

# The Covenant Renewal Service

## Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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**Trinity Season**

*June 11, 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. This evening we gather together again at 6 PM for our Evening Prayer Service.

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).

## Holy Trinity Diagram (Front Cover)



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. The shield on the front cover depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center of the circle is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). **Reading out from the center along the three spokes, the unity of the Godhead is represented:** *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God; *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God; *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. **Reading around the circumference of the circle, the distinctions between the Persons are noted:** *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son; *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit; *Spiritus Sanctus non est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

# **The Morning Service**

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The Lord's Day — June 11, 2017  
*Trinity Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 113**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Elder Monte Shields

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## **The Entrance**

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Monte Shields

†[*Kneeling*] Silent Prayer and Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 113:1-3*

Rev. Mark Horne

†Hymn #131 "When morning gilds the skies"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

Who is like Yahweh our God?

*Psalm 113:5-8*

**Who is seated on high!**

He raises the poor from the dust

**and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

To make them sit with princes,

**with the princes of his people.**

†Leader: 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**

†Leader: If we say we have no sin,

**We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

If we confess our sins,

**He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins.**

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

Come, let us worship and bow down, *Psalm 95:6*

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

**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 fully to understand, but which are all known to you. I am in need of deliverance from your enemies and my 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**

†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.**

†Truly it is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. 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 of Praise: #11 "O that I had a thousand voices" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *1 Chronicles 29:1-20*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *James 4:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†*Psalm 6* “Chide me, O LORD, no longer”

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

**Chide me, O LORD, no longer,**

**Nor chasten me in anger.**

**In mercy hear my groans;**

**O LORD, see how I languish.**

**Heal Thou my bitter anguish,**

**For troubled are my bones.**

**My soul is troubled greatly.**

**O hasten Thou to aid me.**

**Why dost Thou tarry, LORD?**

**Turn back and show Thy favor;**

**Me in Thy love deliver,**

**According to Thy word!**

**How can the dead adore Thee**

**Or bring their thanks before Thee,**

**Or praise Thy holy Name?**

**I'm weary with my moaning,**

**Worn out with constant groaning**

**And overcome with shame.**

**All night, instead of sleeping,**

**I drench my couch with weeping.**

**With grief my eyes grow weak,**

**Since foes with hate surround me**

**And without ceasing hound me;**

**My ruin they all seek.**

**Depart from me, transgressors.**

**Flee now, all you oppressors:**

**The LORD did heed my cry!**

**He heard my supplication,**

**My plea for consolation,**

**And with His help is nigh.**

**The LORD heard when I pleaded**

**And my appeals He heeded.**

**My foes shall be ashamed,**

**For sudden fear shall shake them,**

**And panic overtake them.**

**Their doom has He proclaimed.**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6:25-34*

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 Peter 5:6-11*

Mr. Graham Purcell

Sermon: **FINDING HOPE IN UNSURE TIMES**

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory

## †Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father, God of Hope, we humbly present these gifts in recognition of the grace that you offer us each and every day. You have endowed us with such great gifts. Today, we return a portion of this bounty to you as a generous expression of our gratitude. We exalt your Holy Name as we participate in this sacrificial act of offering ourselves to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, age after age; now we continue to pray as our Lord has taught us. . .

†[*Hands Raised*] The Lord's Prayer

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

†Hymn #221 "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

*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!**

Closing Prayer: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with the life-giving gift of your Word and with an honored place at your Table; and we ask you to be merciful toward us through these same gifts so that we might exercise faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #385 "O God, to us show mercy"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

# Announcements

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## **Nursery Volunteers Today:**

Morning Service – Marylynne & Alan Handermann

## **Nursery Volunteers Next Week:**

Morning Service – The Bangura Family

**Pastor Meyers at PCA General Assembly** — Pastor Meyers is out of town this week in Greensboro, North Carolina, for the annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. Pray for the church as it gathers to discuss and act on matters that relate to the entire denomination. This morning Graham Purcell will be preaching. Please receive the Word of God from him and thank God for his ministry among us!

**Summer Schedule** — We continue our Summer Schedule this week. Sunday school classes will be suspended until September. Morning worship will continue to begin at 9:30 AM. Here is the **Evening Service** schedule for the next few months. Mark your calendars, please.

June 18 - No (Father's Day)

June 25 - Yes, with cookout

July 2 - No (4th weekend)

July 9 - Yes, no cookout

July 16 - Yes, with cookout

July 23 - No (VBS work night)

**Visitors** — Welcome to Providence Church! Please sign the guest book in the foyer so we can have a record of your attendance. Add your email address and Pastor Meyers will contact you with information about the church.

**Women's Book Discussion & Event** — Saturday, July 15, at 6:30 is the next book discussion and WIC event. It will be at the home of Debbie Keane with a few plot twists. Please book your calendar for this page turning event. We will be discussing Dorothy Sayers' *Gaudy Night...* and much more! If you are new to PRPC and would like to be added to the WIC email list, please contact Debbie Keane (keaneacre@aol.com).

**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.

**Men's Bible Summer Bible Study** — The men's summer Bible study/fellowship begins on Wednesday, June 21. The first meeting will be at Elder Tom Hanley's home (945 Des Peres Road, Des Peres, MO 63131). **We will be reading and discussing Rod Dreher's new book The Benedict Option.** We will be meeting almost every week through August 9. 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 get-togethers.

**Opportunities for Service** — Only a few things left to do. Please contact Todd Tageson to volunteer!

- Prep\paint sewer lift cover
- Clean inside of all ceiling light fixtures - Ladder\overhead work

There will also be a summer work day for edging, weeding and mulching the planting beds and other activities related to the grounds.

**Church Secretary Opening** — Providence is looking for a new church secretary. Madeline Mitchell has done a wonderful job for the last 4 years, but her responsibilities at Heritage school are increasing and she needs to step down. The position is very part time, requiring anywhere from 3-7 hours a week. If you have any interest in this, please email Pastor Meyers ([jeffmeyers@me.com](mailto:jeffmeyers@me.com)) for more information.

## **Church Calendar**

Today	Evening Service Tonight
June 12-16	PCA General Assembly
Sunday, June 18	No Evening Service (Father's Day)
Wednesday, June 21	Men's Bible Study/Fellowship, 7 PM
Saturday, July 15	WIC Book Discussion Event, 6:30 PM
July 24-28	Vacation Bible School

# Evening Prayer

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Sunday, June 11, 2017 - 6 PM

Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 1:1-19*

Elder Monte Shields

†Hymn #510 "Thy lovingkindness, Lord"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Opening Prayer & Hymn Sing

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

Message

Mr. Drew Maney

†Psalm 95 "The LORD be praised "

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #316 "Savior, again to thy dear Name"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Dismissal

## Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests

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# The Lord's Service Explained

## Why Do We Use Hymnals?

There are a number of good answers to that question. Here are a few to think about. First, hymnals collect the musical and poetic gifts that the Spirit has given to the church through the ages. A hymnal in your hands is a great treasure of Spiritual insight and a model for prayer and praise. We sing hymns from the early, medieval, and modern church that the collective church has judged to be worthy of preservation for use in the liturgy of the Christian church, as well as private devotions.

Second, having just mentioned the “collective” wisdom of the church, we should not fail to appreciate a well-crafted hymnal function as a theological textbook. They are reliable sources of knowledge about God and his Word. These are the hymns that have been subjected to the scrutiny of the wise and discerning in the church and have passed the test. There are too many popular, modern Christian songs that have not been vetted like this and some of them may lead you astray.

Third, we are prone to choose familiar tunes and popular songs. But a hymnal with hundreds of selections from every age and from many cultures will keep before us (and in our mouths and hearts) hymns that we might not otherwise choose ourselves. There are hymns that call on us to praise God. There are others that cause us to cry out for justice and deliverance. That are hymns that are upbeat and cheerful, but others that remind us of the darker and difficult times of life. This variety stems from the foundation of the Christian hymnal--the Psalms. The Psalms embody the full range of human emotion and address a wide range of situations in which saints find themselves, whether it's being surrounded by enemies or rubbing shoulders with the saints in songs of praise.

Fourth, the music and hymnody of the church ought to mature us in prayer and praise. Too much of modern music is childish and directly tied to the entertainment industry's marketing to youth. The hymns in our hymnal will cause you to think and challenge you to engage with God in ways that transcend the Jesus-is-my-boyfriend kind of songs so popular in modern Christian circles.

Fifth, hymnals help us hey help us break away from the constant barrage of technological stimulation that we encounter throughout our week. Corporate worship is meant to be a unique experience as compared to watching TV, going to a movie, or a rock concert. But when our corporate worship experience is filled with many of the same elements that we could get at a cinema or a concert it is hard to understand, appreciate, and experience the uniqueness of worshipping God corporately.

Sixth, singing from hymnals joins us together in mysterious ways. We each hold the same hymnal. We each join voices around us. We listen to sounds that surround us. We breathe together, pause at the same time, become quiet, rejoice, smile, soar — all as one. Together we gloriously sing prayers that join our hearts together in praise and petition to the Triune God. It is an expression of our *common* faith, our unity in the Spirit.

# Officers and Resource People

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## The Session (Pastors & Elders)

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Dan & Becky Young	Mexico	Tim & Rosamma Weston	ISI (St. Louis)
Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia	Graham & Sarah Purcell	ISI (Wash U)