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# COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

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## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — February 8, 2004

*Epiphany Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 117**

\*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



### The Entrance

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Call to Worship: *Psalm 117*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #3 (*Psalm 117*) "From all that dwell below the skies" *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!**

It is better to take refuge in the Lord

*Psalm 118:8-9*

**Than to trust in man!**

It is better to take refuge in the Lord

**Than to trust in princes.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully receive the praise of your people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

### The Purification

†Call to Confession

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Open to me the gates of righteousness

*Psalm 118:19-20*

**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;

**The righteous shall enter through it.**

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\* Please refrain from conversation once the prelude begins

† The congregation stands

**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 forgiveness of 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, to the end that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!***

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

### The 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 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 of Thanksgiving "I will sing my Maker's praises" (see insert)

The Old Testament Reading: *1 Samuel 22:1-23*

Pastor Chris Smith

The Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 12:22-50*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon: **THE TRUE HOUSEHOLD & KINGDOM OF GOD**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

**XXXV. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW**

### The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O Christ, our true and only Light" (see *Trinity Hymnal* #296)

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

†The *Gloria Patri*

### The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Distribution

†Communion Hymn #278 "Jesus, with thy church abide" *Trinity Hymnal*

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: Almighty God, you know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## The Benediction

†Hymn: #488 “Lead on, O King eternal”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†A Parting Prayer: “God be with you till we meet again”

God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you —  
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,  
’Neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you —  
God be with you till we meet again

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

**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. **This evening the congregation meets as shepherding groups instead of our normal evening service.**

## The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 98. *What is prayer?*

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies (Ps. 62:8, John 5:14, John 16:23, Ps. 32:5-6, Dan. 9:4, Phil. 4:6).

## The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day 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 publicly confessing that you are in covenant with God and an active member of a congregation in which the gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service.