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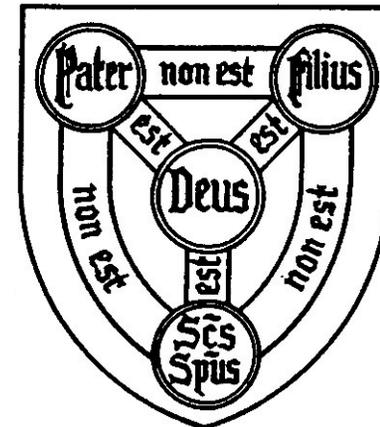
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Ages 2 & 3	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 4	Bryan Walker
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Grade 2	Leesa Coller		
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# The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed  
Presbyterian Church



**The Second Sunday in Advent**

*December 5, 2004*

## Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the black registration folder at the end of the pew 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. Please join us downstairs for coffee after the service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service at 11:00 AM. The “visitor’s card” on the table in the foyer will help you find the meeting place for your child’s class. We’d love to have you return tonight at 6:00 PM for singing, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship in a more informal setting.

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. Pastor Meyers’s book *The Lord’s Service: The Grace of Covenant Renewal Worship* (Canon Press, 2003) is also available on our book table. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: [www.prpc-stl.org](http://www.prpc-stl.org)

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. 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. **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 Shield of the Blessed Trinity (Front Cover)

No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of the Holy Trinity. 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 Lord’s Service at Home

### Advent Season 2004

The English word Advent is derived from the Latin *advenire*, “to come to.” Advent has to do with the Lord’s coming to us. The Lord *has* come to us (at the birth of Christ), *regularly* comes to us (especially on the Lord’s Day), and *will* come to us (bodily again at the end of this age). Advent season, then, is a time to reflect upon all of the ways—past, present, and future—in which the Lord comes to us. Please remember that the purpose of Advent is not to imagine ourselves to be living at the time immediately preceding Christ’s birth and so somehow *pretend* that we are waiting for him to be born. It is not time for a spiritual game of “make believe.” Neither is the purpose of Advent to think sentimental thoughts about the baby Jesus. There is no real spiritual power in any of this. The purpose of Advent is to *expect* and *pray* for the coming of the Lord.

Although our own hymnal does not separate out Advent from Christmas hymns, a quick glance at any of the traditional Advent hymns will bear this out (see #231, 145-149, and 235-243). During Advent we *remember* his first coming (he kept his promises to his people in the OT) and we pray today that the Lord will remember his *promises* and come to us again, judging the enemies of the Church and delivering his people from all evil. During Advent season we petition the Lord to come again to us, both now and finally at the end of the age.

Use either the opening corporate prayer or the closing pastoral prayer from the service this morning in your family and/or individual devotions this week. The traditional Advent hymn #145 should be sung all this week.

An Advent wreath can be used to enhance your family devotions, but there is no need to attach any significance to each individual candle. All four candles can be the same color—dark blue or purple. Some modern Advent devotional schemes err in encouraging us to pretend we are living before Jesus’ birth. It is best to use the Scripture readings below, reflecting on the way God keeps his covenantal promises. The family should reflect on all the ways the Lord comes to help us.

## Advent Scripture Readings – This Week

Monday, Dec. 6	–	Isa. 4:2-6	Psalm 147	Luke 21:2-28	1 Thess. 5:1-11
Tuesday, Dec. 7	–	Isa. 5:1-17	Psalm 53	Luke 21:29-38	1 Thess. 5:12-28
Wednesday, Dec. 8	–	Isa. 5:18-25	Psalm 24	Mark 1:1-8	2 Thess. 1:1-12
Thursday, Dec. 9	–	Isa. 6:1-13	Psalm 146	Mark 1:9-20	2 Thess. 2:1-12
Friday, Dec. 10	–	Isa. 7:1-9	Psalm 33	Mark 1:21-34	2 Thess. 2:13-17
Saturday, Dec. 11	–	Isa. 7:10-25	Psalm 40	Mark 1:35-45	2 Thess. 3:1-5

## The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee" *Trinity Hymnal*

†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: Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come; that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by your mighty deliverance; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## Benediction

†Hymn #243 "O quickly come, dread Judge of all" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

# The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

December 5, 2004 — 6:00 PM

## Scripture Meditation - 1 Samuel 1:21-28

Scripture Reading: *Numbers 6:1-21*

†Hymn: #486 "When thy soldiers" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #154)

Psalms and Hymns

Prayer Requests and Prayer

†The Magnificat "My soul doth magnify the Lord" (handout)

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 1:21-28*

Sermon: SAMUEL THE NAZIRITE Pastor Jeff Meyers

## II. EXPOSITION OF FIRST SAMUEL

†Psalm 111 "Praised by the LORD" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

†Benediction

# The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — December 5, 2004

*Second Sunday in Advent*

Preparation For Worship: *Revelation 21:1-21*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Rev. 21:16-17*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #145 "Come, thou long expected Jesus" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!** *Matthew 28:19*

The Lord be with you! *Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, *Isaiah 40:3*

**Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!**

According to his promise, we wait for a new heavens and a new earth,  
**In which righteousness dwells!** *2 Peter 3:13*

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

†Pastor: 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:

**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. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

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

## 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 fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. 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 #87 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" *Trinity Hymnal*  
The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-17* Mr. Daniel McKinney

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Revelation 20:11-15*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 19:20:1-15*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made;  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made:  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory**

**to judge both the living and the dead  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

SERMON: REAPERS, BOOKKEEPERS, AND THE DIVINE OWNER Pastor Jeff Meyers

LXI. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living *Matthew 5:2-12*

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
**For they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**For they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**For they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**For they shall receive mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**For they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**For they shall be called sons of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you  
**And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.**

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,  
**For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

## Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication & The *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen!**