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Children's Summer Sunday School Program

Age 2	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 3	Robert Wermuth
Age 3	Michelle Crow	Grade 4	Lori Shaffer
Ages 4 & 5		Grades 5 & 6	John McGowan
Kindergarten	Stephanie McKinney	Grades 7 & 8	Tim LeCroy
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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Pentecost Season

June 26, 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 5:00 PM for our evening service of prayer and teaching, followed by a fellowship meal together.

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., June 27	–	2 Sam. 23:8-17	Psalm 144	John 6:22-40	Acts 27:1-8
Tues., June 28	–	2 Sam. 23:17-39	Psalm 145	John 6:41-59	Acts 27:9-12
Wed., June 29	–	2 Sam. 24:1-9	Psalm 146	John 6:60-71	Acts 27:13-38
Thur., June 30	–	2 Sam. 24:10-17	Psalm 147	John 7:1-9	Acts 27:39-44
Fri., June 31	–	2 Sam. 24:18-25	Psalm 148	John 7:10-24	Acts 28:1-10
Sat., June 32	–	1 Kings 1:1-10	Psalm 149	John 7:25-31	Acts 28:11-16

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—STERNER, S. ANDERSONS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—STONE, SMITH

SUNDAY EVENING—STONE, WESTON

Announcements

The Hiers Family Welcome Hannah Ruth—born June 9 at 5:25 a.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Kirkwood. Hannah was 6 pounds 8 ounces and 19 inches long.

2005 Directory—If you haven't already filled out a pink directory slip or contacted Melanie Carter with any directory changes, please do so ASAP. If you have no changes to make, please indicate that on your slip. Forms are located on the back table. Place your completed form in the box on the back table in the narthex or in the offering plate.

Baby Shower for Ami Anderson—On Tuesday, July 5, Lori Shaffer is hosting a baby shower for Ami Anderson. The shower begins at 7:00 p.m. Ami is registered at Target and Babies R Us. If you would like to go in on a group gift, please see Lori.

The Women's Summer Reading Group—will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Borders Book Store in Sunset Hills. Please read chapters 1 - 5 of *When Life and Beliefs Collide* for the first meeting. There are some new copies of the book on the WIC table in the back today. After these are gone, if you want to get the book, it can be ordered from Amazon for \$10.50 (best price available). Remember, if you can't finish the reading assignment by the time of the meeting, come anyway.

• **Men's Summer Book Club Meets This Week!**—Men, join us this Thursday evening at 7 PM in the fellowship hall as we discuss Dr. Richard Winter's new book: *Perfecting Ourselves to Death: The Pursuit of Excellence and the Perils of Perfectionism*. His book is available on the book table for \$12.00. Please read the first 97 pages (8 chapters) in preparation.

Whitaker Music Festival—You are invited to join Pastor Smith & his family at the free Whitaker Music Festival concerts on Wednesday July 6, 13, & 20 at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. If you are interested call or e-mail Pastor Smith for more information (314) 962-1974 or ctsmith53@sbcglobal.net.

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.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — June 26, 2005

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: *Revelation 21:1-27*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Revelation 21:1-5a*

†Hymn #604 "Jerusalem the golden"

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor Christopher T. Smith

Trinity Hymnal

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 help is in the Name of Yahweh!

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts; receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you; seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies their hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humbly confess our sins to God our Father, using the words of *Psalms 51*:

Have mercy on me, O God,

According to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy

Blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

And cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

And my sin is ever before me.

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—GIBSON, YODER

SUNDAY SCHOOL—MARY G MOORE, ANGIE ANDERSON, MAGGIE MONTGOMERY, SKIP JAEGGI

SUNDAY EVENING—MOORE

Against you, you only, have I sinned
And done what is evil in your sight
So that you may be justified in your words
And blameless in your judgment.
Behold I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold you delight in truth even in the womb,
You even teach me wisdom in hidden places.
Purge me with hyssop
And I shall be clean;
Wash me,
And I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
Let the bones that you have broken rejoice!
Hide your face from my sins,
And blot out all of my iniquities.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Westminster Confession Sunday School Class—The Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF) 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. 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 morning Pastor Smith will cover WCF Chapter III - Of God's Eternal Decree.

Cultural Discernment—This evening the Community Outreach committee will present another exercise in cultural discernment. Pastor Meyers and seminary student, Joshua Anderson, will review Marilynne Robinson's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel Gilead.

Fellowship Meal Today—The Shield's shepherding group is hosting a fellowship meal in honor of the Juarez Mission Team after tonight's service. Please come and bring a large Mexican dish/dessert to share. Tonight's service will start at 5:00 p.m.

This Week at Providence

PLEASE NOTE: THE VBS WORK MEETING FOR TOMORROW HAS BEEN CANCELED.

The Deacons Are Meeting—this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Last Prayer Meeting—is this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meetings will resume the first Wednesday of September.

Men's Discussion Group Meets—this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Juarez Update

Please pray for the Juarez team; they leave in only two weeks! Pray for final preparations and for the raising of the necessary support among and outside the congregation.

Psalm 63

Puer Nobis Nascitur, LM

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1.O God, you are my God a - lone; I seek your face with ea - ger-
 2.I've seen you in your ho - ly place; your power and glo - ry held my
 4.I'll bless you, Lord, through - out my life and raise my hands to you in
 6.Up - on my bed I lie a - wake and in my thoughts re - mem - ber
 7.Be - cause you are my help a - lone, in shad - ow of your wings I'll

- ness. My soul and bod - y thirst for you in this dry, wear - y wil - der - ness.
 gaze. 3.Far bet - ter is your love than life, and so my lips will sing your praise.
 prayer. 5.My joy - ful lips will sing your praise; my soul is fed with rich - est fare.
 you; I med - i - tate through - out the night and keep your con - stant love in view.
 sing. 8.You hold me up with your right hand; to you, O God, my soul will cling.

9. All those who seek my life will die;
 down to the depths they will descend.
 10. They will become the jackal's food;
 the deadly sword will bring their end.

11. The king will then rejoice in God,
 with all who swear by God's great name.
 The mouths of liars will be closed,
 and they will all be put to shame.

Text: Sing Psalms, 2003

Tune: 15th Century; from Michael Praetorius, 1609;
 harmony by George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesdays	7:30 p.m. Last Prayer Meeting for the Summer
Wednesdays	Softball—This week's game starts at 7:30 p.m.
Tues, June 28	7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
Thurs, June 30	7:00 p.m. Men's Book Discussion Group Meets
Sun, July 3	4:45 p.m. Juarez Meeting
Tues, July 5	7:00 p.m. Ami Anderson's Baby Shower
Wed, July 6	7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club Meeting
July 9-16	Mission Trip to Juarez
July 25-29	VBS

†Declaration of Forgiveness

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 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 #602 "Who are these like stars appearing"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Daniel 9:20-27*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Revelation 18:1-8*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24:15-28*

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,

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: THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXXVIII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

Hymn #54 "Forever settle in the heav'ns"

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

†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 & The Words of Institution Pastor Chris Smith

Communion Hymn: *Psalm 63*

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†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: Almighty and most merciful God, you have appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with him into eternal glory: Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to your holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #506 "Why should cross and trial grieve me?"

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 5 p.m. for our evening service of praise, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship. Afterwards we will enjoy a fellowship meal together.

The Evening Service

June 26, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 95*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Call to Worship: *Psalm 95*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Psalm 95 "The LORD be praised"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Hymn Sing and Prayer Requests

†Psalm 52 "Mighty man, why boast in evil?" (see handout)

The Scripture Reading: *TBA*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Book Review: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson Joshua Anderson & P. Meyers

†Closing Hymn: #567 "If thou but suffer God. . ." *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Postlude