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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 Covenant Renewal Service

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Easter Season

May 1, 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, May 2	–	2 Sam. 10:1-5	Ps. 105:1-11	Luke 20:19-26	Acts 13:26-33
Tuesday, May 3	–	2 Sam. 10:6-14	Ps. 105:12-25	Luke 20:27-40	Acts 13:34-43
Wed., May 4	–	2 Sam. 10:15-19	Ps. 105:26-36	Luke 20:41-47	Acts 13:44-52
Thurs., May 5	–	2 Sam. 11:1-5	Ps. 105:37-45	Luke 21:1-9	Acts 14:1-7
Friday, May 6	–	2 Sam. 11:6-13	Ps. 106:1-5	Luke 21:10-19	Acts 14:8-18
Sat., May 7	–	2 Sam. 11:14-27	Ps. 106:6-18	Luke 21:20-24	Acts 14:19-23

General Information

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

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 1, 2005

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 33

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 33:1-5*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #27 "Great is thy faithfulness"

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 soul waits for the Yahweh!

Psalm 33:20-22

He is our help and our shield!

Our heart is glad in him!

Because we trust his holy Name.

Let your steadfast love, O Yahweh, be upon us,

Even as we hope in you.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have faithfully called us again to this assembly; and by your grace we have gathered together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ; because of him we know we are welcome, with him we make our journey to our true home, and in him we long to serve you throughout eternity. Therefore, we pray in his name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, ever rejoicing in your glory, O Father; one God Most High, 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.

Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all wherein I have displeased you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

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

The Rite of Christian Baptism

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 28:18-20 & Romans 6:1-4*

Parental Vows: *Britton & Elizabeth Wood*

Congregational Vows

Holy Baptism: *Mary Walton & Shelby Elizabeth*

Prayer: *Elder John Moore*

†We sing: *The Lorica* (see back pages of this booklet)

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 #3 (*Psalms 117*) "From all that dwell below the skies"

The Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 18:20-32*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 3:11-26*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 23: 13-24*

Upcoming Events

Senior High Fellowship—The senior high girls are invited to a Girls Night Out on Friday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Stephanie McKinney will be hosting this party in her home. You can contact her at (314) 752-3461.

WIC Meeting—On Saturday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. Rosamma Weston will be hosting a WIC gathering to honor our seminary wives. This is the last WIC meeting until fall. All ladies are welcome to come! Please bring a brunch type of appetizer—fruit, muffins, etc. See Sonja Smith for more information.

Men/Boys Camp Out—On Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, all the men and boys of Providence are invited to come camp out in Mt. Sterling, MO. If you are interested, please see Tim Weston or John Keane.

Rummage/Bake Sale—The Juarez team is planning a rummage sale on Saturday, June 11th. They are asking for your help in this event. Volunteers are needed to donate items to be sold, bake homemade treats, help set up and clean up, deliver unsold items to Goodwill, serve BBQ and lemonade, face painting, make signs, hang signs in the Crestwood area, take those signs back down, and price all the unmarked items. You can greatly help by putting a price on your item before you drop it off, but please do not bring your items to the church yet. Contact Rosamma Weston if you would like to help.

VBS is July 25-29—A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the back table and will be passed around in Sunday school. Please review it and sign up to help with VBS in whatever way you can.

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.slcondp.org or call (314) 253-4075.

Michelle Larson's Graduation Party—Come celebrate with the Larsons! To thank the congregation for all the prayers and support offered over the past three year, the Larsons invite you to join them for Michelle's graduation open house on Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Travis at 314-962-5684 or tclarson@gmail.com by May 15, if possible. Their address is 810 Leonard Drive (just off Rock Hill Road and Manchester.) No gifts , please.

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—PHILLIPS, SHAFFER

SUNDAY SCHOOL—JOHN HALSEY & MARNE WOOD, POWELL

SUNDAY EVENING—PHILLIPS, SHAFFER

Today at Providence

Congregational Meeting—Today, 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.

Lost and Found Box—Please make a point of checking the lost and found box today to see if any of the items belong to you.

Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays	Softball—This week's game starts at 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Fri, May 13	7:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship—Girls Night Out
Sat, May 14	10:30 a.m. 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	Guys' Camp Out in Mt. Sterling, MO
Sun, May 22	4:45 p.m. Juarez Meeting
Sat, June 4	Family Summer Picnic
Sat, June 11	Church Rummage Sale

Nursery Notes

Our volunteers for next Sunday:

MORNING SERVICE—MCGOWAN, MCKINNEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL—JOANIE HARRIS, DENISE GERSTUNG, DAWSON

SUNDAY EVENING—GALT, HIERS

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon: **FILTERING OUT GNATS & GULPING DOWN CAMELS**

Matthew 23:16-24

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXXIII. AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Blessing and honor"

(see Hymn #219)

†Presentation of the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

†Prayer of the Church

Pastor: 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 us and sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known to us your will and grace.

People: **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 godly men, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord Jesus has done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to Your service.**

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 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.

Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands.

Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord.

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 enable them to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord and obey and enforce his perfect law.

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, especially those most dear to us, whom we name in our hearts before you. . . *Pause for Silent Prayer*

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 remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your church on earth, who now rest from their labors.

Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, and bring us at length to the joy of your heavenly kingdom; All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Father, for his sake who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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

Hymn: #51 "When all thy mercies, O my God" *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.

of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion: E - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: Praise to the Lord of

In harmony
my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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POSTLUDE
In harmony, with breadth
 Traditional Irish Melody

6 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
 Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

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7 I bind an-to my-self the Name, The strong Name

of the Tri-ni-ty; By lu-vo-ca-tion

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Grant we ask, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the glories of our Lord's Resurrection may, with the help of your grace, bring forth the fruits of righteousness in our life and conversation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

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

The Evening Service

The Fifth Sunday After Easter — May 1, 2005

Preparation For Worship: 1 Samuel 5

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 5:1-12*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #4 "All praise to God, who reigns above" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Anointing with Oil & Prayer (*James 5*) for Laura Galt

†Psalm 140 "Lord, rescue me from foes" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

The Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 5*

Sermon: **THE GLORY IN EXILE**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Prayer

†Hymn: #38 (fr. *Ps. 89*) "The praises of thy wonders" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

†Postlude

The Lorica

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In unison, with energy

Traditional Irish Melody

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name
 2 I bind thus day to me for ev - er, By power of
 3 I bind un - to my - self the power Of the great
 4 I bind un - to my - self to - day The vis - ions
 5 I bind un - to my - self to - day The power of

1 of the Tri - ni - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion
 2 faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His hap - than ia the
 3 love of cher - u - bin; The sweet "Well done" in
 4 of the star - lit heav'n, The glo - rious sun's life -
 5 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his

1 of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three;†
 2 Jer - dan riv - er; His death on crosses for my sal - va - tion;
 3 judg - ment hour; The ser - vice of the ac - a - phant;
 4 gre - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at even;
 5 right to stay, His ear to hear - en to my need;

†Stanza 1 ends here; the following stanzas continue on the next page

2 His burst - ing from the spi - ced tomb; His ri - ding
 3 Con - fess - ure' faith, a - pos - tles' word, The pa - tri - archs'
 4 The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
 5 The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

2 up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the
 3 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; All good deeds done un -
 4 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, The sta - ble earth, the
 5 guide, his shield to ward; The word of God to

2 day of doom; I bind un - to my - self to - day,
 3 to the Lord, And pu - ri - ty of ran - somed souls,
 4 deep salt sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks,
 5 give me speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.