

The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
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The Lord's Day
June 25, 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. We will have our evening service tonight at 6 PM with a cookout on the church parking lot afterwards. Bring some meat to grill, chairs, and drinks to enjoy the fellowship this evening.

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).

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

The Lord's Day — June 25, 2017
Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 149
Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

The Entrance

Prelude Mr. Bill Hoover
Welcome & Announcements
[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship
Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:4* Mr. Caleb Skogen
†Hymn #1 "All people that on earth do dwell" *Trinity Hymnal*
†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!
Congregation: **Amen!** *Matthew 28:19*

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

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh *Psalm 124:8*
Who made heaven and earth!

†Leader: Let us pray to the Lord:

Faithful God, our heavenly Father, your promises stand unshaken through all generations; renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert, watching for the glorious coming of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

Purification

†Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us kneel and humbly confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Christ our Savior to grant us forgiveness. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and 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. [Kneeling]

O most merciful God, since you have given your one and only Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for his sake grant me

forgiveness for all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

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

Ascension

†Leader: Lift up your hearts!

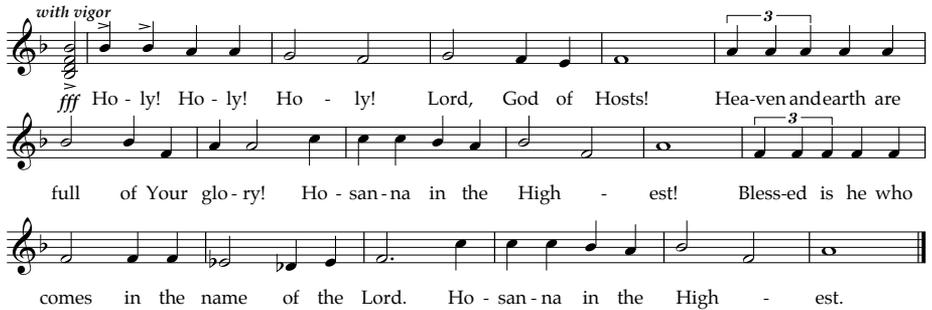
We lift them up to the Lord!

†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 of Praise: #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday in Trinity Season

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 8:1-20*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Romans 1:1-6*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalms 112

(see insert)

†The Gospel Reading: *John 6:52-71*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

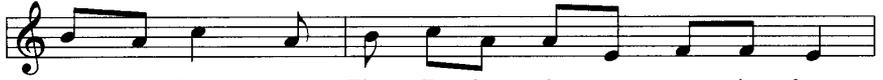
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *Luther's Sung Nicene Creed*



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est



earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,



Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His



bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.



Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and



day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.
all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.
we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Text: *1 Timothy 3:14-16*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **THE GREAT MYSTERY OF GODLINESS**

V. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

Romans 12:1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought,

But to think with sober judgment, each according to the measuring rod of faith God has provided.

For as in one body we have many members,

And the members do not all have the same function,

So we, though many, are one body in Christ,

And individually members of one another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us,

Let us use them.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection;

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you;

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

The Tribute Offering

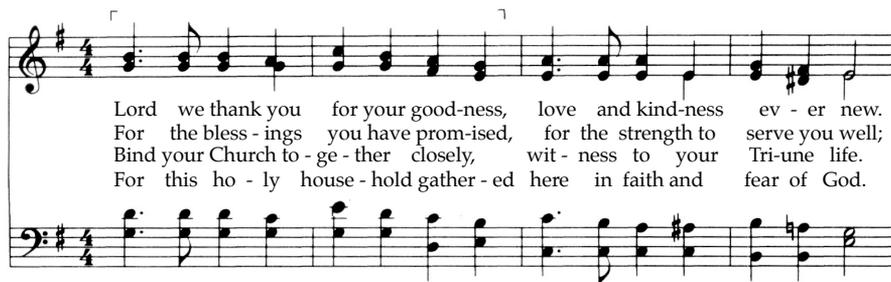
We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Offertory Prayer

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.

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

†Hymn #549 “Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts”

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: Blessed Lord, you caused your Scriptures to be written for our learning and training in righteousness. Grant us to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #53 (*Psalm 146*) "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Evening Prayer

June 25, 2017 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *James 2:19-27*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†The Beatitudes "Blessed are the poor in Spirit" *See handout*

Opening Prayer & Hymn Sing

Special Presentation from Georgette & Brookie Moore

†Hymn #41 (*Psalm 77*) "O God, most holy" *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #37 "God is our Refuge" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Cookout

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Jessica Murphy & Christine Greeno

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Volunteers needed

Evening Service & Cookout Tonight — Our evening service begins at 6 PM tonight, followed by a fellowship cookout on the church parking lot. Please bring chairs, drinks and some meat to grill.

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!

Today - No (Father's Day)

July 9 - Yes, no cookout

June 25 - Yes, with cookout

July 16 - Yes, with cookout

July 2 - No (4th weekend)

July 23 - No (VBS work night)

Congratulations! — Mike Nothum and Emily Hayes were married at our church yesterday afternoon. Pray for them in their new life together as husband and wife.

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 will meet again this Wednesday at 7 PM, 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 evenings.

Session Meeting — The pastor and elders will have their monthly session meeting on Monday, July 10, at 7 PM. Please pray for them.

Opportunity for Service — Only one more task left to do! Please contact Todd Tageson if you would like to volunteer to clean the inside of all ceiling light fixtures.

Nursery Service — Please consider serving a few Sundays every 6 months in our nursery for the morning service. You can sign up by going to the WIC table in the foyer, or by speaking with Ginny Sturlaugson. See the mid-week announcements for the link to the online schedule.

WIC Book Discussion & Event — Saturday, July 15, at 6:30 PM 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).

Providence's Web Site — Remember, you can visit providencestlouis.com to download sermon audio. Check with Pastor Meyers if you don't remember the password to enter the members only portion of the web page.

Church Calendar

Today	Evening Service & Cookout
Wednesday, June 28	Men's Bible Study/Fellowship, 7 PM
Sunday, July 2	No Evening Service (4th of July weekend)
Monday, July 10	Session meeting at 7 PM
Saturday, July 15	WIC Book Discussion Event, 6:30 PM
July 24-28	Vacation Bible School

The Lord's Service Explained

Bodily Posture

I have heard people say that God is not interested in the posture of our bodies, but only the attitude of our hearts. Well, that's not exactly what the Bible says. There are too many references in the Bible to outward bodily postures in worship to dismiss standing and kneeling as mere formalism.

What most people fail to recognize is that one's bodily posture will both express as well as help establish the posture of one's heart. When we are humbled, we hang our heads. When we are joyful, our arms and head fly up and we begin to move. More often than not, the reason most contemporary Americans don't kneel in worship is not because they are too humble, but too proud. It is all too convenient for us to keep to ourselves and not reveal our true selves in such bodily postures. This is pride.

The way one positions his or her body is itself an act of worship. When you kneel or stand because you are in the presence of the Almighty and are to speak to him, you are honoring him with your entire self, with your soul and body together expressing reverence. In the Bible, whenever men or women came face to face with God, they always immediately and instinctively assumed postures which were appropriate for a creature and a sinner before the living God. If we are really worshiping God as his children, then we are to worship him not with half ourselves but with our whole selves and our bodies ought to be as involved as our "souls."

This was the feeling of the church in the days of the Reformation. A failure to take proper positions of body in the church was regarded as an act of irreverence. Here's how the Book of Discipline of the French Reformed Church put it in 1559:

That great irreverence which is found in some people, who at public and private prayers do neither uncover their heads nor bow their knees shall be reformed; which is a matter repugnant unto piety, and gives suspicion of pride, and scandalizes those who truly fear God. Wherefore all pastors shall be advised, as also elders and heads of families, carefully to oversee, that in time of prayer all persons without exception do evidence by these exterior signs the inward humility of their hearts and homage which they yield to God; unless anyone be hindered from doing so by sickness or otherwise (Chapt. 10, Art. 1).

The Sunday liturgy is not a concert or a classroom. We don't come to church simply to sit and watch and listen (occasionally clapping in appreciation). The living God has invited us into his presence. We therefore act appropriately as we are drawn into his glorious, life-giving presence.

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