

The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
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Trinity Season

June 24, 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. Our Evening Prayer Service will meet at 6 PM tonight. Pastor Meyers will be giving a report on the actions of the PCA General Assembly.

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 24, 2018

Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 5

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

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Pastor: Let us rise and worship God in the Name of the Father, and
the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

Sing and bless God's name!

Psalm 96:2-3

Tell of his salvation from day to day!

Declare his glory among the nations,

His wonderful works among all the peoples!

†*Psalm 96* "O sing a new song to the Lord"

Tune: CORONATION

O sing a new song to the Lord;

(86.86.86; TH #218 I)

All earth to Yahweh sing.

Sing to the Lord, and bless his Name;

"He saves!" each day proclaim.

His glory to all nations show;

His deeds let peoples know.

Yahweh is great; how great his praise!

Above all gods he's feared.

For heathen gods are idols vain;

Yahweh the heavens made.

To him all honor, majesty,

And strength and splendor be!

O fam'lies of the earth, ascribe

All glory to our Lord!

All strength ascribe unto Yahweh,

And glorify his Name.

**Bring tribute now into his courts,
And glorify his name.**

**Dressed up to honor and adore,
Join with the gathered saints.
All earth, before him stand in awe;
Proclaim, "Yahweh is King!"
Controlled by him, the world stands firm,
And all his judgments are right!**

**Let heav'ns be glad and earth rejoice;
Let earth and sea break forth.
Let every creature join the song,
For God the Lord draws near.
Let trees and forests sing for joy,
For God the Lord is here!**

**Let all prepare to greet Yahweh,
Who comes to judge the earth.
For surely he will judge the world
With perfect faithfulness!
He'll nations judge in righteousness,
With perfect faithfulness!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his Name, may keep the gracious covenant you have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Purification

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us kneel together and humbly confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Christ our Savior to grant us forgiveness: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that 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 deliverance from all my enemies; 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 #47 (*Psalms* 5) "O Jehovah, hear my words" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scripture: *1 Chronicles* 17:16-27

Mr. Dylan Stinson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Ephesians* 6:10-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John* 8:31-47

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*

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!

Sermon Text: *Psalms 5*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **HOW TO DEAL WITH TROUBLE MAKERS**

VI. 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

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† Offertory Prayer

Congregation: **Amen!**

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn #79 "Though troubles assail us"

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: Holy God, You confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us hunger and thirst to be just as you are just, to show mercy as we have received your mercy, to pursue peace as true children of the God of peace. Help us follow our King in this way of blessing so that the world's people might see the presence of his kingdom among them; through Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, and risen and reigning Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #319 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Evening Prayer

June 24, 2018 – 6:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 5*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†The Beatitudes "Blessed are the poor in Spirit" *See handout*

Scripture Reading

Message: **THE ACTS OF THE 46TH PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

†Psalm 1 "How blessed is the man" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #341 "All praise to thee, my God" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Luz and Bob Wooldridge
Sunday School – Sunday School is suspended for the summer

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Jessica Murphy and Amy Sterner

Evening Service Tonight — Tonight Pastor Meyers will be giving a short overview of the 46th General Assembly's work in Atlanta last week.

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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Mary Beth Denney: (636) 226-5630 | marybethdenney@gmail.com

The sign-up list for nursery work is on the table in the foyer.

Men's Summer Discussion Fellowship — The men's summer Bible study/fellowship continues on Wednesday, June 27. We will meet at 7PM the home of Pastor Meyers, 9229 Lawndale Dr, Crestwood, 63126. **We will be reading and discussing chapters 5-8 of John Frame's new book *Christianity Considered: A Guide for Skeptics and Seekers*.** We have copies of the book for sale on the book table.

Pastor Meyers on Vacation — Pastor Meyers will be on vacation this week. He will return on Monday July 2.

Session Meeting — The pastor and elders had to cancel the June monthly session meeting. They will meet again on Monday, July 2. Please pray for them.

Meals for a New Mother — If you can help provide some meals for Matthew and Catie Hon in July, please contact Barb Hoover (314-504-3488). Catie is due on July 8.

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.

Church Calendar

Today	New Members Class Evening Service at 6 PM
Wednesday, June 27	Men's Discussion Group Meets at 7 PM
Thursday, June 28	Rooted Meeting
Sunday, July 1	No Evening Service
Monday, July 2	Session meets at 7 PM
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School

The Lord's Service Explained

Our Common Table

The unity of the church is not merely something we claim by faith every week when we sit at the common Table, it is also something *we become* every week as we eat the bread and drink the wine together. When we join our voices together with the gathered assembly in prayer, confession, singing, eating, and drinking we are weekly reconstituted by the Spirit as the Body of Christ, the very visible, even tangible public presence of God's saving activity in the world.

Sadly, we often reduce the Lord's Supper to a means of providing mental stimulus for individual religious meditation. It is thought by many to be just another opportunity to exercise personal, private devotions at church. To some extent, the way we have traditionally practiced the Supper encourages this. Everyone closes their eyes, turns inward, and mediates privately. The corporate, communal dimension of the Sacrament gets smothered beneath what in effect becomes an opportunity for personal quiet time in church. There is, of course, room for silence during the rite of Communion, but there is so much more going on than merely private devotions with the visual aids of bread and wine. Surely the food on the Table is not merely God's flannel graph for adults.

What we do at the Lord's Table ought to form us into a particular kind of community—a community of sacrificial love united to one another in Jesus our Savior. The Scriptures, for example, teach the necessity of reconciling any fellow Christians who might be at variance with each other before they could eat the Lord's Supper together. The unity of the church as the Body of Christ, symbolized in the one loaf, must not be violated by personal disputes among the members of the local body as well as formal ecclesiastical schisms in the larger communion of the saints.

The Apostle Paul says that we assemble "as the church" and we "come together" precisely to eat the Lord's Supper and that in an openly unified way (1 Cor. 11:18, 20, 33, 34). The more we faithfully *do* the Lord's Supper, the more we will experience the communal dimensions of the Sacrament, indeed, the community-forming nature of the ritual meal. Only then will the concrete oneness that our Lord petitioned the Father for be realized in the Church "in order that the world may believe" (John 17:23).

Catechism for the Week

Martin Luther's Small Catechism

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

- A. What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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