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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
Grade 1	Anne Hiers	High School	Daniel & Stephanie
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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Pentecost Season

May 29, 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

Mon., May 30 –	2 Sam. 17:1-14	Ps. 120	Luke 24:13-27	Acts 19:21-27
Tues., May 31 –	2 Sam. 17:15-29	Ps. 121	Luke 24:28-35	Acts 19:28-41
Wed., June 1 –	2 Sam. 18:1-8	Ps. 122	Luke 24:36-49	Acts 20:1-6
Thurs., June 2 –	2 Sam. 18:9-18	Ps. 123	Luke 24:50-52	Acts 20:7-16
Friday, June 3 –	2 Sam. 18:19-30	Ps. 124	John 1:1-18	Acts 20:17-38
Sat., June 4 –	2 Sam. 18:31-33	Ps. 125	John 1:19-28	Acts 21:1-6

More Announcements

VBS Volunteers Needed—We are in particular need of teachers for the 3-year-old 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 a success this year.

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

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.

Directory Update

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Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—CARTER, STEADMAN
SUNDAY SCHOOL—STEADMAN, DAWSON
SUNDAY EVENING—CHRIS MEYERS, JANDY STONE, STEADMAN

General Information

E-mail addresses for Providence:

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Pastor Mark Horne mark@horns.org

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.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 29, 2005

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Genesis 1:1-5

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Genesis 1:3-5*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #324 "This day at they creating word"

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!

For God, who said,

2 Corinthians 4:6

"Let light shine out of darkness,"

Has shone in our hearts,

To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

†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.

Psalms 32:2

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

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 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 . . . !

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 #127 "Let us love, and sing, and wonder" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 4:1-16* Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *1 John 3:11-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 23:25-39*

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 Family Picnic

Our annual summer picnic will be held at Whitecliff Park this Saturday, June 4. The picnic starts at 4:30 p.m. Providence will be providing the main dish of fried chicken. Kids, bring a hat to be judged in a hat contest! Bring your swimming suits too (the pool charges \$5-7 per person). 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 a different side to compliment the meal. Sides will be judged at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. Please see the sign up sheet on the back table.

DIRECTIONS FROM CHURCH:

Turn Right onto Eddie and Park Road

Turn Left onto Pardee Road

Turn Left onto Whitecliff Dr—follow this road to the end

Our picnic is at the pavilion by the pool and playground.

If you have any questions, please see
John & Debbie Keane or Bryan & Melanie Carter.

Graduation Party—During the fellowship time next Sunday, June 5, 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 or contact Jesse Steadman at 314-428-1173.

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. Please bring your items next Sunday, June 5. You can drop your stuff off in the fellowship hall *after* Sunday school. *We ask that you do not bring: mattresses, box springs, fuel powered tools, large appliances, and non-saleable furniture. If you have any of these items that you feel are in good enough condition to donate, take a picture of it and attach it to a piece of poster board with all the information about the item and a way to contact you directly. Your poster board will be displayed at the sale. All items not sold must be hauled away after the sale, so please be considerate to those volunteers and donate items which will likely sell.* For more information about the bake sale contact Rachel Keane, for all other inquiries please see Rosamma Weston.

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—HANNAH COLLER, JULIE MEYERS, BOEVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL—S. MCKINNEY, A. ANDERSON, D. MCCrackEN, D. GERSTUNG

SUNDAY EVENING—ANDERSON

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. This week Pastor Meyers will talk about the Westminster Assembly and its work.

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

Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays	Softball— <i>There is no softball game this week!</i>
Sat, June 4	4:30 p.m. Summer Picnic at Whitecliff Park
Sun, June 5	10:45 a.m. Graduation Party
	11:00 a.m. Sunday School Promotions
	Drop off your items for the Rummage Sale!
	4:45 p.m. Juarez Meeting
Mon, June 6	7:00 p.m. VBS Staff Meeting
Fri, June 10	Meet at the church to price rummage sale items
Sat, June 11	Church Rummage Sale

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: SPIRITUALITY & SCAPEGOATING

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXXIV. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†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 "Amazing grace" (*Trinity Hymnal* #402) Mr. Sam Murrell

†Presentation of the Offering

†Prayer of Dedication & The Lord's Prayer

†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 with-
out end. Amen!**

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #550 "Jesus, priceless treasure" *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 Gen-
tiles, 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 begin-
ning, 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 ever-

more 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 #63 "God is known among his people" *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 p.m. for our
evening service of praise, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth command-
ment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good
of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

The Evening Service

May 29, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *1 Kings 21:1-20*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *1 Kings 21:1-20*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #177 "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal

Hymn & Psalm Sing

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #51 "When all thy mercies"

Trinity Hymnal

The Scripture Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*

Sermon: **THE FIFTH DEADLY SIN: AVARICE**

†Closing Hymn: #444 "Father, I know that all my life" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Postlude