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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	Denise Gerstung	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 31, 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 Explained

The Call to Worship

Our Lord’s Day begins with the Pastor reading a summons from God’s Word inviting us to draw near to him. Our worship is always a response to God’s gracious summons. When you hear the call to worship you must remember that it is the voice of the Lord himself calling us *through* the Pastor. He is calling us to join him in his house.

In Leviticus chapter 1, when the Lord began his instructions on how the people of Israel were to approach him in worship, we read that he “called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting” (Lev. 1:1). The Lord was in his “house” and called Moses to come to the doorway and hear how he and all the people of Israel might “draw near” to him. It’s all about an invitation into the Lord’s house. The whole “sacrificial system” is God’s way of qualifying his people for fellowship with him in his home.

The words translated as “offering” and “bring an offering” really have nothing to do with “offering” God something. The Hebrew verb and noun used here have to do with “drawing near.” There are things that are indeed “offered” as “tribute” within the sacrificial system. But the word most often mis-translated as “offering” really means “that which is brought near.” So all of what we call the “sacrifices” are properly, if somewhat awkwardly designated “near bringings.” The point is not what we might give or offer to God, but rather how God provides a way for his people to come near to him, to enter into his house to commune with him. The worshipper is able to draw near “in the animal.” What happens to the animal happens to him spiritually.

With us, of course, we no longer approach God by means of animal sacrifices. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, has fulfilled this sacrificial pathway into God’s presence. He has died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. Now “in Christ” we have access to God’s heavenly throne and festal Table. When God calls us to draw near to him at the beginning of the worship service we should “with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

A Prayer of Preparation: Almighty God, who throughout the ages has graciously invited your people to draw near and commune with you, grant we pray, that as we hear your life-giving voice we may respond with eager expectation to your summons to enter your house and feast with you; we ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Pentecost – This Week

Mon., Aug 1 -	1 Kings 10:1-13	Psalm 24	John 13:1-20	Rev. 12:1-6
Tues., Aug 2 -	1 Kings 10:14-29	Psalm 25	John 13:21-30	Rev. 12:7-12
Wed., Aug 3 -	1 Kings 11:1-8	Psalm 26	John 13:31-38	Rev. 12:13-17
Thur., Aug 4 -	1 Kings 11:9-25	Psalm 27	John 14:1-14	Rev. 13:1-10
Fri., Aug 5 -	1 Kings 11:26-43	Psalm 28	John 14:15-31	Rev. 13:11-18
Sat., Aug 6 -	1 Kings 12:1-15	Psalm 29	John 15:1-17	Rev. 14:1-5

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — July 31, 2005

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Revelation 21:1-8

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

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

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #193 "O Jesus, we adore thee"

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!

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! *Psalm 122:1*

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, so that through us your glory may fill the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Purification

†Confession of Sins

Psalm 32:1-2

Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness. Accordingly, the Scriptures move us in many places to acknowledge and confess our many sins and errors. Therefore I earnestly implore you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace. Come, let us worship and bow down;

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

†Congregation stands

Most merciful God,
I confess to you that I am sinful and unclean,
and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;
not only in outward transgressions,
but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand,
but which are all known to you.
For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy,
seeking and imploring your grace,
through my Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 . . .

†Hymn #53 (*Psalm 146*) "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah!" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Song of Songs 3:1-11* Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 11:1-15*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

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.**

Announcements

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—The retreat will be held October 7-8. More information is located on the WIC table.

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

Church Announcements—may be directed to Melanie Carter or Paul Jaeggi. Please submit your announcement by noon on Wednesday.

Ministry to Overseas US Sailors

Care Packages for Sailors—Providence will be sending care packages to a dozen sailors stationed aboard the USS Rodney M. Davis. These men are likely not believers and the ship offers no chaplain or worship service during their current seven month deployment. Many of these men have not received letters or packages from home. For the next three Sundays, a collection box will be sitting by the WIC table. Please bring candy, chocolates, small handheld games, card games, hackie sacks (one guy really wants one!), or anything else that will mail well. We will be including sermon CD's and Christian pamphlets in all of these boxes. Money for postage is also needed, as hopefully these boxes will be pricey due to all the stuff packed in them!

Letters for Sailors—Aside from the care packages, a list of these men and their addresses will be available on the WIC table. It would be wonderful if each of these men could receive a personal letter or card of encouragement and thanks from individual members or families of our church.

Where Did This List of Names Come From?— The USS Rodney M. Davis is the ship that Jeff Carter is deployed on. Jeff is the husband of Crystal Carter and brother of Bryan Carter. He sorts the mail for his division and has been able to tell us which men receive little to no correspondence. This is a great way to share the gospel and Christian love to these men. For more information, please contact Crystal Carter at (636) 938-4936.

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—PHILLIPS, WOOLDRIDGE

SUNDAY SCHOOL—BARLOW, BOEVE

SUNDAY EVENING—HOEGEMANN

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. Today Pastor Meyers will be teaching from Chapter VII of the Confession "On the Covenant."

Thank You

Thank you to all the members of PRPC who made VBS a success this year. It took many volunteers sacrificing their time and their week to make it such a wonderful event. A very special thank you to Jennifer Horne for her patience and wisdom in directing this ministry.

Thank you to everyone who came to my 80th birthday celebration. Your kind words and love throughout the years have meant a great deal to me. I love you all. Every person in the church is very special to me. Love, Paul Jaeggi

Church Calendar

Tues, Aug 9 7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Mon, Aug 15 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club Meeting

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—L. HOOVER, J. MEYERS, H. SUERMANN, L. COPPENS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—HANLEY, ANGIE ANDERSON, BARB HOOVER

SUNDAY EVENING—MCKINNEY, SMITH

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 WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB

Pastor Jeffrey 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

†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

The Lord Feeds us Bread and Wine

Communion Hymn: #231 "Wake, awake, for night is flying" *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 #270 "The church's one Foundation" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Charge: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Psalm 45

To the choirmaster: according to lilies. A maskil of the sons of Korah - A love song.

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!
In your majesty ride out victoriously

for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond
your companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:

forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your
beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

In place of your fathers shall be your sons;

you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

The Evening Service

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 45*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #125 (*Psalm 45:1-10*) "My heart doth overflow" *Trinity Hymnal*

VBS Video Report

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #53 "The hope of faith" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

The Scripture Reading: *Samuel 9:1-27*

Sermon: SAUL'S PROMISING ENTRANCE

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #537 "What shall I render to my God?" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Postlude