

# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

**Providence Reformed  
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**The Lord's Day**

*May 28, 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. There will be no evening service tonight. Next week we will have our Pentecost Pig Roast at 6 PM on the church parking lot. Invite family and friends for this festive occasion.

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

## 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**

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The Lord's Day — May 28, 2017

*Easter Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 101*

Organ - Mr. Dan Hayes

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

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## **The Entrance**

Prelude

Mr. Dan Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†[*Kneeling*] Silent Prayer and Preparation

Call to Worship: *Zephaniah 1:7*

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 #6 "All ye that fear Jehovah's Name"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Elder Robert Murphy

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

*Psalm 92:1-2*

**To sing praises to your Name, O Most High!**

To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**And your faithfulness by night.**

†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: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and righteous, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Accordingly, the Scriptures move us in many places to acknowledge and confess our many transgressions and sins.

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!**

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

## **Ascension**

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

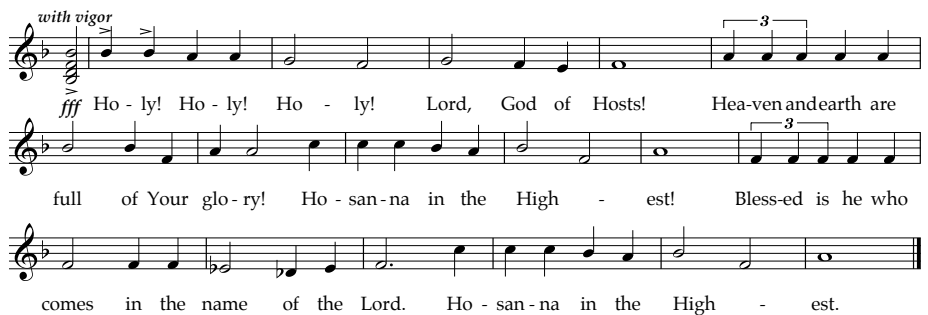
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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

†Truly it is proper, right, and our greatest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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: #219 "Blessing and honor and glory" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Exodus 18:10-27*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 3:1-7*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Psalms 101* - A Psalm of David

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
**to you, O Lord, I will make music.**

I will ponder the way that is blameless.  
**Oh when will you come to me?**

I will walk with integrity of heart  
**within my house;**

I will not set before my eyes  
**anything that is worthless.**

I hate the work of those who fall away;  
**it shall not cling to me.**

A perverse heart shall be far from me;  
**I will know nothing of evil.**

Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly  
**I will destroy.**

Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart  
**I will not endure.**

I will look with favor on the faithful in the land,  
**that they may dwell with me;**

he who walks in the way that is blameless  
**shall minister to me.**

No one who practices deceit  
**shall dwell in my house;**

no one who utters lies  
**shall continue before my eyes.**

Morning by morning I will destroy  
**all the wicked in the land,**

cutting off all the evildoers  
**from the city of the Lord.**

†The Gospel Reading: *John 16:1-15*

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 3:1-7*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **WHO SHOULD CARE FOR GOD'S CHURCH?**

**XIII. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY**

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Offertory Prayer

Our Holy and Triune God, for your glory and the advancement of your kingdom, with grateful, joyous, and faithful hearts, we present to you these tithes and offerings, representing ourselves and our works. Multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness; magnify your Name and purposes in their distribution; continually increase in us the joy of honoring you; now set your blessing upon us all, supplying our every need according to your riches and glory in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Congregation: **Amen!**

†Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, you have taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men: hear us as we pray for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. For your holy Church on earth; for her ministers, elders, deacons, that all who love the Savior may love him truly and serve him faithfully:

**We ask You to hear us, O Lord.**

For all who do not know the Gospel of your love in Jesus Christ, that you would be pleased to gather them into your fold:

**We ask You to hear us, O Lord.**

For your missionaries, especially those known to and supported by us, that they may cause your light to shine in the dark places of the earth:

**We ask You to hear us, O Lord.**

For our country, for our President and others in authority, that you would guide them in your wisdom:

**We ask You to hear us, King of Kings.**

For the poor, the exploited, and those too weak to defend themselves from powerful oppressors; for those seduced into immoral behavior by our increasingly ungodly culture; and especially the women and unborn children abused, injured, and even murdered by the abortion industry in our country:

**We ask You to hear us, gracious Lord.**

For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, that you would comfort and sustain them [*the congregation may add their petitions here*]:

**We ask You to hear us, O Lord!**

For the glorious company of the Apostles, prophets, and martyrs, and for the pleasant fellowship of the faithful in all ages:

**We ask You to hear us, O Lord!**

# The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn: #514 "Now Israel may 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!**

Pastoral Prayer: Everlasting Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## Benediction

†Hymn #135 "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" *TH*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church. If you are visiting with us, please leave your name and address (preferably your email address) in the guest book in the foyer near the front door. There will be no evening service tonight.



# Announcements

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## **Nursery Volunteers Today:**

Morning Service – Jessica Murphy & Amy Sterner

## **Nursery Volunteers Next Week:**

Morning Service – The Keane Family

**Pentecost Pig Roast Next Week!** — Make sure you get the date right: it's next Sunday, June 4! It's Spring again, so it's time to roast a few piggies and pig out together to celebrate Pentecost. There will be no Evening Service. The pig roast fellowship on the parking lot will begin at 6 PM. Please remember to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also bring drinks and chairs. Invite your family and friends. There will be plenty of pork to share!

**Summer Schedule** — We begin our Summer Schedule this week. Sunday school classes will be suspended until September. Morning worship will continue to begin at 9:30 AM.

**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). This will be a fellowship of men talking about Scripture passages that address various topics, especially those dealing with husbands, fathers, friends, work, and leadership. 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.

**Wedding Shower** — Men and women are invited to an open house celebration with the Hayes family on June 3. Drop in at the Shields' house between 6:30-9 PM to enjoy some food and fellowship with Emily and Mike. Please RSVP and sign up to bring food (see sign-up sheet in narthex). Emily and Mike are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. Contact Madeline Mitchell if you have questions.

**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.

## **Opportunities for Service** — Contact Todd Tageson to volunteer!

- Repair infant nursery door - water damage - Light carpentry skills
- Replace stained and damaged ceiling tiles - Ladder\overhead work
- Remove old paint and haul to recycle center - Several dozen cans\pails
- Prep\paint sewer lift cover
- Clean inside of all ceiling light fixtures - Ladder\overhead work
- Spray perimeter of building with bug spray

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

## **Congratulations, Covenant Children! And many thanks, Staff!**

The Christian Education Committee is grateful for the fidelity and hard work of children and the parents, and we especially appreciate the labor of love the teachers have bestowed upon our children. Our Sunday school teachers were:

Ages 2-3 Kathy Hoegemann with Amy Sterner

Ages 4-K Linda Wolff and Kathy Young

Grades 1-2 Ginny and Liessman Sturlaugson

Grades 3-4 Dottie Edwards

Grades 5-6 Jessica Murphy

Grades 7-8 Brookie Moore

Our faithful musical leaders were Bill Hoover for grades 1-6 and Lisa and Matt Grove for ages 2-K. Special thanks to Pam Wamsley, our Memory Listening Chairwoman and to Carolan Van Heest for her wise counsel. Special thanks to SS Coordinator Dottie Edwards and Elder Tom Hanley.

## **Church Calendar**

Today

Saturday, June 3

Sunday, June 4

Monday, June 6

Wednesday, June 21

Saturday, July 15

July 24-28

No Evening Service Tonight

Open House for Emily Hayes, 6:30-9 PM

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Pig Roast, 6 PM

Session Meeting, 6 PM

Men's Bible Study/Fellowship, 7 PM

WIC Book Discussion Event, 6:30 PM

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.

## **The Westminster Larger Catechism – Q. 160**

Q. What is required of those that hear the word preached?

A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

# Officers and Resource People

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