. Similarly, it is not that God is absent from the food court in the mall on Sunday; rather, he has promised to be present in a special way, the way of salvation and blessing, at the Communion Table in church. The bread and wine are singular signs designed to assure us of his special, gracious presence with us. To make this personal, God has not promised to be in the mall on Sunday morning for you. Actually, if you refuse to heed the Lord's summons to gather with his church, he may be present there against you so that you could very well experience his judgment and curse, rather than his promise of blessing, life, and salvation.

Moreover, when we are in God's special presence every week, receiving from him his promise through his Word and Sacrament, we can go forth out of church into the world with the full assurance that God will be with us and for us wherever we may be during the week. Without being in the Lord's special presence we have no assurance of his omnipresent help in every situation and location (see Gen. 3:8; 4:16; Exod. 33:14-15; Deut. 4:37; Deut. 12:7, 18; 14:23, 26; 15:20; Judges 18:6; 2 Kings 13:23; 17:18-23; Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 5:4; 11:18ff.; etc.).

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