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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
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Grade 2	Curtis McCracken		McKinney

The Covenant Renewal Service

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Pentecost Season

September 4, 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 Opening Hymn of Praise

Once the Lord has called us into his special presence it is then our privilege to respond. He has taken hold of us by his Word and separated us out from the world as his people. This is the first step in the order of covenant renewal worship. The congregation now stands before him poised to respond to his call and receive his gracious gifts. The sacrifice begins.

Singing is our first response to God’s words and actions in the worship service. Remember, the entire service moves forward as God speaks and the congregation responds. It is something of a conversation between God and his church. God calls and we respond. God speaks and we listen. God gives and we receive. God acts and we thank Him. We say “amen” each time the Lord speaks to us or acts for us. The dialogical pattern is found throughout the Bible when men find themselves in God’s presence (Isa. 6:1-12; Jer. 1:4-8; Rev. 4-5, 19:5-10; etc.). It is the biblical way to approach God in worship. So, here, at the beginning of the service, the Lord calls us and we gather to praise him.

Normally, then, we enter into God’s presence singing. The opening hymn is almost always a Psalm of praise or a hymn of adoration. This song is addressed to God, which means it is a prayer. This first hymn will usually highlight some aspect of the character and/or work of God thereby giving concrete form to the congregation’s adoration and praise. It is appropriate that we should “enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise” (Psalm 100:5). The gathered congregation is herself now the house or temple of the Lord (1 Cor. 3:17; Eph. 2:21; 1 Peter 2:5), indeed, the “city of God” (Heb. 12:22). Just as the Israelites passed through the gates of Zion singing, we too enter that which these types symbolized with songs of praise.

Scripture Readings for Pentecost – This Week

Mon., Sept 5 -	1 Kings 20:1-6	Psalm 54	Matt. 1:1-17	Hebrews 1:1-4
Tues., Sept 6 -	1 Kings 20:7-12	Psalm 55	Matt. 1:18-25	Hebrews 1:5-14
Wed., Sept 7 -	1 Kings 20:13-25	Psalm 56	Matt. 2:1-6	Hebrews 2:1-4
Thur., Sept 8 -	1 Kings 20:26-30	Psalm 57	Matt. 2:6-12	Hebrews 2:5-9
Fri., Sept 8 -	1 Kings 20:31-34	Psalm 58	Matt. 2:13-15	Hebrews 2:10-13
Sat., Sept 10 -	1 Kings 20:35-43	Psalm 59	Matt. 2:16-23	Hebrews 2:14-18

Announcements Continued

Child's Bracelet—A child's bracelet has been found in the church office. Please see Paul Jaeggi if you think it may belong to your daughter.

Multiple Sclerosis Society's 2005 Bike Ride—Bob Wooldridge will be riding his bike 200 miles the weekend of September 10th and 11th in the 2005 bike ride for Multiple Sclerosis. Please contact Bob if you would like to support this effort and help fight this disease.

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—J.H. & M. WOOD, H. SAUREMAN, M.J. WOTLERS
SUNDAY SCHOOL—GIBSON, BOEVE
SUNDAY EVENING—SHIELDS, JOHN HALSEY AND MARNE WOOD

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 — September 4, 2005

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 95

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Preparation for Worship: *Habakkuk 2:20*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Silent Preparation

The Rite of Christian Baptism

(see insert)

Scripture Readings: *Exodus 12:3, 7 & Ephesians 1:7*

Parental Vows: *Brian & Jessie Steadman*

Congregational Vows

Prayer: *Mr. Mike Oaks*

Holy Baptism: *James Eben Steadman*

Prayer: The Great Flood Prayer

Elder Randy Stone

The Call to Worship: *Deuteronomy 31:12-13*

Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear Yahweh your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God.

†Hymn #117 "Shepherd of tender youth"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

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

The Lord Purifies Us

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

Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred, and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your holy laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done; and there is no health in me. But have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner, O Lord. Spare me, O Lord, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. *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 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 of Praise: #122 "Of the Father's love begotten" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 1*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 1:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 15:1-17*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Lorica* (see middle pages of bulletin)

Sermon: **PARTNERS & PARTAKERS** Pastor Chris Smith

I. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Announcements

Baby Steadman Has Arrived—Congratulations to Brian, Jesse, and Georgia Steadman upon the newest arrival in their family, James "Eben" Steadman. Eben was born on Saturday, August 27 at 6:54 p.m. He is 19.5 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces at birth.

Shepherding Groups—will be meeting next Sunday, September 11th. John Moore's group will be meeting at the church at 6 p.m. All other groups, please contact your elder to find out where you will be meeting.

Ladies Bible Study—The fall ladies Bible study will start at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 15th. The study will meet in the fellowship hall and there will be baby sitting and activities for the younger children. This year Pastor Meyers will be leading the study on the book of Daniel. If you have any questions about the study please talk to Sonja Smith. Everyone's welcome!

Joint Service & Fellowship Meal with Cornerstone—On Sunday, September 18th, Cornerstone will host us for a joint worship service and fellowship meal. More details will be available next week.

Elder Responsibilities—A few of the elders have changed their areas of responsibility in the church. The following is an up-to-date list: Clerk of Session: John McGowan, Treasurer/Finance Committee Chairman: Joel Montgomery, Missions Committee Chairman: Monte Shields, Evangelism and Cultural Outreach: John Moore, Christian Education/Sunday School: Steve Anderson, Congregational Life: John Keane. If you have an interest in or question about any of these ministries, please feel free to contact the appropriate elder.

College Campus Visits—The trip to Calvin College has been canceled. Daniel McKinney is still tentatively planning a campus visit to Covenant College (first or second weekend of November). This trip is open to anyone 9th grade and up. A couple parents are needed to join this trip.

Women's Retreat—All Providence women are invited to attend the "Liberated Women Travel Light" retreat on Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pam Caldwell from Faith Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama will be speaking. The retreat will be held at Best Western Kirkwood Inn. The cost varies from \$30-\$70 depending if you want to spend the night, and how many women you want to share your room with. Please do not let the cost of this deter you from attending, scholarships are available. Goodie bags will be distributed among the women attending the retreat. Donations are needed to make up these bags. Ideas for gifts: pens, candy, business cards, homemade cards or gift tags, bookmarks, recipes, poems, etc. (Count of 50 please). Please bring your treats by mid-September. Sign up by Sunday, September 11, 2005. Contact Anne Hiers with any questions: 314-543-3010 or patria@thehiers.com

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

MORNING SERVICE—PHILLIPS, SHAFFER

SUNDAY SCHOOL—HIERS, WOLTERS

SUNDAY EVENING—STERNER, JENNIFER HORNE, MAGGIE MONTGOMERY

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 X of the WCF on "Effectual Calling."

This Week at Providence

The New Choir Season Has Begun—From September through May, the choir rehearses each Wednesday night (7:00-8:15 p.m.) and sings during morning worship several times a month. The choir also sings during special evening services for Reformation Sunday (Oct. 30), Christmas Lessons and Carols (Dec. 19), and Good Friday. God has gifted His church in many ways. If singing is one of the gifts He has given you, please share it with us, and come join us this Wednesday night! For more information, see Bill Hoover.

Ladies Fellowship—WIC will continue with the Ladies Fellowship starting Friday, September 9th, 7:00 p.m. at PRPC. Bring your snacks, games or a craft you are working on for a night of fun and fellowship. Rachel LeCroy will be selling some of her beautifully homemade handbags! Drinks will be provided.

Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m. Prayer Meetings
Fri, Sept 9	7:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
Sun, Sept 11	Shepherding Groups Meet
Thurs, Sept 15	Ladies Bible Study Begins
Sun, Sept 18	Joint Worship/Fellowship Meal at Cornerstone
Tues, Sept 20	7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
Sat, Sept 24	Church Workday
Thurs, Oct 6	7:00 p.m. Seminary Wives Meeting with Pam Caldwell
Fri-Sat, Oct 7-8	Women's Retreat
Sat, Oct 15	Harvest Party
Oct 22-29	Peru Mission Trip

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living
Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Matthew 5:2-12

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 & Presentation of the Offering

†Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will:

Congregation: **Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.**

Almighty God, who has taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men: Hear us as we pray for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. For your Holy Church upon earth; for her ministers and teachers, that all who love the Savior may love Him more truly and cherish His bride, the Church.

We ask you to hear us, O Lord.

For all who do not know the Gospel of your love in Jesus Christ, that you would gather them into your fold:

We ask you to hear us, merciful Lord.

For your missionaries, especially those known to us, that they may cause your light to shine in the dark places of the earth.

Hear our prayer, Lord of heaven and earth.

For our country, for our President and others in authority, that you would guide them in your wisdom:

Hear our prayer, King of kings.

For those whom we love, our parents, our brothers and sisters, and our friends, that you would bring those that do not know you to the knowledge of your truth and salvation, that you would bless them, and protect them from all evil:

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, for those that mourn the death of a loved one, that you would comfort and sustain them. Especially for those in New Orleans and the Gulf coast of Louisiana and Mississippi, we pray for a speedy relief from and comfort in the midst of such a great natural disaster this week.

We praise you, O Lord. Hear and accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen!

†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 & Memorial

Hymn: #434 "How lovely shines the Morning Star" *Trinity Hymnal*

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and blood of our Lord. . ."

†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,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has the lyrics: "of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three." The second system has the lyrics: "Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal". The third system has the lyrics: "Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: Praise to the Lord of". The fourth system has the lyrics: "my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord. A-men." The score includes a piano introduction and concludes with the instruction "In harmony".

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DEIRDRE

Traditional Irish Melody

In harmony, with breadth

6 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

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7 I bind un-to my-self the Name, The strong Name

of the Tri-ni-ty; By in-vo-ca-tion

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!**

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn #488 "Lead on, O King eternal"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question & Answer #69

Q. How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

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 PM for worship, singing, prayer, a Scripture lesson, and fellowship afterwards.

The Evening Service

Pentecost Season — September 4, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Call to Worship: *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #34 "Lo, what a cloud of witnesses"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn of the Month "Rise! To Arms!"

(see handout)

The Scripture Readings: *TBA*

Sermon: **RAISING HANDS & PRESENTING BREAD & WINE**

Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 36 "He who in evil does rejoice"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction & Postlude

The Lorica

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Traditional Irish Melody

In unison, with energy

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name
 2 I bind this day to me for ev - er, By power of
 *3 I bind un - to my - self the power Of the great
 *4 I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues
 *5 I bind un - to my - self to - day The power of

1 of the Tri - ni - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion
 2 faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
 3 love of cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
 4 of the star - lit heav'n, The glo - rious sun's life -
 5 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his

1 of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.†
 2 Jor - dan riv - er; His death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
 3 judg - ment hour; The ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
 4 giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at even,
 5 might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need;

2 His burst - ing from the spi - ced tomb; His ri - ding
 3 Con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, The pa - triarchs'
 4 The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
 5 The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

2 up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the
 3 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; All good deeds done un -
 4 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, The sta - ble earth, the
 5 guide, his shield to ward; The word of God to

2 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 3 to the Lord, And pu - ri - ty of ran - somed souls.
 4 deep salt sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks.
 5 give me speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.

†Stanza 1 ends here; the following stanzas continue on the next page