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

Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church



Epiphany Season

January 9, 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

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.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (Front Cover)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOCYX*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**, as is this service’s cover sheet. We are using white this year for **CHRISTMAS** and **Epiphany**. It symbolizes joy, celebration, gladness, light, and purity.

The Lord’s Service at Home

Epiphany Season

What does Epiphany mean? The English word is derived from the Greek *epiphainein*, which means “to appear” or “manifest.” The Epiphany season has to do with the Lord’s *manifestation* or *appearance* to the nations. Epiphany (January 6) and the season called by the same name (from January 6 through February 27) celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, beginning with the visit of the Eastern Kings (the Magi) in Matthew 2. Of course, the manifestation of the Person and mission of Jesus was only gradually unveiled, so the season focuses on the progressive unveiling of our Lord’s mission to the world in his teaching. The four main events commemorated during Epiphany are the adoration of the Magi, the story of Christ’s visit to the temple as a twelve-year-old boy, our Lord’s baptism in the Jordan, and the miracle of turning water into wine for the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee. All four events served progressively to unveil the Lord Jesus Christ to the humanity in significant ways at the beginning of his life and the inauguration of his Gospel ministry.

How should I pray? Once again, it is important to remember that Epiphany, like Advent and Christmas, is not merely an opportunity to remember the history of our Lord’s work. More than that, the season calls upon us to memorialize our Lord’s life in prayer before God. The Lord has manifested himself to the Gentiles (representatively to the Magi), he is still manifesting himself to them (in the mission work of the church), and will finally manifest himself fully to all the nations at the last day as Lord and King. Epiphany therefore is a time to reflect upon all of these ways in which the Lord manifests himself. Please remember that the purpose of Epiphany is not primarily to think historical thoughts about Jesus’ life and work. The purpose of Epiphany, like every season in the church year, is to pray—in particular, to pray for the manifestation of the Lord to those who do not know him. Epiphany is a time to reflect upon and pray for the evangelistic mission of the Church.

Color: White - symbolizing joy, celebration, gladness, light, and the shining forth of God’s glory to the nations through Jesus Christ.

Epiphany Hymns: Trinity Hymnal #434, 123, 133, 136, 154, 167, 224.

Christmas Scripture Readings – This Week

Monday, Jan. 10	– 1 Sam. 5:6-12	Psalm 25	Luke 3:1-6	1 John 4:13-21
Tuesday, Jan. 11	– 1 Sam. 6:1-9	Psalm 26	Luke 3:7-14	1 John 5:1-5
Wednesday, Jan. 12	– 1 Sam. 6:10-16	Psalm 27	Luke 3:15-22	1 John 5:6-12
Thursday, Jan. 13	– 1 Sam. 6:17–7:2	Psalm 28	Luke 3:23-38	1 John 5:13-21
Friday, Jan. 14	– 1 Sam. 7:3-11	Psalm 29	Luke 4:1-8	2 John 1-7
Saturday, Jan. 15	– 1 Sam. 7:12-17	Psalm 30	Luke 4:9-13	2 John 8-13

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn #364 “Shepherd of souls”

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: O Lord 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 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 #228 “Who is this that comes from Edom” *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #602)

†Benediction: *Numbers* 6:24-26

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

January 9, 2005 — 6:00 PM

Scripture Meditation - Psalm 99

Scripture Reading: *Numbers* 6:1-21

†Hymn #27 “If God is on our side”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Psalms and Hymns

Prayer Requests and Prayer

Song of Hannah “My soul is filled with joy”

(see handout)

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel* 2:11-21

Sermon: **SONS, SERVANTS, & SACRIFICES**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

III. EXPOSITION OF FIRST SAMUEL

Hymn #463 (*Psalm* 130) “From out the depths”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

The Morning Service

The Lord’s Day — January 9, 2005

Epiphany Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 147

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm* 147:1

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

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

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!

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 the wise men 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!

Purification

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humbly confess our sins to God our Father, 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. He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. *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 #315 “God himself is with us”

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-17*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *2 Timothy 3:1-17*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:1-17*

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!

Hymn #172 “Ride on! Ride on in majesty!”

Trinity Hymnal

Sermon: **A THIN VENEER OF PRAISE**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXIII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†Hymn of Response: #173 “All glory, laud, and honor”

Trinity Hymnal

†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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen!