

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Easter Season

April 23, 2017

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; the adult class meets in the fellowship hall. The Evening Prayer service tonight begins at 6 PM and will be followed immediately by our first cookout of the Spring season. Bring some meat to grill, drinks, folding chairs, and enjoy the fellowship on the parking lot.

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

Jesus Christ Victor (*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 — April 23, 2017

Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: *Colossians 1*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

[*Kneeling*] Silent Preparation for Worship

†Call to Worship: *Colossians 1:15-18*

Mr. Caleb Skogen

†Hymn #174 "Praise the Saviour"

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!

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Leader: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this day, may experience afresh the joy and peace we have in union with him, and may our hearts ever thirst for the fullness of redemption that you have promised us in the new heavens and the new earth; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake: [*Congregation kneels*]

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalms 32:2

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you that we are prone to evil and slothful in good, and we have many shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults.

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 <i>Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide</i> , 1894; Music: from Joachim Oudaen's <i>David's Psalmen</i> , <i>Amsterdam</i> , 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday after Easter

The First Reading: *Acts 2:14, 22-36*

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

The Psalm: *Psalms 130*

(see insert)

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Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:1-14*

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:13-53*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

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 Kyrie

Lord we thank you for your good-ness, love and kind-ness ev - er new.
 For the bless - ings you have prom-ised, for the strength to serve you well;
 Bind your Church to - ge - ther closely, wit - ness to your Tri-une life.
 For this ho - ly house - hold gather - ed here in faith and fear of God.

For the peace that reigns in heav-en; May that peace be ours here, too.
 Lord, from foes that plot to harm us, And from Sa-tan, death, and hell.
 To the wider world be gra-cious, May your peace ex - pand and grow.
 As we of - fer now our wor - ship; hear and help, O Tri-une God

REFRAIN
 By your mer - cy O de - liv - er us, good Lord.

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Offertory Prayer

†An Easter Litany

O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to baptize and teach the nations in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, you are glorified by angels and redeemed saints in heaven, and you are worshiped by your church on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection at the end of history, and have mercy on us.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over the powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from

doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and that all we are and do may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, now and forever more.

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #305 "O Lord of Hosts, how lovely"

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.

†Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Glorious Lord of Life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Give us joy to celebrate Christ's rising from the dead, and a firm hope that we will be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #319 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†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. Please join us tonight at 6 PM for our evening prayer service and afterwards for a cookout on the church parking lot.

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – The Shields Family

Sunday School – The Denney Family

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – The More Family

Sunday School – Sarah Purcell

First Cookout — Our first cookout is tonight, after the evening service. Bring drinks, chairs, and something to grill. Let's kick off the Spring season with some good food and fellowship! The prayer service starts at 6 PM.

Congregational Meeting — Our annual congregational meeting is on Sunday, May 7, during the Sunday school hour. The proposed budget is available on the book table in the foyer for your review. If you have questions, speak with elder Joel Montgomery or one of the other elders.

Parish Groups Meet — Parish groups will meet on Sunday, May 7. If you don't know what parish group you are in, please talk to Pastor Meyers or to one of the elders. We'd love to have you join us for lunch.

Women's Book Discussion Group — The next meeting is tomorrow, at 7 PM in the home of Maggie Montgomery at 741 Hawbrook in Glendale. We will be reading Corrie Ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*, the classic biographical story of how she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil.

Wedding Shower — Ladies, plan to attend a bridal shower/sewing party for Emily Hayes on Thursday, May 11 at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help Emily sew decorations for her upcoming wedding, bring your sewing machines. We'll enjoy a light lunch as we "shower" her with gifts and love. Please see the sign-up on the WIC table. You do not have to sew to attend. Emily is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Baby Shower — Ladies, plan to attend a baby shower for Anna Owens on Tuesday, May 23, at 7 PM at the home of Pam Wamsley. Registry details and volunteer sign-up are coming soon. See Barb Hoover with questions.

Ladies, Save the Date — For a WIC (Women in the Church) brunch on Saturday, May 6th. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Graduation Reception — We will be celebrating graduates of all ages at a reception, on May 21 (Promotion Sunday) during the coffee break in the Fellowship Hall. Please see the sign-up sheet, so that we can recognize all of our graduates. We will acknowledge students graduating from kindergarten, 6th, and 8th grades, high school, tech school, college, and graduate school.

Opportunities for Service — Coming in May: monthly opportunities for service! The Deacons are looking for volunteers to complete small projects around the building and grounds of PRPC through the summer and fall months. Several opportunities will be posted each month, along with a few general requirements.

- indoor and outdoor work available
- skilled and non skilled labor needed
- open to individuals, groups, or families
- set your own hours

See Todd Tageson for details, or if you cannot wait until May.....

Vacation Bible School 2017 — This year's Vacation Bible School will take place July 24-28, and your help is needed. If you are interested in volunteering, speak with Anna More.

Church Calendar

Today	Evening Service at 6 PM Cookout on the church parking lot Women's discussion group meets
Monday, April 24	Ladies Bible Study, 9:15 AM
Thursday, April 27	Evening Service at 6 PM
Sunday, April 30	WIC (Women in the Church) Brunch
Saturday, May 6	Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 7	Parish Groups Meet
Thursday, May 11	Bridal Shower for Emily Hayes
Tuesday, May 23	Baby Shower for Anna Owens
Sunday, June 4	Annual Pentecost Pig Roast
Mon-Fri, July 24-28	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.

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