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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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Grade 2	Leesa Coller		McKinney

The Covenant Renewal Service

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Easter Season

April 17, 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 symbolizes 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

Monday, April 18	– 2 Sam. 5:1-5	Ps. 99	Luke 18:9-14	Acts 10:17-33
Tuesday, April 19	– 2 Sam. 5:6-16	Ps. 100	Luke 18:9-14	Acts 10:34-43
Wed., April 20	– 2 Sam. 5:17-25	Ps. 101	Luke 18:15-17	Acts 10:44-48
Thurs., April 21	– 2 Sam. 6:1-4	Ps. 102:1-11	Luke 18:18-30	Acts 11:1-18
Friday, April 22	– 2 Sam. 6:5-15	Ps. 102:12-28	Luke 18:31-34	Acts 11:19-30
Sat., April 23	– 2 Sam. 6:16-23	Ps. 103	Luke 18:35-43	Acts 12:1-5

To the Parents of our 4/5's—8th Grade Sunday School Children

We are coming to the close of another Sunday School year and to the important annual recitation. We thank God for planting His Word in the hearts of our covenant children. Now the children will be preparing for the occasion to demonstrate the retention of what they have learned this year.

Each child should have been given a new booklet by his or her Sunday School teacher. The booklet contains all of the work to be recited.

As we emphasized memory and doctrine, our prayer continues to be that the Lord will use this for our children's salvation and sanctification.

The annual recitation schedule is as follows, during the Sunday School hour on:

Sunday, May 8—1st half—(4/5 through 8th grade)
Sunday, May 15—2nd half—(4/5 through 8th grade)

Our annual promotion program will be during the Sunday School hour on June 5th. At that time, students promoted into new classes will be recognized. In addition, all students who have given a good recitation will receive their rewards.

The level of parent involvement has been evident in the good work the children have accomplished during this school year. *Keep it up, parents!* Your labors of love will reap a harvest for eternity. Proverbs 22:6

Your Servants in Christ,
Christian Education Committee

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 17, 2005

Third Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 98

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 98:1-3*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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!

Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:57

Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this day, may experience afresh the joy and peace which we have in union with him, and may our hearts ever thirst for the fullness of redemption that you have promised us in the new heaven and earth; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

If we say we have no sin,

We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness! *1 John 1:8-9*

†Congregation Stands

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought, word and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

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

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts! Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers
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 #219 "Blessing and honor and glory and power" *Trinity Hymnal*
The Old Testament Reading: *Malachi 2:1-9* Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *James 3:1-18*
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 23:1-12*
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:**

Nursery Notes

Our volunteers for next Sunday:

MORNING SERVICE—JOHN HALSEY & MARNE WOOD, SONJA SMITH, PAM WAMSLEY
SUNDAY SCHOOL—BARLOWS, DAWSON
SUNDAY EVENING—MOORE

More Announcements

The 2005-6 Proposed Budget—The session has provisionally approved the new budget for the coming year. Copies will be on the table in the narthex for your review. Members of the session will gladly take questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the proposed budget for the next two weeks. The session plans to meet just before the congregational meeting on May 1 and formally adopt it. Until then you are free to suggest changes.

Lost and Found Box—Please check the Lost and Found box to see if any of the items belong to you.

National Day of Prayer—The 54th annual National Day of Prayer will be held throughout our country on Thursday, May 5, 2005. People are encouraged to meet at their local city hall from 12:00-1:00 p.m. to pray for our government leaders, our soldiers and for our country. Those who live in the Crestwood area are invited to attend the meeting at the Crestwood Government Center on Sappington Road just north of Watson. In the evening, a Concert of Prayer will be held from 7:00-10:00 p.m., at the America's Center. For more information go to the website: www.slcmdp.org or call (314) 253-4075.

Church Calendar

Wed, April 20	7:30 p.m. Baseball Game
Sun, April 24	4:45 p.m. Juarez Meeting
Sun, May 1	Congregational Meeting During Sunday School
Sat, May 14	WIC Meeting at Rosamma Weston's Home
Sun, May 15	Shepherding Groups Meet
Tues, May 17	7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
May 20-21	Guy's Campout in Mt. Sterling, MO

General Information

E-mail and website addresses for Providence:

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

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

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—SONJA SMITH, JULIA JOSIAS, STERNER

SUNDAY SCHOOL—GIBSON, DAWSON

SUNDAY EVENING—MOORE, MONTGOMERY

Today at Providence

Adult Sunday School Class—This morning we welcome Dr. Will Barker, former President of Covenant Seminary, long time Professor of Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and now Adjunct Professor of Church History at Covenant Seminary. His book, *Puritan Profiles* contains biographical sketches of 54 of the Westminster Divines. This morning Dr. Barker will help us understand the historical context surrounding the Westminster Assembly.

This week at Providence

Fatman's Baseball—This week's game starts at 7:30 p.m. Please see the back table in the narthex for a copy of this season's schedule and directions to the game on Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

The Juarez Team—is meeting next Sunday at 4:45 p.m.

Congregational Meeting—Two weeks from today, on Sunday, May 1st, during the Sunday school hour, a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of electing church officers for the coming year. Travis Larson has been nominated and approved to stand before the congregation for election, ordination, and installation to the office of Deacon. Also, the following PRPC officers have accepted their nominations, and are eligible for reinstallation to the Session or Diaconate for another three year term: Joel Montgomery and Monte Shields as elders, and Jack Boeve, Bill Coller, Jeff Keane, Curtis McCracken, and Clay Phillips as deacons.

WIC Meeting—On Saturday, May 14, Rosamma Weston will be hosting a WIC gathering to honor our seminary wives.

Rummage/Bake Sale—The Juarez team is planning a rummage sale on Saturday, June 11th. Please help by donating unwanted items and baking some homemade treats.

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

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: THE NEGATIVE EXAMPLE OF THE SCRIBES & PHARISEES

LXXI. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†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

Offertory "Lead on, O King eternal" arr. Johnson (see hymn #488)

†Presentation of the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

†Prayer of Dedication

†Prayer of the Church: Hymn #278 "Jesus, with thy church abide"

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

†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 Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #135 "I greet 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: O God our Father, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Grant to your people that they may love

what you command, and desire what you promise; that, despite the many changes in this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #145 "Come, thou Long expected Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†A Parting Prayer: "God be with you till we meet again"

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you —
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you —
God be with you till we meet again

†Greet One Another!

†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.

The Evening Service

The Third Sunday After Easter — April 17, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *1 Samuel 3*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 3:1-21*

†Psalm 99 "God, the Lord, is king"

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Hymn Sing and Prayer Requests

Missionary Report: Tim Weston with ISI

†Scripture Song "Worthy is the Lamb"

(see handout)

The Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 3:1-21*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **SAMUEL'S LONELY WORK**

†Closing Hymn: #485 "Soldiers who to Christ belong" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

†Postlude