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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
Grade 1	Brad Wood	High School	Daniel & Stephanie
Grade 2	Curtis McCracken		McKinney

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Pentecost Season

July 17, 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 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** (*IHCOYC*, 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., July 18	–	1 Kings 6:1-10	Psalm 12	John 8:48-59	Rev. 5:6-14
Tues., July 19	–	1 Kings 6:11-28	Psalm 13	John 9:1-12	Rev. 6:1-8
Wed., July 20	–	1 Kings 6:29-38	Psalm 14	John 9:13-23	Rev. 6:9-17
Thur., July 21	–	1 Kings 7:1-12	Psalm 15	John 9:24-41	Rev. 7:1-8
Fri., July 22	–	1 Kings 7:13-26	Psalm 16	John 10:1-21	Rev. 7:9-17
Sat., July 23	–	1 Kings 7:27-51	Psalm 17	John 10:22-42	Rev. 8:1-5

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — July 17, 2005

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 150

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 150:1-2*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #50 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty and eternal God, through your Word and Spirit you created all things. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, you reveal your salvation in all the world. Through your Holy Spirit, you give us a share in your life and love. Keep us firm in this faith, and fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may serve and praise you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen!

Purification

†Confession of Sins

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

Whose sin is covered.

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

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Eternal God, in whom I live and move and have my being, my heavenly Father, your face is hidden from me because of my sins. Cleanse me, I pray, from all my offenses, and deliver me from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that I may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near

†Congregation stands

to you. Confessing my faults and confiding in your grace, I look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. *Silent Prayer.*
Amen!

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

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and in his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen!**

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, right, and beneficial 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 . . .

†The *Te Deum* "O God, we praise Thee" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

O God, we praise Thee, we acknowledge Thee as Lord.
Eternal Father, Thou art everywhere adored.
The cherubim and seraphim their homage show Thee:
"O Thou Lord God of hosts are holy, holy, holy!
Both heav'n and earth are filled with Thy majestic splendor."
To Thee all angels loud and ceaseless praises render.

Thy prophets' and apostles' glorious company,
The martyrs robed in white—all sing their praise to Thee.
Thy holy catholic Church in worship stands before Thee,
Confessing Thee: the Father, infinite in glory;
Thy true and only Son, worthy of veneration;
The Holy Spirit, source of strength and consolation.

Thou, Christ, art King of glory, radiant is Thy throne;
Thou art the heav'nly Father's everlasting Son.
Yet Thou didst not despise the virgin's womb, O Saviour,
When Thou didst take upon Thee mankind to deliver.
Thou has defeated death and Satan's power infernal,
That all believers might inherit life eternal.

Thou art enthroned in glory at God's own right hand
Till Thou shalt come as judge and we before Thee stand.

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—CARTER, WOOD

SUNDAY SCHOOL—RACHEL KEANE, ANGIE ANDERSON, JOSH & AMI ANDERSON

SUNDAY EVENING—GIBSON, MONTGOMERY

Announcements

2005 Directory—If you haven't already filled out a pink directory slip or contacted Melanie Carter with any directory changes, please do so today. If you have no changes to make, please indicate that on your slip. As soon as we get your information, a new directory will be printed.

The Women's Summer Reading Club—will have its second meeting on Monday, August 15, at 7:00 pm at Borders in Sunset Hills. Please read chapters 6 - 10. Remember, you're still allowed to come if you don't get the assignment finished!!!!

Women's Retreat—If you have missed the announcements in the bulletin from the last two weeks, check the WIC table for an information sheet about the retreat.

VBS Announcements

Set Up—Please plan on staying after the evening service next Sunday, July 24th to help set up for VBS.

VBS Prayer Partners—A new sign up for VBS prayer partners is available in the foyer. The staff members are now listed there for you to know who you would be praying for. Please sign the list and commit to pray that our VBS is a success and that our little ones learn what it means for Jesus to be their King of Kings.

VBS T-Shirts—will be available for \$5 each. Staff will receive theirs at the work night on July 20, and students will receive theirs during VBS. Payment will be not be collected until the week of VBS.

Playdough Needed—Volunteers are needed to help make lots of homemade playdough. (Homemade doesn't make as big of a mess as the store-bought). Please contact Jennifer at 892-3568 or by e-mail at mj@hornes.org for the recipe.

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.

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—STEVE & ANGIE ANDERSON, STEADMAN

SUNDAY SCHOOL—STEADMAN, POWELL

SUNDAY EVENING—STEADMAN, WAMSLEY

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 Dr. Will Barker will teach, providing us biographical sketches of some of the Westminster divines.

Happy 80th Birthday Paul Jaeggi!—You are cordially invited to attend an open house honoring Paul R. Jaeggi, Sr. on the occasion of his 80th birthday today from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the home of Al and Sue Graham (9217 Kit Dr., St. Louis, MO 63123)

This Week at Providence

VBS Work Night—This Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a VBS work night here at the church. We will be working on visual aids for teachers and memory work awards. Even if you aren't volunteering to work during VBS week, you are encouraged to come.

Pastor Meyers at Biblical Horizon's Conference in Florida—This week Pastor Meyers will be in Niceville, Florida, at the annual Biblical Horizons Bible Conference. He will return on Monday, July 25th. If you need pastoral assistance, please call Pastor Chris Smith.

Church Calendar

Wednesdays	Softball—This week's game begins at 8:30 p.m.
Today	2:30-5:00 p.m. Paul Jaeggi's 80th Birthday Celebration
Wed, July 20	7:00 p.m. VBS Work Night
Sun, July 24	Set up for VBS After Evening Service
July 25-29	9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. VBS
Fri, July 29	7:00 p.m. VBS Closing Program
Tues, Aug 9	7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
Mon, Aug 15	7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club Meeting

We therefore pray Thee, grant Thy help to those who serve Thee, Whom Thou hast with Thy blood redeemed in Thy great mercy. With all Thy saints, O Lord, wilt Thou Thy servant number; O save Thy people, Thy inheritance remember!

We bless Thee day by day, we praise thy holy Name; Thy power and glory we from age to age acclaim. Keep us from sin and lead us not into temptation. Have mercy on us, Lord; hear Thou our supplication. Let us be with Thy grace and steadfast love surrounded. In Thee we've trusted; we shall never be confounded.

The Old Testament Reading: *1 Samuel 2:12-21*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24:45–25:30*

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: SLAVES, VIRGINS, & TALENTS

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXXXI. 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

†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

Communion Hymn: #231 "Wake, awake"

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: 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 #243 "O quickly come, dread judge of all"

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 6 p.m. for our evening service of praise, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship.

The Evening Service

Pentecost Season — July 17, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 26*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 26*

†Psalm 26 "Declare me innocent, O LORD"

Pastor Chris Smith

(see handout)

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Hymn Sing and Prayer Requests

†Psalm 140 "Lord, rescue me from foes"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

The Scripture Reading

Sermon

Rev. Dan Young

†Hymn: #319 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

†Postlude