

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season

April 22, 2018

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 11:10 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. This morning we continue our adult Sunday school class exploring the foundational truths of the Christian faith using the creeds, confessions, and catechisms of the early, medieval, Reformation, and modern Christian communities.

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 Victor (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCYOYC*, 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 — April 22, 2018

Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 92

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Elder Robert Murphy

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Robert Murphy

[*Kneeling*] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 92:1-4*

Mr. Caleb Skogen

†Hymn #535 "How good it is to thank the Lord"

Trinity Hymnal

†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!

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

Psalm 92:12-15

And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of Yahweh;

They flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;

They are ever full of sap and green,

To declare that Yahweh is upright;

He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

†Leader: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gathered in the Name of Jesus in response to the gracious call of your Spirit.

Grant that we might faithfully celebrate this morning with all the faithful in heaven and on earth the marriage feast of the Lamb. Graciously receive our worship and prayers, and

strengthen us for service in your Son's kingdom. To you alone, O

Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

Leader: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and kneel and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake: [*Congregation kneels*]

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, *Daniel 9:7-10*
but to us open shame.

To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes,
and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him

And we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws,
which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Eternal God, my heavenly Father, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, not only because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have offended you, my Father. Accept my confession, O God, for you have promised to be gracious and compassionate with your erring children. With the help of your grace, I humbly confess my sins and resolve to repent and amend my life. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

†Leader: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news. . . !

Ascension

†Leader: 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 fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored us to everlasting life. 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.

Easter Hymn "This joyful Eastertide"

1. This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen.
But now hath Christ arisen!*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber;
Till trump from east to west,
Shall wake the dead in number.
3. Death's flood has lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Text: George R. Woodward, from *The Cowley Carol Book for Christmas, Easter, and Ascension-tide*, 1901, 1902, 1919.
Music: from Joachim Oudaen's *David's Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926),

The Scripture Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 12:5-14*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 93



¹Yahweh reigns; he is | robed in | majesty;
Yahweh is robed; he has put on | strength – as his | belt. |

²Yes, the | world – is es-| tablished;
it shall | never be | moved. |

³Your throne is es -| tablished – from of | old;
you are from | ever- | lasting. |

⁴The floods have lifted up, O Yahweh; the floods have lifted | up their | voice;
the floods | lift – up their | roaring. |

⁵Mightier than the thunders of many waters; mightier than the | waves – of the | sea,
Yahweh on | high is | mighty! |

⁶Your decrees are | very | trustworthy;
holiness befits your house, O Yahweh, for-| ever- | more. |

⁷Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the | Holy | Spirit;
Forever and ever | A – men |

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:5-13*

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*

The Sermon Text: *Proverbs 3:5-12*

Rev. Mark Horne

Sermon: **WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOD'S SONS & DAUGHTERS?**

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [*Hands Raised*] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† Offertory Prayer

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: make us, we pray, ever thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

And now we continue to pray as our Lord has taught us. .

† [*Hands Raised*] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #68 "Not unto us, O Lord of heav'n"

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Wine of Gladness

†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, through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus the Messiah, you have redeemed and transformed our created human nature; grant that we, united to him, might persevere in the sure and certain hope for our victory over death and entrance into the transformed creation in the new heavens and earth; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. **Amen!**

Benediction

Hymn #567 “If thou but suffer God to guide thee” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Easter Commission: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. You are invited to join us in the basement fellowship hall for coffee and conversation after the service. There will be no evening service tonight. Parish groups meet today.

Catechism of the Week **The Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Alpha Thomas Bangura, Brookie Moore

Sunday School – Brookie and John Moore

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Chris Meyers, Barb Hoover

Sunday School – Christine Greeno

Parish Groups Meet — Today Parish Groups will meet in various locations for meals and/or fellowship. You should know which group you are in. If you are a recent visitor, we would love to have you join one of the groups. Please see Pastor Meyers after the service if you are interested in participating.

No Evening Prayer Service Tonight — Parish Groups meet today.

Adult Sunday School — We continue our overview of the Creeds and Confessions of the church today in the fellowship hall. This morning Mark Horne will teach on the 39 Articles of the Church of England.

Deacons' Fund Offering — Next Sunday we will receive our monthly deacons' fund offering for those in the congregation (and outside) that have special needs. Please contribute generously!

WIC Spring Brunch — The annual Women in the Church (WIC) brunch will be on May 5th at 10:30 AM at the home of Richard/Carol Moore, 718 River Hills Drive, Fenton. All women are invited to attend.

New Prayer Chain Contact Person — Debbie Zintel will be serving our congregation by overseeing the prayer chain. Please direct church-wide requests for prayer to Debbie by email or phone or text: 314-221-8913.

Baby Shower — Ladies, you are invited to a Baby Shower that will bless one of our newest families, Matthew and Catie Hon, on Thursday May 10th. This is an ideal opportunity to get to know Catie, or even meet her, if you haven't yet! We will meet at the home of Brookie Moore at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign up sheets on the WIC Table or during the Adult Sunday School class. Catie is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Amazon. Please contact Barb Hoover with any questions.

Annual Congregational Meeting — We will hold our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2017, during the Sunday school hour. The proposed budget for 2017-18 will be available on the book table in the foyer this Sunday. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please talk to one of the elders before they vote to approve the budget in a few weeks. The deacons up for election this year are:

- Deacon Dan Hayes (finishing a year-long sabbatical)
- Deacon Bob Wooldridge (finishing a year-long sabbatical)
- Deacon Alan Handermann (ordained in another PCA church)
- Mr. Phillip Johnson (for ordination)

The Elders up for election this year are:

- Elder Tom Hanley (up for his second three-year term)
- Elder Joel Montgomery (finishing a year-long sabbatical)
- Elder John Moore (up for his second three-year term)

2018 Vacation Bible School Dates — Mark your calendars for the most amazing, incredible, crazy-fun VBS. It’s all happening July 16-20.

Pastor Meyers Out of Town — He will be back on Monday.

Ladies Bible Study — The study meets on Thursday, 9:30 AM.

Church Calendar

Today	NO Evening Service Parish Groups meet
Wednesday, April 25	Choir practice
Thursday, April 26	Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 AM Rooted Meeting at 7 PM
Saturday, May 5	WIC Brunch
Sunday, May 6	Congregational Meeting during Sunday school hour Deacon’s Fund offering received
Sunday, May 20	Pentecost Pig Roast
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School

The Lord's Service Explained

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the Trinity Hymnal #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

Officers and Resource People

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Emad & Michelle Mikhail	Middle East	Cody & Molly Dotson	Brooklyn, NY
Dan & Becky Young	Mexico	Ryan & Erin Van Horn	Chattanooga, TN
Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia	Georgette	Burundi, Africa
Brian & Jessie Steadman	New York City	Hope Community Project	Haiti
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