

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season

May 7, 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.

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. The adults will meet in the sanctuary at 11:10 for our annual congregational meeting. There will be no Evening Service tonight. Parish groups will be meeting this afternoon and 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).

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

The Lord's Day — May 7, 2017

Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 92

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff Meyers

[*Kneeling*] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 92:1-4*

†Hymn #535 "How good it is to thank the Lord"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

Psalm 92:12-15

And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of Yahweh;

They flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;

They are ever full of sap and green,

To declare that Yahweh is upright;

He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gathered in the

Name of Jesus in response to the gracious call of your Spirit.

Grant that we might faithfully celebrate this morning with all

the faithful in heaven and on earth the marriage feast of the

Lamb. Graciously receive our worship and prayers, and

strengthen us for service in your Son's kingdom. To you alone,

O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son 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: [*Congregation kneels*]

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, *Daniel 9:7-10*
but to us open shame.

To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes,
and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him

And we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws,
which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Eternal God, my heavenly Father, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, not only because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have offended you, my Father. Accept my confession, O God, for you have promised to be gracious and compassionate with your erring children. With the help of your grace, I humbly confess my sins and resolve to repent and amend my life. *Silent Prayer.*
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 fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored us to everlasting life. 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.

†Easter Hymn "This joyful Eastertide"

1. This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen.
But now hath Christ arisen!*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber;
Till trump from east to west,
Shall wake the dead in number.
3. Death's flood has lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Text: George R. Woodward, from <i>Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide</i> , 1894; Music: from Joachim Oudaen's <i>David's Psalmen</i> , Amsterdam, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

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

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-9*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Psalter: *Psalms 130*

(see insert)

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:30-44*

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: *Psalms 2*

Mr. Brad Owens

Sermon: **KINGS AGAINST THE KING**

Closing Prayer

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [Hands Raised] Offertory Prayer

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: make us, we pray, ever thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, age after age; and 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 #68 "Not unto us, O Lord of heav'n"

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: O Lord, through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus the Messiah, you have redeemed and transformed our created human nature; grant that we, united to him, might persevere in the sure and certain hope for our victory over death and entrance into the transformed creation in the new heavens and earth; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #224 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – The Wooldridge Family

Sunday School – Ashley Nelson

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – The Bangura Family

Sunday School – Volunteers needed!

Deacons’ Fund Offering — Today we will receive our monthly deacons’ fund offering for those in the congregation (and outside) that have special needs. Please contribute generously!

Parish Groups Meet — Today Parish Groups will meet in various locations for meals and/or fellowship. You should know which group you are in. If you are a recent visitor, we would love to have you join one of the groups. Please see Pastor Meyers after the service if you are interested in participating.

Congregational Meeting & Proposed Church Budget — We will hold our annual congregational meeting today, during the Sunday school hour. The proposed budget for 2017-18 is now available on the book table in the foyer. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please talk to one of the elders before they vote to approve the budget in a few weeks. There is only one church officer up for election this year—Daryl Hoegemann for a second three-year term as deacon. Dan Hayes will rotate off the deaconate for his sabbatical year after serving seven years. Bob Wooldridge will also be on sabbatical this year. Lane Greeno has asked for a year off after serving three years. Elder Allan Wamsley has served seven years on the session and so will rotate off for his sabbatical. Elder Joel Montgomery has served a three-year term and will rotating off the session this year.

Baby Showers — Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to attend two baby showers! Contact Barb Hoover with questions about both showers.

- For Margaret Moore Matheny: Thursday, May 18 at the home of Maggie Montgomery at 7 PM. Due to their family's upcoming relocation, Margaret has asked for gift cards and children's books. Please see the sign-up sheets in the WIC Table if you plan to attend.
- For Anna Owens: Tuesday, May 23, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall at church. Since the shower is occurring just before their move, Anna has requested gift cards and children's books, as well.

Wedding Sewing Party — Join us on Thursday, May 11, at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall to help Emily Hayes sew some decorations for her upcoming wedding. We will enjoy a light lunch while we fellowship, and you do not need to sew in order to attend. Please bring a sewing machine if you own one! If you cannot attend this event you can still help Emily with some sewing at home. Contact Debbie Keane if you want to get involved.

Graduation Reception — We will be celebrating graduates of all ages at a reception, on May 21 (Promotion Sunday) during the coffee break in the Fellowship Hall. Please see the sign-up sheet, so that we can recognize all of our graduates. We will acknowledge students graduating from kindergarten, 6th, and 8th grades, high school, tech school, college, and graduate school.

Church-Wide Shower — All are invited to an open house celebration with the Hayes family on June 3. Drop in at the Shields' house to meet Emily's fiancé, Mike Nothum, and enjoy some food and fellowship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to RSVP and sign up to help or bring food. Emily and Mike are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. More details to come. Contact Madeline Mitchell if you have questions.

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.

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!

- Clean all air vent covers - except narthex and sanctuary
 - Extensive ladder\overhead work
- 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
- Remove and re-caulk perimeter of building along patio area
- 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.

Church Calendar

Today	Deacons' Fund Offering Annual Congregational Meeting No Evening Service Parish Groups meet
Thursday, May 11	NO Ladies Bible Study Wedding Sewing Party 1 PM
Thursday, May 18	Baby Shower for Margret Moore Matheny
Tuesday, May 23	Baby Shower for Anna Owens
Saturday, June 3	Wedding Shower for Emily Hayes
Sunday, June 4	Annual Pentecost Pig Roast
Mon-Fri, July 24-28	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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Dan & Becky Young	Mexico	Tim & Rosamma Weston	ISI (St. Louis)
Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia	Graham & Sarah Purcell	ISI (Wash U)