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Blake & Cathy Purcell, Russia	Dan & Becky Young,	Mexico
John & Cathy Rug, Chile		

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
Grade 2	Leesa Collier		McKinney

The Covenant Renewal Service

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Easter Season

May 8, 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 9	– 2 Sam. 12:1-6	Ps. 106:19-27	Luke 21:25-33	Acts 14:24-28
Tuesday, May 10	– 2 Sam. 12:7-15	Ps. 106:28-39	Luke 21:34-38	Acts 15:1-11
Wed., May 11	– 2 Sam. 12:15-23	Ps. 106:40-48	Luke 22:1-6	Acts 15:12-21
Thurs., May 12	– 2 Sam. 12:24-31	Ps. 107:1-16	Luke 22:7-13	Acts 15:22-29
Friday, May 13	– 2 Sam. 13:1-6	Ps. 107:17-32	Luke 22:14-23	Acts 15:30-41
Sat., May 14	– 2 Sam. 13:7-14	Ps. 107:33-43	Luke 22:24-30	Acts 16:1-10

Nursery Notes

Our volunteers for next Sunday:
MORNING SERVICE—GIBSON, GIBBS
SUNDAY SCHOOL—STONE, CAREY & RACHEL KEANE

Directory Update

Please add the Inion family to your directory:

INION, Benjamin 5/19 & Christine 11/30
Nathan 6/18/94
Carter 9/7/98
Olivia 12/1/03
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General Information

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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.

Church Calendar

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays Softball—This week's game starts at 8:30 p.m.
Fri, May 13 7:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship—Girls' Night Out
Sat, May 14 10:30 a.m. WIC Brunch
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

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 8, 2005
Sixth Sunday After Easter – Ascension

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 29

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship *Psalm 47:1-4*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

God has gone up with a shout,

Psalm 47:5

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

The Lord has ascended on high,

Psalm 68:18

Leading a host of captives in his train!

†Pastor: Let us pray:

Grant, we ask you, Almighty God, that just as we believe that your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand, so may we also in heart and mind even today ascend with him, and so continually dwell in your presence, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification

†Call to Confession: *Colossians 3:1-11*

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,

†Congregation Stands

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 proper, right, and our solemn duty to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, 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 #216 "Crown him with many crowns" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Leviticus 1:1-9* Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Revelation 5:1-14*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:36-53*

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,**

Upcoming May Events

Shepherding Groups—Next Sunday, shepherding groups will meet in lieu of evening service. Please check with your elder to find out where you will be meeting. Elders John Keane's and Monte Shields' groups will be meeting at the church at 6:00 p.m. If you do not belong to a shepherding group, please come and join the groups here at church.

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.

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 years, 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.

Summer Announcements

Summer Family Picnic—Our annual summer picnic will be held at Whitecliff Park on Saturday, June 4. The picnic starts at 4:30 p.m. Providence will be providing the main dish of good ol' fried chicken. Kids, bring your swimming suits (the pool does charge a fee), and adults & teens, bring a tasty side. Gift certificates to Super Smokers will be awarded to the people with the best baked beans, potato salad, and dessert. Sides will be judged at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions, please see John & Debbie Keane or Bryan & Melanie Carter.

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.

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—MCGOWAN, MCKINNEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL—JOANIE HARRIS, DENISE GERSTUNG, DAWSON

SUNDAY EVENING—GALT, HIERS

Today at Providence

Special Adult Sunday School This Morning—Last week (April 28-29) the elders of the church “retreated” for two days to evaluate themselves, the church, and their plans for the future. Pastor Meyers intended to report on that retreat at the congregational meeting last week, but the technology wouldn’t cooperate. This morning he and other elders will present a summary of their meeting as well as our new five-year goals for the church. Please don’t miss this important meeting. There will be time for questions and discussion.

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

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.

Thank You

The Hoover family wishes to thank each of you for your prayers for Barb’s successful surgery and recovery and for your encouraging visits. Her peace going into the surgery, the favorable result, and her good recovery are all a testimony to the Lord’s love and grace and the prayers and love of his people.

This week at Providence

Senior High Fellowship—The senior high girls are invited to a Girls’ Night Out this 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—This 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 sign up to bring a brunch type of appetizer—fruit, muffins, etc. See Sonja Smith for more information.

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: HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

AN ASCENSION SUNDAY SERMON

†Hymn #212 “A hymn of glory let us sing”

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

Offertory

†Presentation of the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

†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!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Reception of New Members: *Josh & Ami Anderson; Nicole Cakouros; Glen, Lu, Ethan, Vivienne, & Tyrell Greeno; Jennifer, Calvin, Nevin, Evangeline, & Charis Horne; Mike, Joyce, & Daniel Koller; TJ & Martha Jane Walters; Britton, Elizabeth, Mary Walton, & Shelby Elizabeth Wood*

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial Pastor Chris Smith

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #215 “The Head that once” *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 King of Glory, Lord of hosts, who on this day did ascend in triumph far above the heavens: We ask you not to leave us comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of Truth, promised of the Father, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, age after age. Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #218 “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!” *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 Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 28. Wherein consists Christ Exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting on the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

The Evening Service

Ascension Sunday — May 8, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *1 Samuel 4*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 4*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #211 “See, the Conqueror” *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #269)

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Hymn & Psalm Sing

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Scripture Song “Worthy is the Lamb”

(see handout)

The Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 26:13-16*

Pastor Chris Smith

Sermon: **THE FOURTH DEADLY SIN—SLOTH**

†Closing Hymn: #481 “Am I a soldier of the cross” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

†Postlude