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Age 2	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 3	Tim Weston
Age 3	Michelle Crow	Grade 4	Bryan Walker
Ages 4 & 5	Allan & Pam Wamsley	Grades 5 & 6	Brad Wood
Kindergarten	Steve & Amy Sterner	Grades 7 & 8	Steve Dernlan
Grade 1	Jenny Harris & Mary Kate Shields	High School	Daniel & Stephanie
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# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## Pentecost Season

*September 18, 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. Tonight please join us as we fellowship over a meal and participate in a worship service with Cornerstone, our daughter church.

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](http://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

## 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. 19	- 1 Kings 22:13-28	Psalm 66	Matt. 5:1-12	Hebrews 5:11-14
Tues., Sept. 20	- 1 Kings 22:29-40	Psalm 67	Matt. 5:13-16	Hebrews 6:1-8
Wed., Sept. 21	- 1 Kings 22:41-50	Psalm 68	Matt. 5:17-20	Hebrews 6:9-12
Thur., Sept. 22	- 1 Kings 22:51-53	Psalm 69	Matt. 5:21-26	Hebrews 6:13-20
Fri., Sept. 23	- 2 Kings 1:1-4	Psalm 70	Matt. 5:27-32	Hebrews 7:1-10
Sat., Sept. 24	- 2 Kings 1:5-18	Psalm 71	Matt. 5:33-42	Hebrews 7:11-14

## Announcements

**Sunday Nursery Ministry**—Thank you, Providence Church family, for serving the little children in our Sunday Nursery Ministry. We have a NEW SIGN UP SHEET out on the WIC table ready for you to fill in. Please sign up quickly as the slots begin this month. Thank you for your faithful service to our little ones. If you miss the sign up sheet, you may call Marne Wood at 314-644-7098 or email marnewood@msn.com

**Church Calendar**—If you would like to plan an event within the church or use the church building for any reason, please check with Melanie Carter to ensure that the calendar is open for that day. Most of the calendar can be viewed online at [http://prpc-stl.org/news\\_calendar.html](http://prpc-stl.org/news_calendar.html), however not everything is always listed online. (Some non-PRPC groups use the church building or the web may not yet be updated.) After you book your date, Melanie will contact Paul Jaeggi to have him add it to his calendar in the church office. To avoid confusion or double bookings, please talk to Melanie first. Thank you!

**New Prayer Chain List**—If you would like to be added or stay on the prayer chain, please sign your name up on the sign up sheet located on the WIC table. The prayer chain will not carry any names over so if you are on the list now and would like to remain on the list, you need to sign up again. This goes for the *phone* chain and the *email* chain.

## Church Calendar

Wednesdays	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/7:30 p.m. Prayer Meetings
Thursdays	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Tues, Sept 20	7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
Fri, Sept 23	6:30 p.m. Senior High Fellowship at Paul Graham's Home
Sat, Sept 24	Church Workday
Sun, Oct 2	2:00-3:00 p.m. Life Chain
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

## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — September 18, 2005

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 76**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

### The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 76:11*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #63 (*Psalm 76*) "God is known among his people" *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 the Lord;

*Psalm 124:8*

**Who made heaven and earth!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**O God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth: all your works praise you in all places of your dominion, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son. Therefore, we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. Amen!**

### Purification

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

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;

*Psalm 131:1-2*

**My eyes are not raised too high.**

I do not occupy myself with things,

**Too great and too marvelous for me.**

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
Like a weaned child with its mother.

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and truly recognize, before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in sin and corruption, inclined to do evil, unprofitable for all good; and that from our vice we endlessly and ceaselessly transgress your holy commandments. In so doing, we incur ruin and damnation upon ourselves. Nevertheless, Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended against you and condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, desiring that your grace support us in our calamity. Have mercy on us, God and Father, most blessed and full of mercy, in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 #90 "O God, we praise thee; and confess" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 8:12-36* Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *James 1:16-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-20*

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,**

## Upcoming Events

**Ladies Bible Study**—The fall ladies Bible study has begun. The study is every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The study meets in the fellowship hall and baby sitting and activities for the younger children are provided. This year Pastor Meyers is leading the study on the book of Daniel. If you have any questions please talk to Sonja Smith. Everyone's welcome!

**Greater St. Louis Life Chain**—The annual Greater St. Louis Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 2nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at various places throughout the metropolitan area. Everyone at Providence is encouraged to show support for the sanctity of life by participating in the Providence Life Chain which will be formed in front of our church on Sappington Road. Official signs will be provided.

**Seminary Wives**—are invited to Anne Hiers' home on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. to meet with Pam Caldwell, our women's retreat speaker.

**Women's Retreat**—All Providence women are invited to attend the "Liberated Women Travel Light" retreat on Friday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pam Caldwell will be our guest speaker. The cost varies from \$30-\$70. Make your check out to PRPC. Be sure to mark your check with "Women's Retreat". Sign up by Thursday, September 22nd, 2005. More information is located on the WIC table. Contact Anne Hiers with any questions: 314-543-3010 or patria@thehiers.com

**Harvest Party**—On Saturday, October 15th, at 3:00 p.m., John and Debbie Keane will once again host our annual Harvest Party. Activities will include a chicken chase, batting cages, bon fire, face painting and more. Our contests will be for the best chili, chocolate dessert, pumpkin carving, and costumes.

**Covenant College Visit**—The dates for a visit to Covenant College have been set for November 10-13. Please reserve a spot no later than October 16th so we can figure out cost and transportation. The college will provide a detailed itinerary for the weekend which will include classes, meals, and watching Elijah Murrell score big time at his Saturday night basketball game. If you have any questions please contact Daniel McKinney at 314-488-0299.

## 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

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*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

MORNING SERVICE—LAUREN MEYERS, JOANIE HARRIS, JANDY STONE, CHRISTINE INION  
SUNDAY SCHOOL—RACHEL KEANE, STEPHANIE MCKINNEY, BARLOWS

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**Inquirers Class**—If you're interested in church membership at Providence or in simply finding out more about our church, then join Pastor Smith for an introduction to the Reformed tradition, our denomination, and our congregation. Attending this class will not obligate you to membership, but help you become more familiar with us. Current members are also welcome to join us for a "refresher" course.

**Adult Sunday School Class on Job**—Pastor Meyers is teaching on the Wisdom of Job during the fall quarter. Job, of course, is well-known for his great suffering and the book is designed to provide us with wisdom when we experience similar afflictions. Bring your Bible and join us as we discuss the text of Job this quarter.

**Joint Service & Fellowship Meal with Cornerstone**—Today Cornerstone will host us for a joint worship service and fellowship meal. The service starts at 5:00 p.m. Please bring sandwiches, salad, or a dessert.

## This Week at Providence

**The Deacons Are Meeting**—Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

**Senior High Fellowship**—The next Senior High Fellowship will be this Friday, September 23rd at Paul Graham's house from 6:30-9:30 p.m. We will eat, play games, sing, enjoy each other's company, and eat some more. Bring your friends!

**Church Work Day**—Your help is needed for a church work day this Saturday, September 24th. If you have a wheelbarrow, shovel, gardening gloves, rakes, or anything else related to yard work, please bring it. Shifts run from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.-Noon. Coffee and donuts will be provided for all in attendance. Families are welcome to come.

## Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday

MORNING SERVICE—GALT, LORI SHAFFER, LILLIAN COPPENS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL—CARTER, JOANIE HARRIS, ANGIE ANDERSON  
SUNDAY EVENING—HOOVER, STERNER

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: HOW IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD ACCOMPLISHED?

II. AN EXPOSITION OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES 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 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 with-  
out end. Amen!

### The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Words of Institution      Pastor Smith  
The Lord Feeds Us

Hymn: #549 "Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts"      *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 Gen-  
tiles, 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 begin-  
ning, 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: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you  
have here refreshed your people with such wonderful gifts; we ask  
now as we prepare to leave your house that you would graciously  
strengthen us in the use of these gifts, increasing our love for you  
and for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

### Benediction

†Hymn #501 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"      *Trinity Hymnal*  
VERSE 2—CHOIR ONLY

†Charge: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Parting Prayer "God be with you till we meet again" (see below)

†Postlude

*Unison*

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.

### Joint Worship Service W/Cornerstone Tonight

5:00 PM

Join us this evening to worship with  
our daughter church, Cornerstone  
Presbyterian Church. After the worship  
service we will share a fellowship  
meal together. There's a signup sheet  
on the table in the foyer to help  
you figure out what food to bring.

