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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
Grade 1	Anne Hiers	High School	Daniel & Stephanie
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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Easter Season

April 3, 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. Join us this evening at 6:00 PM for our evening service of fellowship, prayer, and Bible teaching.

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** (*IHCŌYC*, 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**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Lord’s Service at Home

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its “Sunday” at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ’s sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church’s development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an “eighth week.” The church, therefore, celebrates a “week of weeks” during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ’s comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, May 15, 2005) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolises purity, light, and life. It is the bright “color” of Jesus’ glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the “color” of our new “clothing” when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Easter – This Week

Mon, April 4	2 Sam. 1:1-16	Psalms 89:38-52	Luke 15:1-7	Acts 7:54-60
Tues, April 5	2 Sam. 1:17-27	Psalms 90	Luke 15:8-10	Acts 8:1-8
Wed, April 6	2 Sam. 2:1-11	Psalms 91	Luke 15:11-24	Acts 8:9-25
Thur, April 7	2 Sam. 2:12-17	Psalms 92	Luke 15:25-32	Acts 8:26-40
Fri, April 8	2 Sam. 2:18-32	Psalms 93	Luke 16:1-13	Acts 9:1-9
Sat, April 9	2 Sam. 3:1-5	Psalms 94	Luke 16:14-17	Acts 9:10-19

Announcements

Fellowship Meal—Next week, the Smith shepherding group will be hosting our next fellowship meal. Please join them and bring a generous main dish, side dish, or dessert to share.

Senior High Fellowship—On Friday, April 15, the senior high students will meet together. Please see Daniel McKinney for more information.

Vacation Bible School—VBS is scheduled for July 25-29. This year's director is Jennifer Horne. Start to think and pray now about how you can be involved in this important ministry in our church.

Attention All "Fatman's Softball Players"—Plans have changed for this softball season. We will not be able to play in the Crestwood league due to their unwillingness to renegotiate the salary cap. (Our pitcher wants too big of a signing bonus) However we are signed up to play in the Brentwood League on Wednesday nights starting April 13th. Please see Daniel McKinney to sign up or for more information.

Nursery Notes

Our volunteers for next Sunday:

MORNING SERVICE—SHIELDS, SHAFFER

SUNDAY SCHOOL—JOANIE HARRIS, DEBORAH SHIELDS, DAWSON

SUNDAY EVENING—HOEGEMANN, MONTGOMERY

General Information

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Church Announcements—Church Announcements may be directed to Melanie Carter or Paul Jaeggi. Please submit your announcement by noon on Wednesday.

Prayer Chain Guidelines—To initiate a prayer request or birth announcement please contact either Doris Daily or Carolan Van Heest.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 3, 2005

Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 117

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Christopher T. Smith

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #35 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

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 the Lord!

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;

†Congregation Stands

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

†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 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 #32 "The God of Abraham praise"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *2 Chronicles 6:12-42*

Mr. Tim LeCroy

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 2:1-5*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:12-17 & Matthew 28:16-20*

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,

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—MCGOWAN, YODERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—LISA BROMLOW, SONJA SMITH, HORNE

SUNDAY EVENING—PHILLIPS, WESTONS

Today at Providence

Adult Sunday School Class—The Adult Sunday School Class on *Biblical Perspectives on Homosexuality* will conclude this morning. Pastor Smith will present some final material and will address questions if time permits.

Deacons' Fund—The Deacons' Fund envelope is included with the bulletin. The offering will be taken during the evening worship service.

Memory Listening—Memory Listeners will hear our covenant children recite their catechism questions and scripture verses during Sunday School today.

This week at Providence

Pastor Meyers on Vacation This Week—Pastor Meyers and his family are on vacation. He will return on April 5th. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Chris Smith or Elder Paul Jaeggi.

The Deacons are Meeting—this Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bunco Party—This Friday, April 8, Maggie Montgomery will be hosting another Bunco Party. The party starts at 7:00 p.m. Please bring snack food foods. R.S.V.P. to Sonja Smith or Joanie Harris.

Church Calendar

Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Tues, April 5

Deacons' Meeting

Fri, April 8

Ladies Bunco Party

Sun, April 10

Fellowship Meal

Tues, April 12

Session Meeting

Wed, April 13

Softball Begins

Fri, April 15

Senior High Fellowship

The Evening Service

April 3, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *1 Samuel 18:1-16*
Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 18:1-16

†Hymn #62 "Before Jehovah's awful throne"

Psalms and Hymns

Prayer Requests and Prayer

†Hymn #317 "Almighty God, thy Word is cast"

Scripture Reading

Sermon: **THE SECOND DEADLY SIN—ENVY**

Hymn #338 "The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended"

†Benediction

Pastor Chris Smith

Trinity Hymnal

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Trinity Hymnal

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: **THE MAN CHRIST JESUS**

Pastor Chris Smith

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Presentation of the Offering

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give You praise and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and tender mercies.

We bless You for the love which has created and which sustains us

from day to day. We praise You for the gift of your Son our Sav-

ior, through whom You have made known Your will and grace.

We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy

Church; for the means of grace; for the lives of all faithful and god-

ly men; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in

our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show

our thankfulness by lives that are wholly given to Your service.

We ask You to hear us, Sovereign Lord.

Save and defend Your Church universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to Your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in good works, and establish

Westminster Larger Catechism

Question 87

Q. What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

Answer: We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, Spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite Your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to You, the God and Father of all.

We ask You to hear us, our Heavenly Father.

Preserve our Nation in righteousness and honor, and continue Your blessings to us as a people, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the President and Congress, the Governor and Legislators of Missouri, and help them to acknowledge and obey Your holy will.

We ask You to hear us King of Kings.

O God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly pray for all sorts and conditions of men; that You would be pleased to make Your ways known to them, and Your saving health to all nations.

We ask You to hear us God our Savior.

God of mercies, we pray that You would comfort with the grace of Your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a message of Your love, taking them into Your tender care.

We ask You to hear us Merciful God.

All these things and whatever else You see that we need, grant to us, Your children, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our only Mediator, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. **Amen.**

†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!**

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #549 "Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts" *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 gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #319 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing" *Trinity Hymnal*

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. Join us this evening at 6 PM for fellowship, singing, prayer, and a Scripture lesson.