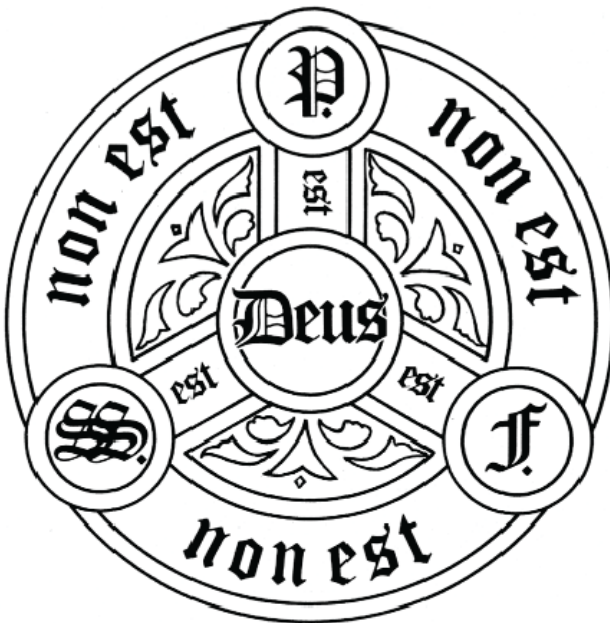


The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Pentecost Season
September 25, 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 Technology & The Christian Faith. Join us tonight for our evening service and a cookout at 5 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.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.)

Holy Trinity Diagram (Front Cover)



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. The shield on the front cover depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center of the circle is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). **Reading out from the center along the three spokes the unity of the Godhead is represented:** *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God; *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God; *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. **Reading around the circumference of the circle the distinctions between the Persons are noted:** *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son; *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit; *Spiritus Sanctus non est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — September 25, 2011

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 122

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude "Preludio I" J. S. Bach, *The Well Tempered Clavier*
Nathan Wamsley

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship Pastor Jeff Meyers

Pastor: Let us rise and worship God, in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen!**

†Hymn #117 "Shepherd of tender youth" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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:

O God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth: All your works praise you in all places of your dominion, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ your Son; therefore, we praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. Amen!

Purification

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; *Psalm 131:1-2*
My eyes are not raised too high.

I do not occupy myself with things,
Too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
Like a weaned child with its mother.

Come let us worship and bow down.

Psalm 95:6

And kneel before the Lord our Maker [Kneel]

Let us pray.

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 arise and hear the good news!

†The Rite of Christian Baptism

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 10:7-12*

Parental Vows: *Tim & Rachel LeCroy*

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vows

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Christian Baptism: *Ruby Mae LeCroy*

Prayer: Elder Randy Stone

The Lorica

ST. PATRICK

Traditional Irish Melody

In unison, with energy

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name
 2 I bind this day to me for ev - er, By power of
 *3 I bind un - to my - self the power Of the great
 *4 I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues
 *5 I bind un - to my - self to - day The power of

1 of the Tri - ni - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion
 2 faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
 3 love of cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
 4 of the star - lit heav'n, The glo - rious sun's life -
 5 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his

1 of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three. †
 2 Jor - dan riv - er; His death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
 3 judg - ment hour; The ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
 4 giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at even,
 5 might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need;

†Stanza 1 ends here; the following stanzas continue on the next page

2 His burst - ing from the spi - ced tomb; His ri - ding
 3 Con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, The pa - triarchs'
 4 The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
 5 The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

2 up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the
 3 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; All good deeds done un -
 4 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, The sta - ble earth, the
 5 guide, his shield to ward; The word of God to

2 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 3 to the Lord, And pu - ri - ty of ran - somed souls.
 4 deep salt sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks.
 5 give me speach, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.

DEIRDRE

Traditional Irish Melody

In harmony, with breadth

6 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be - fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

ST. PATRICK

7 I bind un - to my - self the Name, The strong Name

of the Tri - ni - ty; By in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: Praise to the Lord of

In harmony
my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord. A-men.

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Ascension

The OT Reading: *Proverbs 8:1-21*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalms 121 "To the hills I lift my eyes"

CRC Psalter Hymnal

(Tune of TH #623)

**To the hills I lift my eyes;
whence shall help for me arise?
From the LORD comes all my aid,
who the heavens and earth has made.
He will guard through dangers all,
will not let you slip or fall.
He who safe his people keeps
never slumbers, never sleeps.**

**Your protector is the LORD;
shade for you he will afford.
Neither sun nor moon shall smite;
God shall guard by day and night.
He will ever keep your soul;
what would harm he will control.
In the home and by the way
God will keep you day by day.**

The New Testament Reading: *James 1:19-27*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 19:13-30*

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: *Matthew 19:13-30*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **FROM CHILDHOOD TO MATURITY**

†Hymn #352 "A little child the Savior came"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Communion in the Body of Christ

Hymn #355 "Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear" *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: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we take refuge in you; let us never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver and rescue us; incline your ear to us and save us! Be to us a rock of refuge, to which we may continually come, for you are our Rock and our Fortress; hear our prayer in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

(from *Psalms* 71:1-3)

Benediction

†Hymn #122 "Of the Father's love begotten"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew* 28:18-20

†Benediction: *Numbers* 6:24-26

†A Parting Prayer: "God be with you till we meet again"

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you —
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you —
God be with you till we meet again

The Evening Service

Sunday, September 25, 2011 – 5:00 PM
Pentecost Season

Scripture Reading: *John* 5:19-29

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #197 "The day of resurrection"

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]

†Psalm 68 (sts 1-4, 12) "God shall arise"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Sermon Text: *Revelation* 21:1-7

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Message: **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD & THE LIFE EVERLASTING**

IX. EXPLANATION OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

†Hymn #604 "Jerusalem the Golden"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

Cookout on the parking lot!

Announcements

Woman of the Week:

Debbie Zintel

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Shaffer

Sunday School – Gibbs

Evening – Chris Meyers

Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:

Morning Service – Hiers

Sunday School – McDonnell

Evening – D. Linton

Fall Adult Sunday School: Technology & The Christian Faith - Join us for our adult Sunday School on Technology & the Christian Faith. Everyday we use different kinds of technology, much of it invented in the past 50 years, and yet we often don't put a lot of thought into how these tools shape and influence the way we view the world and interact with other people.

Cookout Tonight — Join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening service. Bring your lawn chair and some meat for the grill and fellowship with us on the parking lot after the service.

Ruby Mae LeCroy's Baptism Party — Join the celebration of Ruby Mae's baptism on Friday, Sept 30 at 8 PM. The Shaffer's are hosting the party in their home. RSVP to Rachel at 314-604-2089 or rachel.redhead@gmail.com if you can attend and please indicate if you can bring an appetizer, dessert, or wine.

Parish Groups — Parish groups will be meeting Sunday, October 2. If you are new to the church or visiting, see Pastor Anderson to see which group you can join for the afternoon.

Food Pantry Donations — Many thanks to all who have donated to Resurrection Food Pantry! This month they desperately need anything you can donate. Their shelves are empty! Here are some suggestions for donations: canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meals, pasta, and cereal.

Ladies Night Out — PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: Ladies, join us at 7 PM Thursday evening, October 6, for our WIC get-together. We will meet at the Eureka Elementary School library for an evening of treats, togetherness and technology. There will be a demonstration on easy-to-use digital scrapbooking and time afterwards to visit or work on your own project, if you wish. The library is spacious, so if technology is not your thing, there's plenty of room to just sit and chat. Please sign up at the WIC table. Directions to Eureka Elementary will be sent by email, but there are a few paper copies for those who do not use email. Hope you can make it! See Rhonda Hoard if you have any questions.

Harvest Party, Saturday, October 22, 4-8 PM — Join us for our annual Harvest Party hosted by the John Keane family. We'll have our traditional chili contest, dessert contest (ingredient this year is caramel!), costume contest for all ages, and chicken chase for the little ones. New this year is a fundraiser for the Deacons' Fund. The winning dessert will be sold! To help with the party and to see what foods are needed, see the sign up sheet on the WIC table.

Choir — We're off to a great start--18 singers at our kickoff! The choir loft holds 32, so there's room for plenty more! I'd especially love to have a few more altos and a few more guys to round out the group. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 P.M. and have a lot of fun learning and singing good music. Hope to see you! -- Bill Hoover (314-540-2427, billhoover@fastmail.net).

The **Providence Life Chain** is scheduled for Sunday, October 9 from 1:30-2:30 PM. We will hold our pro life signs in front of our church on Sappington Rd to show our commitment to sanctity of life. A light lunch will be served immediately following Sunday school and a sign up sheet will be available.

Church Calendar

October 2	Parish Groups Meet
October 6	Ladies Night Out *Note the date change!*
October 9	1:30-2:30 Life Chain
October 22	Harvest Party

Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests



The Lord's Service Explained

Why Do We use Set Prayers?

First, we don't naturally know how to pray, and pre-composed prayers can help train our minds to pray biblically. Good prayers guide us and assist us in composing our own private prayers, both with respect to content and structure. Almost all the phrases from all the prayers that we use in our worship come right out of the Bible. Thus, ultimately, we are praying God's Word. There are biblical ways to pray, and these pre-composed prayers, used consistently, will help you learn how to pray. Surely this is the reason why so many prayers are recorded for us in the Bible. The traditional prayers of the Church offer the worshiper guidance and direction, oftentimes by utilizing the language and structure (order of prayer) lifted right from the Bible itself.

Second, prayers sung or said in unison manifest the *unity* of the church in prayer. We all pray together as the corporate Body of Christ, not just as a bunch of individuals. Corporate worship is not designed merely as an aid to each individual's devotions. We don't come into church to worship merely as individuals with our own private tubes to God. We come together as the Body of Christ, and as the Body of Christ we confess our sins, pray, and praise God together. The Spirit re-creates us into a community by means of common prayer.

Third, printed prayers insure congregational participation in the prayers. Remember worship ought not to be something you come to watch or hear, rather you come to perform worship yourself. Think about this: it is very difficult to get distracted when you are saying a prayer out loud. It is hard to do anything else but pray the prayer. A set prayer insures your participation and guards against your mind wandering. It is much more difficult for your mind to wander when your attention is focused on reading and saying a prayer that you are familiar with than it is when you have your eyes closed and are merely listening to the pastor pray. Let's face it—most people find it very difficult to concentrate on praying when someone else is saying a long prayer. If you aren't familiar with the prayer that you are reading or hearing, then you will have to evaluate it as you are praying. And how much more effective would it be to recite prayers that you trust and know by heart?

Fourth, no church can avoid prayer rituals altogether. You either have good prayer rituals or you have bad ones, helpful or dangerous ones, but it is impossible to be free from all forms in a church's corporate prayer life. Congregations that never use prayer books or set prayers, nevertheless, do develop, sometimes unknowingly (which is unfortunate), certain habits with respect to praying. You know very well what happens when there is no guidance or direction to the prayers. Prayers become tedious: "I just want to thank you, Lord...and I just want to ask...and I just want..." Or they become trivial and down right silly: "O Lord, help us to be all that we can be" (the Army Prayer) or "Lord, help us to reach out and touch somebody this week" (the AT&T prayer).

Obviously, we are not obliged to use all kinds of pretentious words and grandiose phrases in order for our prayers to be acceptable to God. I'm not trying to put down anyone's prayer merely because it is not as well structured and manicured as someone else's. God is pleased with the meager and unsophisticated prayers of his people, just as he is pleased with a young child's. But—and here's the important point—if the child never grows up and learns how to pray biblically, if the content of his prayers remain the same, then it is not so cute anymore. God may be pleased with a childlike prayer, but he is not satisfied with it either. He expects us to grow up and learn how to pray like adults, to conform our prayers more and more to the models he has given us in the Scriptures.

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