

# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

**Providence Reformed  
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**Trinity Season**

*June 17, 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. There will be no evening service tonight. Honor your fathers today and enjoy the day with family.

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).

## 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

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The Lord's Day — June 17, 2018  
*Trinity Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 100**

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: *Psalm 100:4*

†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!**

†Pastor: 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

†Pastor: 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.

[Kneeling] Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are guilty and unclean because 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.

**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!**

†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 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.

†Hymn of Praise: #77 "The Lord's my Shepherd" (3rd tune) TH

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 20:33-38

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 10:19-39*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:1-14*

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.

The Sermon Text: *Psalm 23*

Mr. Caleb Skogen

Sermon: **A SONG OF ASSURANCE**

†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

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† Offertory Prayer

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Congregation: Amen!

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

## The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #365 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

*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: 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 #432 "Jesus what a friend for sinners"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

# **Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests**

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**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. Come tonight for our Evening Prayer service at 6 PM to hear a report on this year's PCA General Assembly in Atlanta.**

# Announcements

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## **Nursery Volunteers Today:**

Morning Service – Kathy Pratt

Sunday School – Sunday School is suspended for the summer

## **Nursery Volunteers Next Week:**

Morning Service – Luz and Bob Wooldridge

**No Evening Service Tonight** — Spend some time with your Father.

**Summer WIC Event** — There will be a book discussion dinner Saturday, July 28, 6:30 pm at the home of Debbie Keane, 130 Tall Oaks Dr, Eureka. We will have an extended version of our regular book discussions including dinner, games, & prizes, along with the fun and lively discussion that we always enjoy! Plan to come - even if it's your first time! We will be discussing Tim Keller's Prodigal God. Don't miss out on the fun! Save the date now! Sign up sheet will be available July 10.

**New Nursery Coordinator** — Ginny Sturlaugson will be taking the lead role as the Nursery Coordinator. She will be responsible for all of the scheduling and administrative duties affiliated with the nursery. She will also be responsible for checking the nursery weekly to ensure our volunteers have arrived. Also, she is currently working on developing a backup list in the event a volunteer is out sick. Mary Beth Denney will still be working with her, but her role will be focused on nursery and supply maintenance, and assisting Ginny. Here are a couple of requests we have for the nursery:

1) **BACKUP LIST:** It can be challenging to find a last minute nursery volunteer if a someone is out sick. We would love to create a list of people to call in case we need a last minute volunteer. If you are interested in helping us last minute, could you send Ginny an email so she can add you to this list?

2) **HELP PLEASE:** Fall is the most difficult time to find volunteers for the nursery since we take a break from Sunday School for the summer. The nursery sign up is on the WIC table. Could you help us by signing up for a few Sundays in August and beyond?

3) **REMINDER:** If you are unable to help out for the day you signed up, it would be of great service if you could first ask someone to switch with you. If you need a copy of the schedule, please do not hesitate to contact Ginny.

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The sign-up list for nursery work is now on line (see the last mid-week announcement email).

**Men's Summer Discussion Fellowship** — The men's summer Bible study/fellowship begins on Wednesday, June 20. We will meet at the home of Kimbell Kornu. The address is 320 George Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122. **We will be reading and discussing John Frame's new book** *Christianity Considered: A Guide for Skeptics and Seekers*. We will have copies of the book for sale on the book table soon. You can order your own from Amazon or get the Kindle edition for just about \$5. We will be meeting almost every week through August 8 (not July 4th). 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.

**Session Meeting** — The pastor and elders will have their monthly session meeting on Monday, July 18, at 7 PM. Please pray for them.

**New Members Class** — Pastor Meyers is leading a inquirers/new members class that continues today after the coffee fellowship time. We meet 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.

**Vacation Bible School 2018** — 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.

This year's Vacation Bible School will support HOPE Community Project, but it's not just for the kids! HOPE is hosting a Savers Fundrive (we did this last year too!). Clean out your bulging closets and bring bags to benefit HOPE! How? All donations will be weighed and Savers will pay cash for every ounce of clothes and household goods that we bring in! See Debbie Keane or Anna More for details. We will begin collecting immediately in the marked classroom downstairs. Tax receipts will be available. NO furniture or appliances. A more comprehensive list will be available.

**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](mailto:annahoegemann@gmail.com).

## **Church Calendar**

Today	New Members Class No evening service (Father's Day)
Monday, June 18	Session meets at 7 PM
Wednesday, June 20	First Men's Discussion Group Meets at 7 PM
Thursday, June 21	Rooted Meeting
Sunday, June 24	New Members Class continues Evening Prayer Service at 6 PM
July 16-20	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 worshipping 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.

# Officers and Resource People

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