
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — February 29, 2004

First Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: *Isaiah 6*

*Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 6:1-3*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated"

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!

Holy, holy, holy is Yahweh of Hosts;

Isaiah 6:3

May his glory fill the whole earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayer, and graciously draw us into your holy presence, through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification

†Call to Confession

Beloved in the Lord! The foundations of the thresholds of heaven shake with the voice of him who calls us into his presence and his house is filled with smoke (Isa. 6:4).

Woe is me!

Isaiah 6:5

For I am lost;

For I am a man of unclean lips,

And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King,

The Lord of Hosts!

* Please refrain from conversation once the prelude begins

† The congregation stands

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray.

†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 Praise: #92 "All glory be to thee, Most High"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-13*

Mr. Nate Smith

The Epistle Reading: *Jonah 3:1-4:1*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:1-17*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon: **THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XXXVII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†A Lenten Prayer "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

(see insert)

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†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 #174 "Praise the Saviour"

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: We beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Benediction

†Hymn: #269 "Glorious things of thee are spoken" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

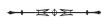
WELCOME to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins. Join us this evening for prayer, praise, and Bible teaching at 6:00 PM.

The color for **LENT** is purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world—which appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance. Lent is not merely a time to remember and think about the history of our Lord's suffering and death, but is intended primarily as an opportunity for intense self-examination and repentance, even fasting (Luke 5:34-35). The high point of Lent is reached on Good Friday, when we remember that *our* sins crucified Christ. In the words of Johann Heermann's great hymn, "Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee" (*Trinity Hymnal* #179).

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

February 29, 2004 — 6:00 P.M.



†Hymn 537 (*Psalms 116:12-19*) "What shall I render" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Hymn #510 (*Psalms 69*) "Thy lovingkindness" *Trinity Hymnal*

Scripture & Sermon: *Ruth 1:6-21* – **BATTLING BITTERNESS (2)** Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Closing Hymn: #335 "Abide with me" *Trinity Hymnal*

A Lenten Prayer

(Tune of Hymn #7)

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self and so to live
By your most Holy Word.

Abide with us, that through this life
Of suff'ring and of pain
An Easter of unending joy
We may at last attain.