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Age 2	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 3	Robert Wermuth
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Kindergarten	Stephanie McKinney	Grades 7 & 8	Tim LeCroy
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Grade 2	Curtis McCracken		McKinney

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Pentecost Season

August 14, 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** (*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 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 15	-	1 Kings 15:1-8	Psalm 36	John 18:1-11	Rev. 17:7-14
Tues., Aug 16	-	1 Kings 15:9-24	Psalm 37	John 18:12-18	Rev. 17:15-18
Wed., Aug 17	-	1 Kings 15:25-34	Psalm 38	John 18:19-24	Rev. 18:1-3
Thur., Aug 18	-	1 Kings 16:1-7	Psalm 39	John 18:25-32	Rev. 18:4-10
Fri., Aug 19	-	1 Kings 16:8-14	Psalm 40	John 18:33-40	Rev. 18:11-18
Sat., Aug 20	-	1 Kings 16:15-20	Psalm 41	John 19:1-11	Rev. 18:19-24

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 14, 2005

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 97

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:1-3, 10-11*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #2 "God, my King, thy might confessing"

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 Lord Yahweh is true to his covenant in all his ways *Psalm 145:17-19*

And kind in all his works.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

To all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

He also hears their cry and delivers them.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

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

Yahweh is gracious and merciful,

Psalm 145:8-9

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Yahweh is good to all,

And his mercy is over all that he has made.

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, 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 . . . !

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 #3 (*Psalms 117*) "From all that dwell below the skies" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *1 Kings 10:1-13*

Mr. Brian Steadman

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Revelation 3:14-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30*

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;

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—LAUREN MEYERS, LILLIAN COPPENS, GIBBS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—BARLOW, WOOLDRIDGE

SUNDAY EVENING—HOEGEMANN

Ministry to Overseas US Sailors

Care Packages for Sailors—Please bring new items such as candy, snacks, small handheld games, card games, hackie sacks, etc. to fill individual care packages to send 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. Sermon CD's and Christian pamphlets will be included in all of these boxes. Money for postage is also needed. A large collection box is sitting on the WIC table. **Next week is the last week to bring goodies, and we haven't received enough items to send even one care package!**

Letters for Sailors—Thank you to everyone who picked up a name of a sailor and have already sent cards or letters! Another stack of addresses is back on the WIC table today. If you didn't get a name and would like to send a letter to a sailor, please pick up one of those information sheets.

About This List of Sailors—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. This is a great way to open the door and share the gospel and Christian love to these men, some of which have absolutely no interest in anything pertaining to Christianity. If you would like more information, please contact Crystal Carter at (636) 271-1337.

Church Calendar

Mon, Aug 15	7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club Meeting
Tues, Aug 16	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
Wed, Aug 17	6:00-10:00 p.m. High School/College Pool Party
Wed, Sept 7	7:30 p.m. Prayer Meetings Resume
Fri, Sept 9	7:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship
Sun, Sept 11	Shepherding Groups Meet
Sun, Sept 18	Joint Worship/Fellowship Meal at Cornerstone

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—CARTER, YODER

SUNDAY SCHOOL—MARY GRACE MOORE, ANGIE ANDERSON, HORNE

SUNDAY EVENING—WESTON, 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. Today Pastor Meyers will be continuing to teach from Chapter VII of the Confession "On the Covenant."

Deacon's Fund—The Deacon's Fund envelopes are included in this week's bulletin. The offering will be taken during evening worship tonight.

This Week at Providence

The Women's Summer Reading Club—will meet 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!

The Session—is meeting this Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Send off party for College Freshmen and the Murrells! Senior high and college-bound students, come join the fun at a pool party hosted by the Keanes, Wednesday August 17th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Bring your suit or you'll get thrown in anyway! Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Announcements

Welcome Baby Cael Anderson! Congratulations to Josh and Ami Anderson on the birth of their new baby, Cael Joshua. Cael was born Thursday, August 4, at 6:49 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and is 20 1/4 inches.

Multiple Sclerosis Society's 2005 Bike Ride—Bob Wooldridge will be riding his bike in the Multiple Sclerosis Society's 2005 bike ride for MS. Cash or check contributions are welcome. Make checks out to the MS Society. This will be Bob's fifth time doing the ride. Please help fight this disease by helping Bob's campaign.

College Campus Visits—Daniel McKinney is tentatively planning campus visits to Calvin College (late September/early October) and to Covenant College (first or second weekend of November). They are open to anyone 9th grade and up. He is also looking for another parent or two who would want to come along as well. Further details will be available at a later date.

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 PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXXXII. AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†Hymn #457 "O thou from whom all goodness flows"

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 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 without
end. Amen!

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Lord Feeds us Bread

Hymn: #310 "Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Lord Blesses us with Wine: As the cup is passed, greet one another with

The Peace of Christ be with you

†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 God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your
people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by
the true and living Bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #485 "Soldiers who to Christ belong" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #164)

†Charge: *Matthew 28:18-20*

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all na-
tions, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded
you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

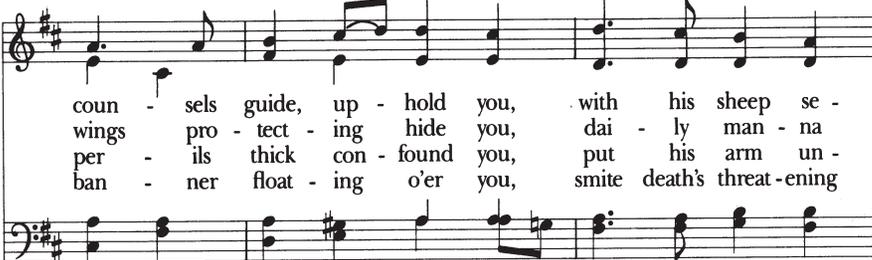
†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Parting Prayer "God be with you till we meet again"

†Postlude



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by his
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath his
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na
per - ils thick con - found you, put his arm un -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ening



cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
fail - ing round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

The Evening Service

Scripture Reading: *Ezekiel 34:1-24*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #77 (*Psalm 23*) "The Lord's my Shepherd"

Trinity Hymnal

Hymn & Psalm Singing

Prayer Requests & Prayer - Deacon's Offering

†Psalm 89 (sts 1-3, 7-9) "The hope of faith"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

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

Sermon: SAUL'S PROMISING ENTRANCE, PART II

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 89 (sts 10-15) "The hope of faith"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Postlude