
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — January 4, 2004

Epiphany Sunday

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 147

*Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Lord Graciously Calls Us

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 147:1*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Silent Meditation & Prayer

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee?"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

†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!

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

Isaiah 60:1,3

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Nations shall come to your light

And rulers to the brightness of your rising!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son. Guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Lord Cleanses Us in Christ

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humbly confess our sins to God using the words of *Psalm 130*:

Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Yahweh. Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If you, Yahweh, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be feared. I wait for you, Yahweh, my soul waits, and in your word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in Yahweh; for with

Yahweh there is mercy, and with him is abundant redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

†Pastor: Now open your ears, hear, and receive the good news . . . !

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

†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 proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. 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 . . .

†Hymn #315 "God himself is with us"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-9*

The Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 3:1-13*

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Rev. A. Craig Troxel

Parental Vows: *John Halsey & Marne Wood*

(see insert)

Holy Baptism: *John Halsey Wood, III*

Congregational Vows: *Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers*

†We Sing: *The Lorica*

(see insert)

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:20-34*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **KNOWLEDGE, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITY**

XXI. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

†Hymn #510 "Thy loving kindness, Lord, is good and free" *Trinity Hymnal*

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Lord Feeds Us at His Table

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & The Distribution of the Bread and Wine

†Communion Hymn #537 (*Psalm 116*) "What shall I render to my God"

Pastoral Benediction

†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!**

Pastor: O God, who on this day by the leading of a star revealed your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of your Majesty; through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Hymn: #154 “As with gladness men of old” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen, Postlude & Greet One Another!

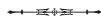
Green, the color for **EPIPHANY**, symbolizes life and growth. The manifestation of the Person and mission of Jesus after his birth was only gradually unveiled, so the season focuses on the progressive expansion of our Lord's mission to the world. The anchor-cross on the pulpit scarf reminds us that the church's only anchor is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, who became man, serving us to the point of his own death on the cross. During Epiphany we reflect on the progressive manifestation in Jesus' life of the Father's purposes to save his people from their sins by means of the death and resurrection of his Son, and we pray for the speedy accomplishment of God's comprehensive saving purposes in the whole earth.

WELCOME to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins. Join us again this evening at 6:00 PM for praise, prayer, and Bible teaching.

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

January 4, 2004 — 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on Psalm 72

Scripture Meditation: *Psalm 72*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 72 (sts. 1-5) “O God, give to the king Thy justice” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Hymn Sing & Prayer

†Psalm 72 (sts. 6-10) “May princes, moved by awe and wonder”

Scripture Reading: *Ruth 1*

Sermon: **A TRACT FOR THE TIMES**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Closing Hymn: #604 “Jerusalem the golden”

†Benediction & Postlude