

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Trinity Season

June 2, 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).

Holy Trinity Diagram (*Front Cover*)



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. The shield on the front cover depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center of the circle is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). **Reading out from the center along the three spokes, the unity of the Godhead is represented:** *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God; *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God; *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. **Reading around the circumference of the circle, the distinctions between the Persons are noted:** *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son; *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit; *Spiritus Sanctus non est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — June 2, 2018
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Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 3*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†[*Kneeling*] Silent Prayer and Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 113:1-3*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #131 "When morning gilds the skies"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Elder Robert Murphy

Leader: 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!

Who is like Yahweh our God?

Psalm 113:5-8

Who is seated on high!

He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

To make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people

†Leader: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Purification

†Leader: 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!

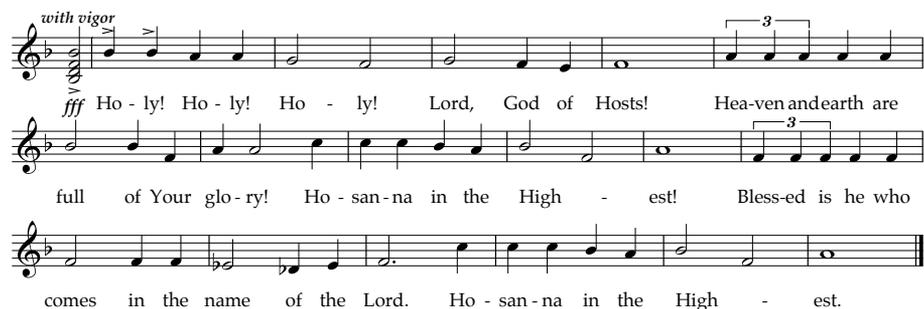
We lift them up to the Lord!

†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.

†Hymn of Praise: #11 "O that I had a thousand voices" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: 2 *Samuel* 15:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 10:32-39*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 3 "O LORD, how swiftly grows"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

1. **O LORD, how swiftly grows the number of my foes
Who wantonly oppress me!
Yes, multiplied are they that rise to my dismay,
And day by day distress me.
Though heavy my despair, they scornfully declare
To my humiliation, that thou, O God no more
Can help me as before or come to my salvation.**
2. **But thou, LORD, always art a shield about my heart,
My hope and sure reliance. Thou, in the hour of dread,
Dost lift my weary head, and biddest them defiance.
When'er to God I cried, He hastened to my side
In all my tribulations; from Zion's mountain fair
He looked on my despair and heard my supplications.**
3. **When I lay down, I slept; I woke, for I was kept
In his divine protection.
The LORD was at my side, my safety he supplied,
Whatever my affliction.
Defended by his hand, I shall undaunted stand
While thousands surge about me; though furious foemen wage
Their war with mighty rage, I know they shall not rout me.**
4. **Arise and save me, LORD, for thou has smitten hard
The jaws of them that hate me;
Yes, thou didst fiercely break for me thy servant's sake
The teeth of the ungodly.
I shall not suffer long, for my salvation strong
Thou, O my LORD, providest. They people all will rest
By thee so richly blest, since thou with them abidest.**

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 12:1-12*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

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 3*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **A PRAYER FOR THE BREAK OF DAY**

IV. 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

Father, receive now these gifts offered to you in and through our Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to you a portion of that which you have freely and generously given to us. Use these tithes and offerings to support the work of the church, to promote the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up your kingdom. In Christ's name we pray.

Congregation: **Amen!**

And now we are bold to pray as our Lord has taught us. . .

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn: #469 (*Psalm 3*) "O Lord, how are my foes increased" *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: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with the life-giving gift of your Word and with an honored place at your Table; and we ask you to be merciful toward us through these same gifts so that we might exercise faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

† Hymn: #514 "Now Israel may say, and that in truth" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Psalm 3

A Psalm. By David as he fled from the face of Absalom, his son.

A. Yahweh, how many are my foes!

Many are rising up against me;

Many are saying of my soul,

“There is no salvation for him in God”!

Selah

B. But you, O Yahweh, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the One lifting up my head.

I cried aloud to Yahweh

And he hears me from his holy mountain.

Selah

B' I myself lay down and sleep

I awake because Yahweh sustains me

I will not fear many thousands of people,

Who are on all sides set against me.

A' Arise, O Yahweh!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

You break the teeth of the ungodly.

For Yahweh is the salvation!

On your people is your blessing.

Selah

Evening Prayer

Sunday, June 2, 2018 - 6 PM

Scripture Reading: *Romans 12:1-8*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #510 “Thy lovingkindness, Lord”

Trinity Hymnal

Opening Prayer & Hymn Sing

Scripture Reading: *Romans 12:4-13*

Message: **OUR REASONABLE SERVICE**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 95 “The LORD be praised”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #316 “Savior, again to thy dear Name” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Dismissal

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Jessica Murphy & Alpha Thomas Bangura
Sunday School – Sunday School is suspended for the summer

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Catie Skogen and Amy Sterner

Deacon's Fund Offering Today — Today the deacons will collect the monthly deacons fund offering to help the needy in our congregation and community. The offering will be received during both services. If contributing by check, please designate "Deacons fund" on the memo line. You may also use the envelopes provided in the bulletin or on the table in the narthex to contribute by cash or check.

New Members Class — Pastor Meyers will be leading a inquirers/new members class beginning today after the coffee fellowship time. We will be meeting in a classroom on the top floor of the education building 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.

Evening Prayer Service Tonight — We meet this evening at 6 PM for prayer, praise, fellowship, and biblical teaching.

New Church Website — Rachel Greeno and Seth Carter have been working on Providence's new website for a few months. It is now online. The address is still the same: www.providencestlouis.com. The password for the "Members Only" section of the site is also the same. If you don't remember that password, send Pastor Meyers a note. Please feel free to comment on the content and format of the new website. There are still a number of things to tweak.

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.

Men's Summer Discussion Fellowship — The men's summer Bible study/fellowship begins on Wednesday, June 20. Pastor Meyers will be out of town the week before at the PCA General Assembly. We have not decided on a meeting place yet, so if you would like to volunteer **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.

New Summer Intern — Mr. Dylan Stinson will be 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!

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 begins Deacons Offering Evening Prayer Service tonight at 6 PM
Thursday, June 7	Rooted Meeting
Sunday, June 10	New Members Class continues Evening Prayer Service at 6 PM
June 8-9	Dinners for Eight
June 11-15	PCA General Assembly (Pastor Meyers attending)
June 20	First Mens Book Discussion Group meeting at 7 PM
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School

The Lord's Service Explained

Why Do We Use Hymnals?

There are a number of good answers to that question. Here are a few to think about. First, hymnals collect the musical and poetic gifts that the Spirit has given to the church through the ages. A hymnal in your hands is a great treasure of Spiritual insight and a model for prayer and praise. We sing hymns from the early, medieval, and modern church that the collective church has judged to be worthy of preservation for use in the liturgy of the Christian church, as well as private devotions.

Second, having just mentioned the “collective” wisdom of the church, we should not fail to appreciate a well-crafted hymnal function as a theological textbook. They are reliable sources of knowledge about God and his Word. These are the hymns that have been subjected to the scrutiny of the wise and discerning in the church and have passed the test. There are too many popular, modern Christian songs that have not been vetted like this and some of them may lead you astray.

Third, we are prone to choose familiar tunes and popular songs. But a hymnal with hundreds of selections from every age and from many cultures will keep before us (and in our mouths and hearts) hymns that we might not otherwise choose ourselves. There are hymns that call on us to praise God. There are others that cause us to cry out for justice and deliverance. There are hymns that are upbeat and cheerful, but others that remind us of the darker and difficult times of life. This variety stems from the foundation of the Christian hymnal--the Psalms. The Psalms embody the full range of human emotion and address a wide range of situations in which saints find themselves, whether it's being surrounded by enemies or rubbing shoulders with the saints in songs of praise.

Fourth, the music and hymnody of the church ought to mature us in prayer and praise. Too much of modern music is childish and directly tied to the entertainment industry's marketing to youth. The hymns in our hymnal will cause you to think and challenge you to engage with God in ways that transcend the Jesus-is-my-boyfriend kind of songs so popular in modern Christian circles.

Fifth, hymnals help us help us break away from the constant barrage of technological stimulation that we encounter throughout our week. Corporate worship is meant to be a unique experience as compared to watching TV, going to a movie, or a rock concert. But when our corporate worship experience is filled with many of the same elements that we could get at a cinema or a concert it is hard to understand, appreciate, and experience the uniqueness of worshipping God corporately.

Sixth, singing from hymnals joins us together in mysterious ways. We each hold the same hymnal. We each join voices around us. We listen to sounds that surround us. We breathe together, pause at the same time, become quiet, rejoice, smile, soar — all as one. Together we gloriously sing prayers that join our hearts together in praise and petition to the Triune God. It is an expression of our *common* faith, our unity in the Spirit.

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Blake & Cathy Purcell	Russia	Georgette	Burundi, Africa
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