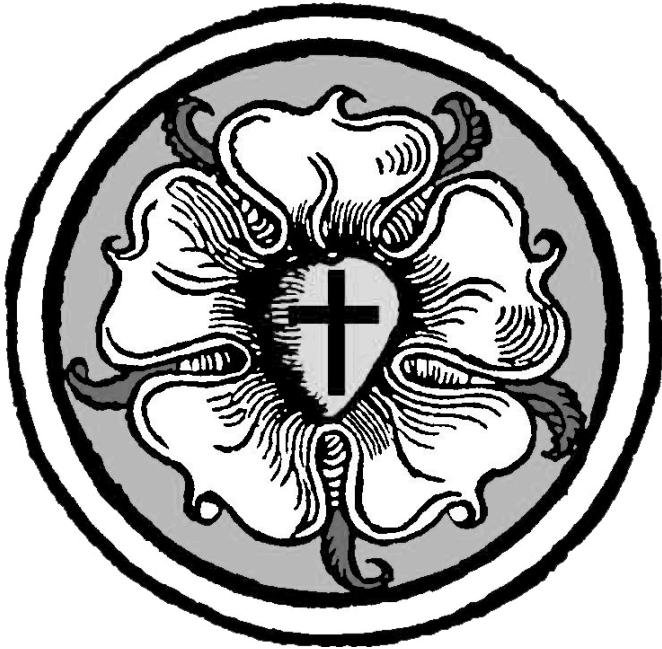


# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

**Providence Reformed  
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**Reformation Sunday**  
*October 30, 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. Tonight we will join the other churches in Missouri Presbytery and attend the Reformation Day service at Memorial Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM. Memorial is located at 201 S Skinker Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63105.

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](http://www.providencestlouis.com).

## The Lord's Supper at Providence

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. The Lord's Table is not for Presbyterians alone. Rather, it is for all professing Christians.

You do not have to speak to the elders before the service. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

If you have any questions about your participation at the Lord's Table, please speak to one of the elders or a pastor before or after the service.

**Note:** We use wine for communion, according to our Lord's example and instruction. But if you require a non-alcoholic drink, the middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — October 30, 2011

*Reformation Sunday*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 68**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Organ, Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 68:1-6*

Pastor Jeffrey 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!**

†Psalm 68      "Let God arise"      *The Battle Hymn of the Reformation*

**Let God arise and by his might  
Put all his enemies to flight with shame and consternation.  
For when the LORD God shall appear,  
He will consume, afar and near, with fire and desolation.  
As smoke before his dreadful ire,  
As wax is molten by the fire, so shall the wicked perish.  
But let the righteous, blest of old,  
Joy in their God and now behold the victory they cherish.**

**Exalt, exalt the name of God!  
Sing, sing his royal fame abroad with fervent exaltation.  
Cast up a highway smooth and wide,  
that through the deserts he may ride; the LORD is our salvation.  
God's mighty power sets prisoners free;  
His arm of strength gains victory, to rebels shows no pity.  
The father of the fatherless  
And help for widows in distress is God in Zion's city.**

**Give praise to God with reverence deep;  
He daily comes our lives to keep and kindly bears our burdens.**

**Our God upholds us in the strife;  
To us he grants eternal life and saves from all that threatens.  
God crushes heads of enemies;  
He brings them back from farthest seas for Israel's jubilation.  
He hears the needy when they cry;  
He saves their souls when death draws nigh:  
This God is our salvation.**

**All nations of the earth, exult,  
Raise psalms of praise to heaven's vault,  
God's ancient throne and dwelling.  
God rides his chariot in the height,  
He thunders forth his royal right; God reigns, all kings excelling.  
Proclaim the awesome power of God,  
Make known his mighty deeds abroad; all Israel shall extol him.  
For he is powerful and great:  
All earth and skies are his estate; his majesty excels them.**

*Text: Psalm 68; vers. Psalter Hymnal, Copyright 1987 by CRC Publications.  
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*Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1539; harm. Howard Slenk, 1985;  
brass fanfare and soprano descant, Bill Hoover, 1997.*

†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!**

Thanks be to God! *1 Corinthians 15:57*  
**Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires  
known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts  
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

## **Purification**

†Now let us make confession to the Lord God, and let everyone  
acknowledge with me his sin and guilt.

Come let us worship and bow down.

*Psalm 95:6*

**And kneel before the Lord our Maker [congregation kneels]**

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all mankind, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed.**

**We have sinned against your Divine Majesty, justly provoking your wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our transgressions. The remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

†Pastor: Now arise 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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made a glorious home for mankind. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us over all your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and graciously covenanted to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You gave your Word to take on our flesh and in him you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and has risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all

the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name. . .

†The Sanctus

*with vigor*

*ff* 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.

†Song of Praise: Hymn #135 "I greet thee" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 2* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *Romans 13:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #91 "Lord, keep us steadfast in thy Word" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *John 11:11-57*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†We Confess our Faith: *Luther's Sung Nicene Creed*

1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high-est  
earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love  
Lord, pos - sess - ing An - e - qual God-head, throne, and might,  
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,  
Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and  
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,  
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His

bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;  
 vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,  
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no  
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might  
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through

harm be - tide us. He cares for us by  
 life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for  
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.  
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.  
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Text: *Acts 23:12-35*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **THE MAGISTERIAL REFORMATION**

**LVI. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

†Hymn #623 "Christ, by heavn'ly host adored"

*Trinity Hymnal*

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Psalm 124*

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Let Israel now say in thankfulness  
 That if the LORD had not our right maintained  
 And if the LORD had not with us remained,  
 When cruel men against us rose to strive,  
 We'd surely have been swallowed up alive.

Yea, when their wrath against us fiercely rose,  
 Then would the tide o'er us have spread its wave;  
 The raging stream would have become our grave;  
 The surging flood, in proudly swelling roll,  
 Most surely would have overwhelmed us all.

Blest be the LORD who made us not their prey;  
 As from the fowler's net a bird may flee,

So from their broken snare did we go free.  
Our only help is in God's holy Name;  
He made the earth and all the heavenly frame.

Text: Theodore de Beza, Genevan Psalter, 1551, tr. unknown.  
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for the Publication of the *Book of Praise* of the Canadian Reformed Churches.  
Music: Tune from *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harmony by Claude Goudimel, 1564.

†[Hands Raised] The *Doxology* *Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi  
†[Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer & Petitions from the Congregation

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Communion in the Body of Christ  
Hymn #512 "Give thanks unto the Lord" *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: Lord God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: We gave thanks today for his resurrection; may we forever praise you in that eternal City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns forever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God" (on next page)  
†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*  
†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*  
†Three-fold Amen  
†Postlude & Greet One Another



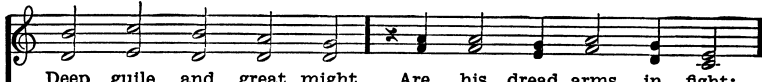
1 A might-y For-tress is our God, A trust-y Shield and Weap - on;  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 3 Tho' dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need That hath us now o'er-tak - en.  
 But for us fights the Val - iant One, Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill, They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 He's by our side up - on the plain With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil Foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus Christ it is,  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 Of Sab - a - oth Lord, And there's none oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;  
 Let these all be gone, They yet have noth - ing won;



On earth is not his e - - - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - - - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell . . . . . him.  
 The King - dom ours re - main - - - eth. A - men.



# **Announcements**

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## *Woman of the Week:*

Jean Blome

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

Morning Service – Shaffer

Sunday School – Pam Wamsley

### **Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:**

Morning Service – Pratt

Sunday School – Gerstung, Anderson

Evening – Hiers

**Fall Adult Sunday School: Technology & The Christian Faith** - Join us in the fellowship hall for our adult Sunday School on Technology & the Christian Faith. Today's topic on "The Military" will be led by Pastor Meyers.

**PRPC Picture Directory** — We are in the process of taking family pictures for a PRPC directory. A sign-up sheet is available in narthex. The pictures will be taken in the fellowship hall for the next several Sundays. See Robert Wermuth if you have any questions.

**Memory Listeners** will hear our Covenant children recite their scripture verses during Sunday School today.

**WIC Service Project**, November 12 — If interested, see Lori Shaffer for details.

**Food Pantry Donations** — Many thanks to all who have donated to Resurrection Food Pantry. This month the item to donate is canned chili.

**Operation Christmas Child** — Christmas is just around the corner! Grab an empty shoebox and fill it with small toys, school supplies, toiletries, socks, etc. and bring them to church no later than November 20. Information about this wonderful program can be found on the WIC table.

## **Church Calendar**

November 12	WIC Service Project
November 20	Shoebox Deadline/Parish Groups Meet
November 21	Session Meeting
December 18	Lessons and Carols

# Reformation Day Service Notes

**Honoring our Music Director.** In recognition of Bill Hoover's completion of 20 years of service as our Director of Music (beginning Sep. 1991) and 25+ years as our organist/ pianist (beginning Jan. 1986), we are incorporating several of Bill's hymns, musical arrangements, and original compositions into our worship services this fall & winter. **This morning**, our opening psalm, "Let God arise" (*Psalms 68*), includes a brass fanfare (played on the organ) and a soprano descant which were composed by Bill in 1997 for the annual Joint Reformation Service of the Missouri Presbytery of the PCA.

**The offertory** this morning is Genevan *Psalms 124*, which is found in the *Anglo-Genevan Psalter* in our pews. The tune is the basis for hymns #135 and #514 in the *Trinity Hymnal*. The contrapuntal harmony of verses 2 and 3 is by Claude Goudimel (1564), who harmonized the entire 150-psalm Genevan Psalter twice, once in a hymn-like style and once in a contrapuntal manner. Goudimel was the leading French Reformed composer of his day. He perished in the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 1572.

## Martin Luther's Seal

Luther wrote to his friend Lazarus Spengler on July 8, 1530 to explain his new seal (reproduced in B&W on the cover of today's Reformation Day bulletin):

"Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology.

The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. 'For one who believes from the heart will be justified' (Rom. 10:10).

Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. 'The just shall live by faith' (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27).

That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal.

This is a summary of my theology. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen."

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