

The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church**

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The Lord's Day
July 30, 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.

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. We will gather again tonight for our Evening Prayer Service at 6 PM. There will be no cookout afterwards.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. Additionally, 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).

The Anchor (Front Cover)



The anchor is one of the earliest Christian symbols. Because of its great importance in navigation, the anchor was regarded in ancient times as a symbol of safety. The church, therefore, in adopting the anchor as a symbol of hope, merely gave a new and higher signification to a familiar emblem. For us, the virtue of hope occupies a place of great importance. Jesus is the unfailing hope of all who trust in Him. The Epistle to the Hebrews connects hope with the symbol of the anchor. We have "hope" set before us "as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm" (Hebrews 9:19-20).

This is Trinity Season, 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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Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 33
Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff Meyers

[*Kneeling*] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

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 #315 "God himself is with us"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

Psalm 33:8-12

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

For he spoke, and it came to be;

He commanded and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

The plans of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

The people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with humble hearts; receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you; seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies their

hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Come let us worship and bow down.

Psalm 95:6

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

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; by your Holy Spirit, increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

†Pastor: Now arise and hear the good news! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake now forgives us all our sins. To us who believe in his Name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given us his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

†Congregation: **Amen!**

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

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 #5 “Mighty God, while angels bless thee” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Scripture Readings for the Eighth Sunday in Trinity Season

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 23:15-25*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Psalter Reading: *Psalms 41*

Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

Yahweh protects him and keeps him alive;

he is called blessed in the land;

you do not give him up

to the will of his enemies.

Yahweh sustains him on his sickbed;

in his illness you restore him to full health.

As for me, I said, “O Yahweh, be gracious to me;

heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

My enemies say of me in malice,

“When will he die and his name perish?”

And when one comes to see me,

he utters empty words,

while his heart gathers iniquity;

when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;

he will not rise again from where he lies.”

Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

The Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 5:1-16*

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

†The Gospel Reading: Mark 3:31-35

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.

Sermon Text: *1 Timothy 5:1-2, 17-25*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **FAMILY MATTERS II**

XX. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Offertory Prayer & Congregation: **Amen!**

†The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion in the Body & Blood of Our Lord

Hymn #246 "Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness" *Trinity Hymnal*

†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: Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior to unite himself with our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross for our sins, and that we might follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. e.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Closing Hymn #319 "Lord, dismiss us"

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Evening Prayer

Sunday, July 30, 2017 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 103*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #444 "Father, I know that all my life"

Trinity Hymnal

Hymn Sing

Scripture & Exposition

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Prayer Requests & Prayer

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service –

Evening Service- Volunteers Needed

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Luz Wooldridge

Evening Prayer Service Tonight — We will meet at 6 PM for our Evening Prayer Service tonight. There will be no cookout this evening.

Rooted Meeting on Thursday — Join Caleb Skogen for the next Rooted meeting at church in the youth room — 7 PM, Thursday, August 3.

The Groves are Moving — Below is their new address. Matt and Lisa would appreciate anyone available on their moving day Saturday, August 12. Please reach out to Matt or Lisa if you are available to help!

New Address:

1735 Flamm Rd

Imperial, MO 63052

Current Address:

7145 Dartmouth Ave

St. Louis MO 63130

Men's Summer Book Study — The men's summer Bible study/fellowship will meet again this Wednesday at 7 PM, at the Handermann's condominium "Clubhouse" in Creve Coeur (1163 Mill Crossing Drive, St. Louis). After 6PM the condo community has a gate that is closed, so everyone driving into the community should type "6256" on the keypad, accessible from the driver side window, to open the gate. We will be reading and discussing chapters 8 and 9 in Rod Dreher's 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.

Deacons Fund Offering — The Deacons Fund offering is received every first Sunday of the month, so next Sunday please use the Deacon's Fund offering to give. The Deacon's Fund helps people inside and outside of our congregation—widows and others with special needs.

New Church Secretary — Jennifer Vermeer is our new secretary. You can reach Jennifer at vermeerjenniferl@gmail.com.

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.

New Baby! — Congratulations to the Purcell family! Catherine Irina Purcell was born on July 25th at 6:11pm and is 20 3/4 inches long and weighs exactly 7lbs. Mom and baby are both doing well. We are grateful to God for this precious girl!

Church Calendar

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| Today | Evening Prayer Service tonight No Cookout |
| Wednesday, Aug 2 | Men's Bible Study/Fellowship, 7 PM |
| Thursday, Aug 3 | Rooted Meeting at Church, 7 PM |
| Monday, Aug 14 | Session Meeting at Church, 7 PM |

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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