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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
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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Trinity Sunday

May 22, 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 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 23	–	2 Sam. 15:1-12	Ps. 114	Luke 23:6-17	Acts 17:22-34
Tuesday, May 24	–	2 Sam. 15:13-23	Ps. 115	Luke 23:18-25	Acts 18:1-17
Wed., May 25	–	2 Sam. 15:24-37	Ps. 116	Luke 23:26-43	Acts 18:18-23
Thurs., May 26	–	2 Sam. 16:1-4	Ps. 117	Luke 23:44-49	Acts 18:24-28
Friday, May 27	–	2 Sam. 16:5-14	Ps. 118	Luke 23:50-56	Acts 19:1-10
Sat., May 28	–	2 Sam. 14:15-23	Ps. 119	Luke 24:1-12	Acts 19:11-20

Directory Update

Please add the following families to your directory:

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Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays	Softball—This week's game starts at 9:30 p.m.
Sat, June 4	Family Summer Picnic
Sun, June 5	Start bringing your items for the Rummage Sale! 10:45 a.m. Graduation Party 4:45 p.m. Juarez Meeting
Mon, June 6	7:00 p.m. VBS Staff Meeting
Sat, June 11	Church Rummage Sale

General Information

E-mail and website addresses for Providence:

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Pastor Chris Smith ctsmith53@sbcglobal.net

Church Announcements—may be directed to Melanie Carter by e-mail: carterfamily4@sbcglobal.net or by phone: (636) 938-4936, or to Paul Jaeggi at (314) 843-7994. The deadline is noon on Wednesday.

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

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 22, 2005

Trinity Sunday

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 145

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:17-19*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

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!

The eyes of all look to you,

Psalm 145:15-16

And you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand;

You satisfy the desire of every living thing!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and Father of glory, give us, we ask you, the Spirit of wisdom and insight that we might increase in our knowledge of and our love for you. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what is the hope to which you have called us, even the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance for the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe. Amen!

The Lord Purifies Us

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

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalm 32:2

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you and toward my family and friends. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news:
Choral Assurance: *John 3:16-17*

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 #87 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 8* Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Hebrews 2:5-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 17:1-26*

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.**

Congratulations for Richard and Carol Toczko who have been married for 50 years as of May 21!

VBS Volunteers Needed—The VBS Staff Sign-Up sheet still has some empty slots. We are in particular need of teachers for the 3-year-olds class and the 4-year-old class. Other important jobs such as: Refreshments Coordinator, Memory Listener Coordinator, and Recreation Coordinator are also available. Please sign up on the Volunteer list to help make VBS this year a success.

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 a hat to be judged in a hat contest! Whitecliff Park has a pool, so bring your suits if you want to swim (the pool does charge a fee.) Gift certificates to Super Smokers will be awarded to the people with the best baked beans, potato salad, and fruit dessert. If you don't want to enter into a food contest, please bring some other side to compliment fried chicken. Sides will be judged at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. A sign up sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions, please see John & Debbie Keane or Bryan & Melanie Carter.

The First VBS Staff Meeting—will be on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Contact Jennifer Horne at 314-892-3568 if you have any questions.

Rummage/Bake Sale—The Juarez team is planning a rummage sale on Saturday, June 11. You don't have to go to Juarez to help with this fundraiser! 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 may put a price on your items before you drop them off, but please do not bring your items yet. On Sunday, June 5 you may drop your stuff off in the fellowship hall after Sunday school. For more information about the bake sale contact Rachel Keane, for all other inquiries please see Rosamma Weston.

A Women's Summer Reading Group—is slated to meet on July 6 and August 15. An information sheet with all the details is available on the WIC table.

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

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

Today at Providence

Westminster Confession Sunday School Class—This week we continue our 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 outline the confessions and catechisms of the Reformed churches before the Westminster Assembly.

The Juarez Team—is meeting at 4:45 p.m. this afternoon.

Thank You

Dear Providence Family,
Thank you so much for the lovely welcome basket. We appreciate the generous gifts, but mostly the loving hearts and open arms of all who have made us feel at home here. We look forward to becoming more and more a part of this Christian family.
—The Greeno Family

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.

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—HANNAH COLLER, JULIE MEYERS, BOEVE
SUNDAY SCHOOL—S. MCKINNEY, A. ANDERSON, D. MCCrackEN, D. GERSTUNG
SUNDAY EVENING—ANDERSON

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: DOXOLOGY & DOMINION
Text: *Psalms 8*

Pastor Chris Smith

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings
†Presentation of the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Ordination & Installation of Leaders

Ordination & Installation Vows

Ruling Elders: *Joel Montgomery & Monte Sheilds*

Deacons: *Jack Boeve, Bill Coller, Travis Larson, Jeff Keane, Curtis McCracken, & Clay Phillips*

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this installation vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder and deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vows

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as Ruling Elders and Deacons, and do you promise to yield to them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of his church, entitles them?

The Laying On of Hands & The Right Hand of Fellowship

Declaration of Installation

†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 "O Splendor of God's glory bright" *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 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 #593 "Jesus, I my cross have taken" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #269)

†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. Please join us this evening at 6:00 PM for prayer, singing, Bible teaching, and fellowship.

The Evening Service

Trinity Sunday — May 22, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *Psalms 132*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 132*

†Hymn #100 "Arise, O Lord, our God"

Hymn & Psalm Sing

Prayer Requests & Athanasian Creed

†Scripture Song "Worthy is the Lamb"

The Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 6*

Sermon: **TO BE OR NOT TO BE A PHILISTINE**

†Closing Hymn: #339 "O Trinity, most blessed light" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Postlude

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Trinity Hymnal

(see handout)

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers