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Children's Sunday School Program (Fall Semester)

Age 2	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 3	Tim Weston
Age 3	Michelle Craw	Grade 4	Bryan Walker
Ages 4 & 5	Allan & Pam Wamsley	Grades 5 & 6	Brad Wood
Kindergarten	Steve & Amy Sterner	Grades 7 & 8	Monte Shields
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The Season of Lent

March 13, 2005

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 join our shepherding groups this afternoon and evening. If you are interested, please ask one of the pastors.

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** (*IHC̄OYC*, 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 purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance.

The Lord’s Service at Home

Lenten Season

What does Lent mean? The word “Lent” comes from the Middle English *lente* (“spring”) and from the Old English *lengten* (“to lengthen”), referring to the time of lengthening daylight from Christmas (around the Winter solstice) to Easter (Spring equinox). The Lenten season lasts 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 9). In anticipation of the great Paschal mystery (the resurrection of Jesus celebrated on Easter Sunday), we are encouraged to examine ourselves anew in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We follow his example and seek for forty days to wage a more earnest struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our desire in this is increased sanctification and growth in Christian maturity and obedience.

At the heart of any worthy Lenten observance is a cultivated attitude of repentance. A true repentance means a genuine change in heart and mind, a change of disposition where ever in our lives we need to return to God. That is why true repentance and a true Lent can never be satisfied by mere external observances, no matter how rigorous they are. But repentance is no morbid introspection or “guilt trip” in which we become bound up in ourselves, turned inward to the point of unhealthy despair. Rather, it has to do with God, who is both holy and compassionate. Therefore, Christian repentance always means faith in God, trusting him, responding to his grace. That is why whatever guilt or sorrow we may feel does not crush us. For we know and trust his goodness toward us.

The color for Lent is purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It 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). Lenten hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #171-196.

Scripture Readings for Lent – This Week

Monday, Mar. 14	– 1 Sam. 25:9-17	Ps. 78:17-31	Luke 11:37-54	Acts 2:42-47
Tuesday, Mar. 15	– 1 Sam. 25:18-31	Ps. 78:32-39	Luke 12:1-7	Acts 3:1-10
Wed., Mar. 16	– 1 Sam. 25:32-44	Ps. 78:40-55	Luke 12:8-12	Acts 3:11-16
Thursday, Mar. 17	– 1 Sam. 26:1-5	Ps. 78:56-66	Luke 12:13-21	Acts 3:17-26
Friday, Mar. 18	– 1 Sam. 26:6-16	Ps. 78:67-72	Luke 12:22-34	Acts 4:1-12
Sat., Mar. 19	– 1 Sam. 26:17-25	Psalm 79	Luke 12:35-48	Acts 4:13-22

Nursery Notes

Nursery Volunteers—Next Sunday, March 20
MORNING SERVICE—BOEVE, WAMSLEY
SUNDAY SCHOOL—RACHEL KEANE, ELISE GIBBS, GIBBS
SUNDAY EVENING—WESTON, STERNER

General Announcements

Children's Choir—Next Sunday, grades 1-6 should report to the music room at 8:40 a.m. to line up. They will be singing at the very beginning of the service so it is important for them to be on time.

Juarez Meeting—The next Juarez meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, March 20, at 4:45 p.m. Each person's assignment for the trip will be determined. See John Keane if you will be unable to make it.

Short Term Mission Trip to Peru—The week of October 22-29, a short term mission team will be traveling to Peru. Once there they will do concrete work, building, painting, demolition and other construction in Trujillo, Peru with Wes Baker, through the Christian Missionary Society (CMS). Please see Monte Shields if you would like to go.

Communion Preparation—Volunteers are needed to assist with the rotating duty of preparing communion. If you are interested, or just want more information, please see Rodney Weedman.

General Information

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Prayer Chain Guidelines—To initiate a prayer request or birth announcement please contact either Doris Daily, at (314) 961-8799, or Carolan Van Heest, at (314) 842-2993.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — March 13, 2005
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 146

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146:1-4*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #53 (*Psalm 146*) "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah" *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!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh!

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you make the minds and hearts of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 51:1-12*

Have mercy on me, O God,

According to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy

Blot out my transgressions.

†The congregation stands

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned
And done what is evil in your sight

So that you may be justified in your words
And blameless in your judgment.

Behold I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold you delight in truth even in the womb,
You even teach me wisdom in hidden places.

Purge me with hyssop
And I shall be clean;

Wash me,
And I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
Let the bones that you have broken rejoice!

Hide your face from my sins,
And blot out all of my iniquities.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—MCKINNEY, CARTER

SUNDAY SCHOOL—CYNTHIA YODER, MARTHA JANE WOLTERS, DAWSON

Today at Providence

Adult Sunday School Class—The Adult Sunday School Class continues this morning with *Biblical Perspectives on Homosexuality*. Today we welcome the Ministry Coordinator of FirstLight Ministries, Luke Brouwer. He will speak on *A Ministry Perspective on Homosexuality*. Luke is a third year student at Covenant Seminary, where he's pursuing a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Arts in Counseling. Luke, Julie, and their son Micah are members of Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship (PCA) in Maplewood.

Shepherding Groups Meet—Today, shepherding groups will meet in lieu of evening service. Elder Devlin's, Moore's and Shields' groups will be meeting for lunch directly after Sunday School in the fellowship hall. Tonight Pastor Smith's and Elder Stone's groups will be meeting here at church at 6:00 p.m. If you do not belong to a shepherding group, please come and join the groups here at church!

Choir Rehearsal for Adults and Grades 1-6—Today, grades 1-6 and the adult choir will rehearse music for next Sunday in the choir loft during the coffee break. Grades 1-6 should report to the *music room* quickly after morning worship, from there they will be escorted to the loft for rehearsal.

This week at Providence

Juarez Decision Deadline—If you have been on the fence about joining the Juarez mission team, your time is running out! You must tell John Keane what your decision is by *this* Wednesday, March 15.

Church Calendar

Wednesdays
Thursdays

7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Sun, March 13
Sun, March 20
Tues, April 5
Sun, April 10

Shepherding Groups
Juarez Meeting & Mark Horne's Installation
Deacon Meeting
Fellowship Meal

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn #604 "Jerusalem the golden" *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: Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior to unite himself with our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross for our sins, and that we might follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 #253 "O Spirit of the living God" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

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 afternoon and evening shepherding groups will meet for prayer, singing, Bible teaching, and fellowship.

Proverbs 21:10-12

When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise;
when a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.



†Declaration of Forgiveness

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 #3 (*Psalm 117*) "From all that dwell below the skies" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 9:1-12* Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 3:8-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:15-33*

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: TAXES, MARRIAGE, & DEATH Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXVII. 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.

†A Lenten Prayer (Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #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.

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem

Go not far from me, O God;
Cast me not away in the time of age:
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
That I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.

†Prayer of Dedication & The *Gloria Patri*

Glorify 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 with-
out end. Amen!

Text: from *Psalm 71:12a, 9, 8*
Music: Nicola Antonio Zingarelli (1752-1837)
ed. John F. Wilson, 1986