

# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

**Providence Reformed  
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**The Lord's Day**  
*July 16, 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.

All Sunday School classes are suspended for the summer months. You are invited to stay after the service for a bit and enjoy coffee and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall. Our Evening Prayer Service will begin at 6 PM tonight with a cookout immediately following on the church parking lot. Bring chairs, drinks, meat to grill, and more. Hopefully it will not be too hot.

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** 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).

## The Tree of Life (Front Cover)



In the Bible, trees are given to man for food and medicine as well as beauty and shade. Trees are an emblem of God's glory in the world and so are fitting symbols of God's people. We can flourish "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3). The growth of the kingdom is likened to a rising, spreading tree (Ezek. 17; Matt. 13:31-32). Adam's fall severed us from access to the Tree of Life, but united to Christ

we again have access to its life-giving fruit (Rev. 22:2).

This is Trinity Season and so the color of the Table cloth and pulpit scarf is **green**, symbolizing life, growth, and the maturation of Jesus kingdom.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — July 16, 2017  
*Trinity Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 150**  
Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

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## The Entrance

Prelude Mr. Bill Hoover, organ  
Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeffrey Meyers  
[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship  
Call to Worship Mr. Drew Maney

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 #122 "Of the Father's love begotten" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you! *Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *Psalm 103:1, 4*

**And all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

He redeems your life from the pit,

**And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

†Leader: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfills the law. Grant us grace to love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, all our strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## Purification

Leader: Dearly beloved brethren, our Lord has invited us to draw near to him with an honest heart. He has graciously promised to receive all those who come to him with heavy burdens of guilt and shame. Therefore I exhort all who are here today to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come let us worship and bow down.

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

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins to God our Father:

**O God, our heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have grievously sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am unable to fully understand, but which are all known to you. I am in need of deliverance from your enemies and from my own infirmities. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your forgiveness and deliverance, through my Lord, Jesus Christ. 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!**

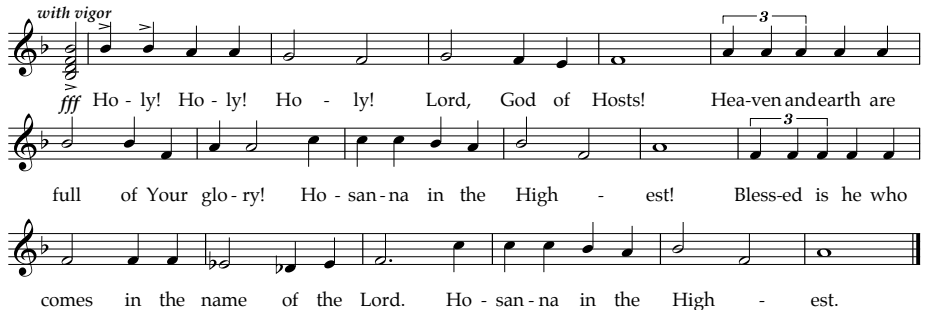
†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so.**

†Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. 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.

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee?" *Trinity Hymnal*

*The Scripture Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Trinity Season*

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Amos 3:1-8*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 13:1-19*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*

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 *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *1 Timothy 4:11-16*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER**

**XVIII. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY**

# The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Offertory Prayer

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Heavenly Father, as you have given yourself to us in the person of your dear Son, so we now offer up to you ourselves through our tithes and offerings. Accept these gifts in union with the sacrifice of Christ our Lord. Grant that they may be used for the advancement of your kingdom throughout the world.

Congregation: 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.

Tune: St. Austin; arr. from Gregorian chant for the *Bristol Tune Book*, 1876)

Text: Jeffrey J. Meyers (2016)

# The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn: #305 "O Lord of Hosts"

*Trinity Hymnal*

## Communion in the Body & 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 God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that you, defending us from the fear of our enemies, may grant us peace to pass our time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

Hymn #374 “Jesus shall reign”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

## **The Evening Prayer Service**

July 16, 2017 – 6 PM

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #35 (*Romans 8*) “If God is on our side”

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Opening Prayer & Hymn Singing

Scripture Reading & Message: *Romans 8:1-11*

Pastor Meyers

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #251 “Come, O Creator Spirit blest”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Cookout

# Announcements

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## **Nursery Volunteers Today:**

Morning Service – Emily Spear and Kathy Pratt

## **Nursery Volunteers Next Week:**

Morning Service – Debbie Keane

**Evening Service Tonight** — Our Evening Prayer Service will begin at 6 PM tonight and end at 7 PM. Join us as we pray for our church, our city, and the world. After the evening service there will be a cookout on the church parking lot. Bring chairs, drinks, meat to grill, and something to share with everyone.

**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. There will be a VBS Staff Meeting after the morning service today.

**VBS Refreshments Needed** – It takes a lot of juice, fruit, and snacks to make VBS enjoyable. We really appreciate your willingness to help provide delicious and nutritious snacks! Here is a link where you can add your name to our sign-up list. If for some reason you're unable to view or edit this spreadsheet, just text or email Christine Greeno ([greenochristine@gmail.com](mailto:greenochristine@gmail.com)) with what you'd like to bring (we need any kind of snacks for the adults, and for kids we need cheese, yogurt, cheese sticks, strawberries, and grapes).

**New Church Secretary** — Jennifer Vermeer is our new secretary. You can reach Jennifer at [vermeerjenniferl@gmail.com](mailto:vermeerjenniferl@gmail.com).

**Sunday Morning Brunch** — Plan to stay after the morning service on Sunday, July 23 for a church-wide brunch in the fellowship hall. This will be a pot luck brunch. So please bring a couple of items to share—egg casserole, salad, sandwiches, meat dish, vegetable dish, dessert, White Castle sliders (seriously), chips & dip, etc. Let's enjoy the fellowship together!

**Summer Church Work Day** — The Deacons are planning on a work day at the church on Saturday, July 22, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to help beautify the outside and inside of our church (and to fix some damages as well). There will be outside yard work (weeding, trimming, raking, mulching, etc.), and inside work (replacing damaged ceiling tiles, cleaning ceiling light fixtures in education wing, etc.). You don't need to stay the whole time. Come and help a little and we'll get a lot done.



**The Lord's Work in Burundi** — Last Sunday, Georgette shared about God's faithfulness: ONE MEAL and La Providence Orphanage are thriving ministries in Burundi, Africa. The children of ONE MEAL and La Providence pray for the members of PRPC as we have remembered them in their misery and offered food and help through Georgette.

Our congregation has been praying for one year that the Lord would provide a truck for La Providence, and today, Wednesday, Georgette and I are going to Lou Fusz Toyota to see the truck that HE provided! Please join Georgette in giving thanks to generous Father God for good gifts!

On July 20 we will be shipping a container to Burundi with the pickup truck, the sleeping mats and bags that the women sewed, as well as two stoves and several other needed items.

If you would like to donate something from the following SPECIFIC LIST, please feel free to deliver it onto Brookie's back porch at your convenience. (Please make all deliveries before July 20.) Cash donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to La Providence c/o Brookie Moore, 695 Hawbrook Ave., St. Louis, MO 63122

Still needed:

5 mattresses

4 bunk bed frames

twin bed sheets (used or new)

Summer clothing, underwear, socks, shoes (every size, childrens, mens, womens)

1 washing machine (dryer not needed)

1 hand-crank meat grinder

1 generator (power is shut off to the orphanage for several days each week!)

plates, cups, spoons, knives, forks

Large pots and pans

Serving spoons and spatulas

Hot pads, dish towels

Bath towels (used or new)

Sewing machine & sewing supplies

Children's literature

Educational games for children age 10 and under

Peanut Grinder

Flashlights (no batteries)

Garden tools & vegetable seeds

Household tools (hammers, screw drivers, nails, etc.)

**Donate to HOPE** — Do you have a few boxes or bags of clothing, linens, household goods, or books laying around to give away? Pledge them to HOPE Chest to raise money for the Hope Community Project serving the greatest needs in Haiti! Donations can be brought to the PRPC during the week of VBS, 7/24-28. Contact Debbie Keane if you have any questions.

**Men's Bible Summer Book Study** — The men's summer Bible study/fellowship will meet again this Wednesday at 7 PM, at Pastor Meyers's home (9229 Lawndale Drive, Crestwood, MO 63126). We will be reading and discussing Rod Dreher's new book The Benedict Option. Please contact Pastor Meyers if you are interested, have any suggestions, or would like to offer your home as a meeting place for some of the evenings.

**Rooted Meeting on Thursday** — Join Caleb Skogen for the next Rooted meeting at church in the youth room — 7 PM, Thursday, July 20.

## **Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests**

### **Church Calendar**

Today	Evening Service at 6 PM Cookout Tonight
Wednesday, July 19	Men's Bible Study/Fellowship, 7 PM
Thursday, July 20	Rooted Meeting at Church, 7 PM
Saturday, July 22	Church Work Day, 8–11 AM
Sunday, July 23	Church-Wide Brunch After the Morning Service No Evening Service VBS Work Night for Staff
July 24-28	Vacation Bible School

# The Lord's Service Explained

## God's Special Presence

God himself calls us to worship. He *summons* us to assemble. We don't decide to gather together and then ask Him to be present. This is the Lord's Day. He commands us from heaven to enter into his presence, and we respond in obedience as the Spirit effectually enables us.

That we do in fact enter into God's *special* presence in the midst of his gathered congregation must never be slighted or forgotten. True, God is present everywhere. But his omnipresence is not what we are talking about on Sunday morning. God has promised to be present with his people in a special sense when they gather as a church on the Lord's Day. 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. God is present in heaven and hell, but he is not present *in the same way* in each of these locations. That is the difference. Even if we cannot define it precisely, God is present in a special sense when his people gather as the church on the Lord's Day. He is present there *for us*. This is the place, the location 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, Damascus, 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.

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. He has not promised to be in the mall on Sunday *for you*. Actually, 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.

# Officers and Resource People

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## The Session (Pastors & Elders)

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