

# The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed  
Presbyterian Church

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**Easter Season**

*May 6, 2018*

# 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.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 11:10 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. Adults and voting members of the congregation will gather in the sanctuary for our annual congregational meeting at 11:10 AM. Evening Prayer Service at 6 PM tonight.

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).

## Jesus Christ Victor (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOCY*, 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 6, 2018  
*Easter Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 1**

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mrs. Joanie Harris

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 #26 "O God, our Help, in ages past"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

This is the day the Lord has made!

*Psalm 118:24*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Grant, we ask you, Almighty God, that just as we believe that your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand, so may we also in heart and mind even today ascend with him, and so continually dwell in your presence, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and kneel and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

Come let us worship and bow down.

*Psalm 95:6*

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

Let us pray:

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought, word and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

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

## Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

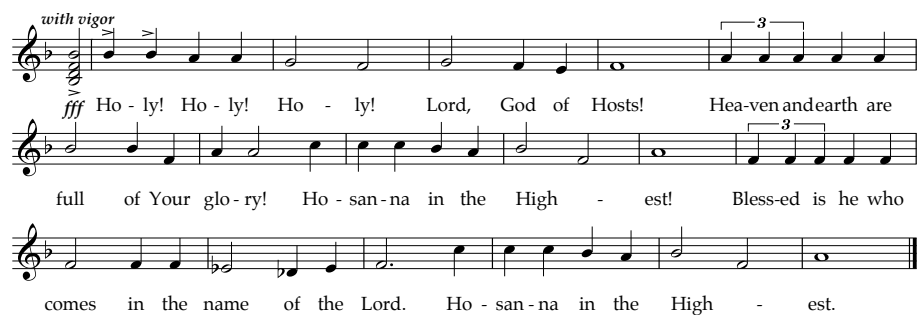
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

†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 #118 "O Savior, precious Savior" *Trinity Hymnal*

*The Scripture Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 17:14-20*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Psalms 1* "How blessed is the man whose walk is not"

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

How blessed is the *man whose* walk is not  
*In evil counsel which the wicked plot,*  
Who *does not stand* where *sin its pleasure offers*  
And *will not take his seat among the scoffers;*  
*But his delight is in God's covenant law:*  
By night and day he *ponders it with awe.*

Behold, the righteous *man is like a tree*  
*Which by the streams yields fruit abundantly,*  
Whose *leaves are green and shall not fade or perish;*  
*In all he does the righteous one shall flourish.*  
*But wicked men are not like him, for they*  
Resemble chaff that *winds will drive away.*

Their downfall and *destruction is at hand:*  
*The wicked shall not in the judgment stand,*  
Nor *sinner in the righteous congregation.*  
The *LORD our God shall judge their generation;*  
*He watches o'er the way of righteous men,*  
But *doomed forever is the way of sin.*

The Epistle Reading: *James 1:19-25*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-20*

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!

† *Gloria Patri*

The Sermon Text: *Psalm 1*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: THE LAW, MEDITATION, & THE PSALMS

I. AN EXPOSITION OF THE PSALMS

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [*Hands Raised*] The Doxology

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† Offertory Prayer

Congregation: **Amen!**

† [*Hands Raised*] 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, 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 & the Bread of Life

Hymn #293 "Let children hear"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Wine of Gladness

†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, who has given to us your servant's grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of your eternal triune life: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore lead us into a fuller enjoyment of your divine fellowship; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

Hymn #498 "O God of Bethel, by whose hand" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Easter Commission: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

## **Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests**

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. You are invited to join us in the basement fellowship hall for coffee and conversation after the service. Our Evening Prayer Service will meet at 6 PM tonight.

### **Catechism of the Week** **The Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments?

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.



# Announcements

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## **Nursery Volunteers Today:**

Morning Service – Brenda Svezia, Jessica Murphy  
Sunday School – Deborah Keane

## **Nursery Volunteers Next Week:**

Morning Service – Monte and Deborah Shields  
Sunday School – Catie Skogen

**Evening Prayer Service Tonight** — We meet at 6 PM.

**Deacons Fund Offering** — This Sunday (May 6) we will receive our monthly deacons fund offering for those in the congregation (and outside) that have special financial needs. You may place your offering for the deacons fund in the regular morning offertory along with your general offering. Please write Deacons Fund on your check for that portion you wish to so designate.

**Graduation Reception** — This year's Graduation Reception is to be held on May 20 in the Fellowship Hall, during the Coffee Break, as part of Promotion Sunday. We will be recognizing students graduating from 6th grade through post-college graduate degrees. Graduates (or parents of graduates) please register your child's name, grade/degree, and school on the sign up sheet so that your graduate may be recognized during the reception. Please see Barb Hoover with any questions.

**Baby Shower** — Ladies, you are invited to a Baby Shower that will bless one of our newest families, Matthew and Catie Hon, on Thursday May 10th. This is an ideal opportunity to get to know Catie, or even meet her, if you haven't yet! We will meet at the home of Brookie Moore at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign up sheets on the WIC Table or during the Adult Sunday School class. Catie is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Amazon. Please contact Barb Hoover with any questions.

**Dinners for Eight** — It's back! Sign up for Dinners for Eight on either Friday, June 8 or Saturday, June 9 in the foyer or during Sunday School.

**New Prayer Chain Contact Person** — Debbie Zintel is now serving our congregation by overseeing the prayer chain. Please direct church-wide requests for prayer to Debbie by email or phone or text: 314-221-8913.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** — We will hold our annual congregational meeting today during the Sunday school hour. The proposed budget for 2017-18 has been available on the book table in the foyer this Sunday. The Session has adopted this budget and will present it briefly during the congregational meeting. The deacons up for election this year are:

- Deacon Dan Hayes (finishing a year-long sabbatical)
- Deacon Bob Wooldridge (finishing a year-long sabbatical)
- Deacon Alan Handermann (ordained in another PCA church)
- Mr. Phillip Johnson (for ordination)

The Elders up for election this year are:

- Elder Joel Montgomery (finishing a year-long sabbatical)
- Elder John Moore (up for his second three-year term)

**2018 Vacation Bible School Volunteers** — Teachers and Volunteers Needed — Looking for a great ministry opportunity this summer? Volunteer for VBS! We typically serve 60-100 kids each year and need your help! There are a variety of ways to be involved - no commitment is too small. See Anna More for details or to volunteer (314-600-3525 or [annahoegemann@gmail.com](mailto:annahoegemann@gmail.com)).

### **Church Calendar**

Today	Evening Service at 6 PM Congregational Meeting during Sunday school hour Deacons Fund Offering Received
Wednesday, May 9	Choir practice
Thursday, May 10	Rooted Meeting at 7 PM
Sunday, May 20	Graduation Reception after Morning Service Pentecost Pig Roast at 6 PM
June 8-9	Dinners for Eight
July 16-20	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.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

# Officers and Resource People

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## The Session (Pastor & Elders)

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Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Graham & Sarah Purcell	MTW (Russia)
Emad & Michelle Mikhail	Middle East	Cody & Molly Dotson	Brooklyn, NY
Dan & Becky Young	Mexico	Ryan & Erin Van Horn	Chattanooga, TN
Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia	Georgette	Burundi, Africa
Brian & Jessie Steadman	New York City	Hope Community Project	Haiti
Khen & Ruth Tombing	India	Missouri Presbytery (PCA)	
(Covenant Children's Home)		Theopolis Institute	Birmingham, AL