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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Pentecost Season

May 15, 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. This afternoon and evening shepherding groups will meet for prayer, singing, Bible teaching, and fellowship.

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 Red. This color symbolizes the fiery Spirit, resting on the heads of the Apostles on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. It is also the color of judgment & martyrdom.

The Lord’s Service at Home

Pentecost (Trinity) Season

The Spring & Summer months of May, June, July and August are considered part of a much longer period covering roughly half of the Christian year. This longer period may be called Pentecost Season (after Pentecost Sunday, May 15) or Trinity Season (from Trinity Sunday, May 22). This year we will call it Pentecost Season and number the Sundays accordingly. The season and readings generally focus on the discipleship and unity of the Church as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord. During this period the New Testament lessons are, in the main, taken one after another in sequence from the Gospel ministry of our Lord and the Acts of the Apostles. The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

“Pentecost is the reverse and the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.”

Red, the color for Pentecost symbolizes the Holy Spirit’s fiery presence. Pentecost hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #244-255, but also #369-596.

A Pentecost prayer: Almighty God, who in smoke and fire upon Mt. Sinai gave the old law to Moses, and who this day revealed the New Covenant in the fire of the Spirit: Grant, we pray, that kindled by the same Spirit which you wondrously poured forth upon your apostles, we may receive with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Pentecost – This Week

Monday, May 16	–	2 Sam. 13:15-22	Ps. 108	Luke 22:31-38	Acts 16:11-15
Tuesday, May 17	–	2 Sam. 13:23-33	Ps. 109	Luke 22:39-46	Acts 16:16-24
Wed., May 18	–	2 Sam. 13:34-39	Ps. 110	Luke 22:47-53	Acts 16:25-40
Thurs., May 19	–	2 Sam. 14:1-11	Ps. 111	Luke 22:54-62	Acts 17:1-9
Friday, May 20	–	2 Sam. 14:12-28	Ps. 112	Luke 22:63-71	Acts 17:10-15
Sat., May 21	–	2 Sam. 14:29-33	Ps. 113	Luke 23:1-5	Acts 17:16-21

Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di vine; Seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh let it free - ly burn, Till world-ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly chur - i - ty Mine out-ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing string, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear
And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the harm - ful part,
No soul can guess his grace Till it be - come the plea -



And kin - dle at thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
And cluthe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing,
And o'er its own short - com ings weeps with joy - ing,
Where - in the He - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 15, 2005

Pentecost Sunday

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 103*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 104:30-35*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #247 "Come, O come . . ." *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #127)

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

When the Lord sends forth his Spirit,

Psalm 104:30

He renews the face of the earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification

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

If we say we have no sin,

1 John 1:8-9

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.

†Congregation Stands

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon the gathered disciples creating open ears and bold tongues, and a new living temple to show forth your glory to the world. We confess that we have often grieved your Spirit. We have not heeded your life-giving Word, nor have we spoken the good news of Christ's lordship to our neighbor, nor lived gloriously as the new temple of the Spirit, as your people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God; transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with an ardent desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Silent Prayer.*
Amen!

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

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 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 #89 "Come, thou Almighty King" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 1:1-3* Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 2:1-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 7: 1-24, 37-39*

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.**

Summer Announcements

Graduation Party—During the fellowship time on Sunday, June 5th, a graduation party will be held to honor all of our eighth grade, high school, college, and seminary graduates. If you know of someone in the church who is graduating, please sign their name on the sign up sheet on the WIC table.

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 fruit dessert. Sides will be judged at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. A hat contest for the children will take place at 5:30 p.m. Please see the the sign up sheet on the back table. 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 paint, 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 until Sunday, June 5. You can drop your stuff off in the fellowship hall after Sunday school. Contact Rosamma Weston if you would like to help.

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

General Information

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 6:30 p.m.
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
Sun, June 5	Graduation Party
Sat, June 11	Church Rummage Sale

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—GIBSON, GIBBS
SUNDAY SCHOOL—STONE, CAREY & RACHEL KEANE

Today at Providence

Westminster Confession Sunday School Class—This week we continue our new adult Sunday school class on the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. The Westminster Confession of Faith is a public summary of what we as Presbyterians believe the Bible teaches about the most important questions in this life and the next. From this perspective seeking an understanding of the Westminster Standards is like studying the map of a city in order to find our way around. A knowledge of the Westminster standards will help us understand the major teachings of the Scriptures and therefore also help us live in God's world according to his gracious intentions for us. Today we will continue to summarize the Reformation background to the Westminster standards. Pastor Meyers will look at the Roman Catholic Church background to Westminster, specifically the confession and decrees from the Council of Trent (1563).

Shepherding Groups—are meeting tonight. Elder John Keane's and Elder Monte Shields's 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.

This week at Providence

The Deacons are Meeting—this Tuesday the 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Men/Boys Camp Out—This Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, the men and boys of Providence are invited to come camp out in Mt. Sterling, MO. Bring all your own gear—a tent, food and drinks, fishing equipment, etc. A sign up sheet is on the back table. You can come anytime on Friday. Directions are on the back table in the narthex. Contact Tim Weston at 314-205-2018, 314-814-2019, or timweston@charter.net with any questions.

Michelle Larson's Graduation Party—The Larsons invite you to Michelle's graduation open house this Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Travis at 314-962-5684 or tclarson@gmail.com by today. No gifts, please.

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—LAUREN MEYERS, CHRISTINE INION, HIERS
SUNDAY SCHOOL—BARLOW, MONTGOMERY
SUNDAY EVENING—WESTON, SHEILDS

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: SOME NEGLECTED IMPLICATIONS OF PENTECOST

A PENTECOST SUNDAY SERMON

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

†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

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn “Come down, O love Divine” (see the back page)

†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 Lord, you taught the hearts of your faithful people, by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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* (Tune of #54)

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

Pentecost reminds us of God's gracious, enabling presence actively at work among His people, calling and enabling them to live out in dynamic ways the witness of being His people.

The sanctuary color for Pentecost Sunday is red, the color of the church filled with the fiery Spirit. The red symbolizes both the fire of Pentecost as well as the apostles and early followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room for the empowerment from God to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

For Christians, Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them.

This focus on the church's mission to the world, and the enabling presence of God through the work of the Holy Spirit in the church to empower that mission should provide a powerful impetus for churches, especially those in the evangelical traditions, to recover this season of the church year. There is tremendous opportunity to use this sacred time to call people to renewal through the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.