

The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church**

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Pentecost Season

May 27, 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 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no evening service tonight.

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 Holy Spirit is often portrayed as a bird/dove in Scripture. In the beginning the Spirit fluttered over the empty, dark, and formless creation in Genesis 1:2 in order to bring heavenly order and beauty to earth. Jesus' promise was fulfilled 50 days after his resurrection when the Spirit descended on his disciples as tongues of flame, empowering them to fulfill Jesus' commission to expand his kingdom.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **red**. Red symbolizes the fiery presence of the Spirit, transforming Christians into living sacrifices.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 27, 2018

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 2

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 69:30-34*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn of Praise: #510 "Thy lovingkindness, 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!

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,

Revelation 4:11

To receive glory and honor and power!

For you created all things,

And by your will they existed and were created!

†Pastor: 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: Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us approach the throne of heavenly grace and confess our sins with an honest heart and humble voice:

Come, let us worship and bow down, *Psalm 95:6*

And kneel before the Lord our Maker. [*Congregation kneels*]

O most merciful God, since you have given your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at your right hand, poured out on this day as he had promised the Holy Spirit on the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth rejoices with great joy. 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.

†Pentecost Hymn: #249 "Come, Holy Ghost, in love" *TH*

The Scripture Readings for the First Sunday after Pentecost

The First Reading: *Acts 13:26-44*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 2 "Why do the restless heathen madly rage" Anglo-Genevan Psalter

1. Why do the restless heathen madly rage?
What haughty schemes are they in vain contriving?
The kings and rulers of the earth engage
In rash attempts to plot their empty striving.
They stand prepared, they all conspire together
Against the Lord and His anointed King
"Let us," they say, "tear loose and break their fetters,
Cast off their chains, their shackles from us fling".
2. Though proudly now they raise their battle cry,
How vain is all their frenzied opposition!
The LORD, who sits enthroned in heaven on high,
Laughs them to scorn: He has them in derision.
Then He will speak in wrath and indignation
And all their host will He with terror fill:
"I've set My King," so runs His proclamation,
"Upon mount Zion, on My holy hill."
3. O peoples, listen to the LORD's decree,
For unto Me He made this declaration:
"Thou art My Son, I have begotten Thee
This very day. To Thee I'll give the nations.
Ask what Thou wilt: Thy heritage I'll make them;
Their lands shalt Thou possess, both near and far.
Lo, with a rod of iron shalt Thou break them,
Dash them in pieces like a potter's jar."
4. Take heed, O rulers of the earth, and hear;
Be wise, O kings, and let His edict warn you.
Rejoice with trembling, serve the LORD with fear.
Now kiss the Son, lest He in fury scorn you,
Lest in His wrath the LORD cause you to perish,
For quickly kindled is His anger's blaze.
But all who trust in Him the LORD will cherish;
He will defend and bless them all their days..

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 20:41-46*

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 2*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: CONSPIRACIES, MONARCHY, & FREEDOM

III. AN EXPOSITION OF THE PSALMS

Ordination & Installation

Elders: *Joel Montgomery & John Moore* (installation) Pastor Jeff Meyers

Deacons: *Phillip Johnson* (ordination & installation), *Alan Handermann,*
Dan Hayes, and Robert Wooldridge (installation)

Solemn Vows:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this installation vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vows

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as Elders and Deacons, and do you promise to yield to them all honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of his church, entitles them?

Laying on of Hands & Prayer

Elders & Pastor

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

Pastor Jeff Meyers

I now pronounce and declare that these men have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as elders and deacons in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the PCA; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

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: #227 "O wherefore do the nations rage"

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: Eternal God, our heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, and have fed us with Spiritual food and drink. In the power of Christ's body and blood, send us now into the world in peace, granting us strength and courage to love and serve you in all things, that we might do the work you have given us to do with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

† Hymn: #215 "The Head that once was crowned with thorns" TH

† Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

† Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26-26*

† Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Psalm 2

- A. Why do nations conspire,
And peoples meditate on a vain thing?
Earth's kings are positioned
And rulers take counsel together,
Against Yahweh,
And against his anointed;
- B. Saying, "Let us break their chains,
And throw off their cords
- C. The one enthroned in the heavens laughs
My Lord mocks them!
Then he speaks to them in his wrath,
And in his burning anger he terrifies them.
 Saying, "I myself have installed my king,
 On Zion, my holy hill."
- C' I will declare the statute:
Yahweh said to me,
 "You are my Son,
 I myself today have begotten you.
 Ask of me and I will make nations your inheritance,
 And your possession the ends of the earth.
- B' You will rule them with an iron scepter.
 Like a vessel of clay you will smash them."
- A' Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
Be warned, you judges of the earth.
Serve Yahweh with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the son, lest he be angry,
And you perish in the way,
For his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all those who take refuge in him.

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Randy & Carolyn Stone
Sunday School – Sunday School is suspended for the summer

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Jessica Murphy & Alpha Thomas Bangura

Pentecost Pig Roast! — A special thank you to the Zintels for preparing and cooking the pigs last week. Thanks also to Elders Pratt and Shields for organizing and assisting in the set up for the feast.

New Members Class — Pastor Meyers will be leading a inquirers/new members class beginning next Sunday (June 3) 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.

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	Sunday School Suspended for the Summer No Evening Service tonight
Thursday, May 31	NO Rooted Meeting
Sunday, June 3	New Members Class begins Evening Prayer Service at 6 PM
June 8-9	Dinners for Eight
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School

The Lord's Service Explained

Pentecost Season

The Spring & Summer months of June, July, August, and September are considered part of a much longer period covering roughly half of the Christian year. This longer period may be called Pentecost Season (after Pentecost Sunday) or Trinity Season (from Trinity Sunday). This year we will call it Pentecost Season. The season and readings generally focus on the discipleship and unity of the Church as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord. During this period the New Testament lessons are, in the main, taken one after another in sequence from the Gospel ministry of our Lord and the Acts of the Apostles. The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

“Pentecost is the reverse of the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.”

Red, the color for Pentecost symbolizes the fire of the Spirit and the new life we have in Christ.

IHS, the monogram on our pulpit scarf and table cloth for Trinity season simply stands for Jesus Christ. It is one of a number of ways to abbreviate or symbolize the name of “Jesus” and the title “Christ” (IH and XP, IC and XC, IHS and XPS) from the original Greek and Latin language.

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