

The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church**

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Trinity Season

June 10, 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.

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.

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 10, 2018
Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 3
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: *2 Corinthians 4:6*

†Hymn #56 "Oh Splendor of God's glory"

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!

Yahweh is God,

Psalm 118:27-8

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the wise steps of his mature life; through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: 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

†Leader: Lift up your hearts!

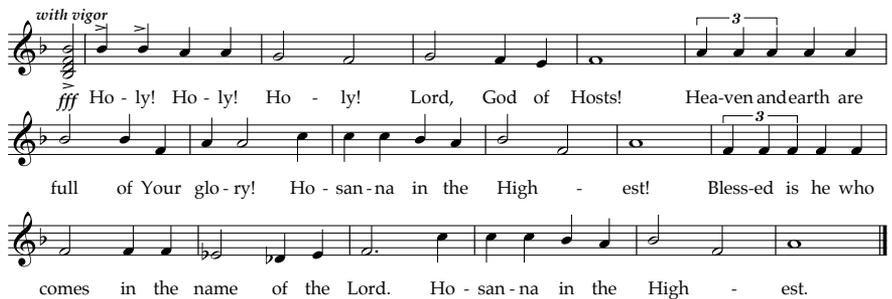
We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is 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.

†Psalm of Praise: #63 (*Psalm 76*) "God is known" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 8:1-22* *Mr. Dylan Stinson*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 3 "O LORD, how swiftly grows"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 3:20-35*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *Luther's 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: AN EVENING PRAYER

V. AN EXPOSITION OF THE PSALMS

†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 Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Jesus all my joy remaineth"

Choir

Jesus all my joy remaineth,
 Life and comfort of my heart;
 Sorrow, grief, he all restraineth,
 Grants me strength in ev'ry part.

Brightest Sun, my eyes' pure pleasure,
 Highest bliss, my soul's dear treasure;
 Jesus, thou shalt ne'er depart
 From my sight or from my heart.

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father, as you have given yourself to us in the person of your dear Son, so we now offer up to you ourselves through our tithes and offerings. Accept these gifts in union with the sacrifice of Christ our Lord. Grant that they may be used for the advancement of your kingdom throughout the world.

Congregation: **Amen!**

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

† Hymn #362 "Let thy blood and mercy poured"

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: God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may be conformed to the image of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

† Hymn #581 "To thee, O Lord, I fly"

Trinity Hymnal

† Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

† Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26-26*

† Three-fold Amen

† Postlude

Psalm 4

For the music director. On stringed instruments. A Psalm. By David.

- A. When I call, answer me, my righteous God!
From the distress give me relief.
To me be merciful and hear my prayer.
- B. Sons of man, how long will my glory be shamed?
How long will you love worthlessness?
How long will you seek falsehood?
Now know that Yahweh has separated the godly to himself;
Yahweh will hear when I call to him.
- B' Be angry, and do not sin.
Search within your heart when you are on your bed, and be still
Sacrifice righteous communion-sacrifices,
And trust Yahweh.
- A' Many are saying, "Who will show us good?"
Let light from your countenance shine upon us, Yahweh!
You have put gladness in my heart,
More than any season when their grain and wine increased.
Peacefully composed I will lie down and sleep,
For it is you alone, Yahweh, who make me dwell in safety.

Evening Prayer

Sunday, June 10, 2018 - 6 PM

Scripture Reading: *Acts 15:1-11* Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #30 (*Psalm 136*) "Let us, with a gladsome mind" TH

†Opening Prayer

Hymn & Psalm Singing

Scripture Reading: *Acts 15:12-35*

Homily: **What is General Assembly?** Pastor Jeff Meyers

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #322 "Lord of the Sabbath" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Catie Skogen and Amy Sterner
Sunday School – Sunday School is suspended for the summer

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Kathy Pratt

Evening Prayer Service Tonight — We meet this evening at 6 PM for prayer, praise, fellowship, and biblical teaching. Pastor Meyers will be giving an overview of the work of the PCA General Assembly this week.

Pastor Meyers at General Assembly — Pastor Meyers will be leaving tomorrow morning for the annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. The meeting is being held in Atlanta, GA, this year. If you want to learn what will be happening at the assembly this year, you can simply google “PCA General Assembly 2018.” If you are interested in the “issues” that will be discussed and debated, then look for the link to “overtures.” Pastor Meyers will be giving a brief overview at the evening service tonight.

New Members Class — Pastor Meyers will be leading a inquirers/new members class that continues today after the coffee fellowship time. We will be meeting in a classroom on the top floor of the education building (Classroom U2) at 11:10 AM. We will have 4 classes on each of the 4 Sundays during the month of June. Anyone is welcome to join with us.

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. You can also sign up online. See the mid-week announcements for the link.

New Summer Intern — Mr. Dylan Stinson is our Summer Intern for the months of June, July, and August. Dylan will be working with Pastor Meyers and the elders to learn about and engage in pastoral ministry. Please welcome Dylan and his wife, Jill, into our church community!

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.

Congratulations, Covenant Children! **Many Thanks, Staff!**

Congratulations to our covenant children who received plaques and/or grade memory awards. The Christian Education Committee is grateful for the fidelity and hard work of the 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 and Amy Sterner
Ages 4-K Linda Wolff and Kathy Young
Grades 1-2 Ginny and Liessman Sturlaugson
Grades 3-4 Dottie Edwards (also our Sunday School Superintendent)
Grades 5-6 Jessica Murphy

Our faithful musicians 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.

VBS Teachers and Volunteers — 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 more details or to volunteer. 314-600-3525 or annahoegemann@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School 2017 — This year's Vacation Bible School will take place July 16-20, and your help is needed. If you are interested in volunteering, speak with Anna More.

Church Calendar

Today	New Members Class Evening Prayer Service tonight at 6 PM
Mon–Fri, June 11-15	PCA General Assembly in Atlanta, GA
Thursday, June 14	Rooted Meeting
Sunday, June 17	New Members Class continues No Evening Service (Father's Day)
June 20	First Mens Book Discussion Group meeting at 7 PM
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School

The Lord's Service Explained

To Give or to Receive?

Some say that we don't come to church on Sunday to *get* anything from God but simply to *give* him praise. It's all about praising God, not getting something from him. But to reduce the purpose of the assembly on Sunday to "praise" is dangerously one-sided. Not only is the super-spiritual-sounding assertion that "we just gather together to give praise to God taking no interest in what we might get from him" unbiblical, it may also easily lead to arrogance, and often has.

In our tradition pastors and theologians are particularly vulnerable to this distortion of the purpose of worship. The slogan "we gather for worship to give not to get" has become something of a shibboleth. We love to beat other traditions over the head with it. It makes us feel superior. As if we don't go to church because we need anything! We Presbyterians go to church to give God glory and honor, not to get something from him. Really? We don't need anything from him?

For us, as creatures of God, there can be no such thing as "disinterested praise." We simply cannot love or praise God for who he is apart from what he has given us or what we continue to receive from him. We are not his equals. The notion that pure love and worship of God can only be given when it is unmixed with all thoughts of what we receive, has no biblical grounding. To be sure, it sounds very spiritual and pious. It even comes across as self-denial. "We just want to praise you for who you are, God. We love you and praise you, O God, not for what we get from you, but just for who you are." Sound's pretty pious, right?

In fact, however, there is no such worship in the Bible for the simple fact that we cannot approach God as disinterested, self-sufficient beings. We are created beings. Dependent creatures. We must continually receive both our life and redemption from God. Our "worship" of God, for this reason, necessarily involves our passive reception of his gifts as well as our active thanksgiving and petitions. We cannot pretend that we do not depend upon him. We will always be receivers and petitioners before God. Our receptive posture is as ineradicable as our nature as dependent creatures.

On Sunday *we put ourselves in a position to be served by him*. Recognizing this is true spirituality. Opening oneself up to the need for God's service is the first movement in our "worship," indeed, the presupposition of all corporate worship. It is faith's posture before our all-sufficient, beneficent Lord. Praise follows after this and alone can never be the exclusive purpose for our gathering together on the Lord's Day. We are indeed "gathered to get."

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