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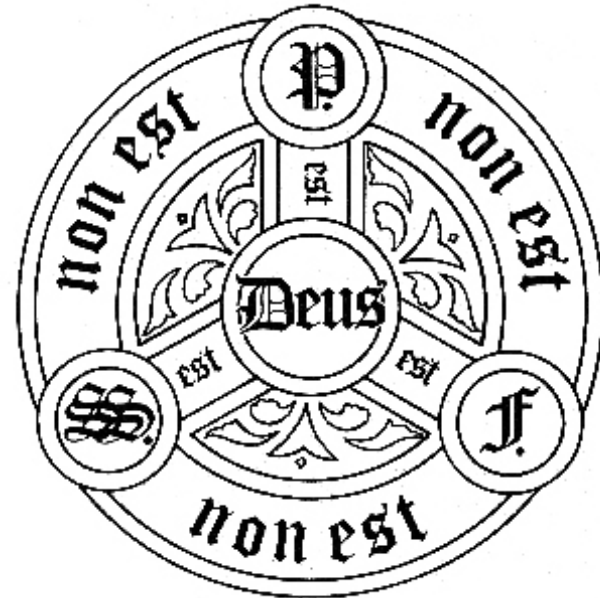
Children's Sunday School Program

Age 2	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 3	Todd Tageson
Age 3	Kim Gibson	Grade 4	Bryan Walker
Ages 4 & 5	Cindy Dawson	Grades 5 & 6	Joshua Anderson
Kindergarten	Amy Sterner	Grades 7 & 8	Steve Dernlan
Grade 1	Travis Larson	High School	Brian Steadman
Grade 2	Allan Wamsley		

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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The First Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 2006

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service of the pew and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We'd love to have you return tonight at 6:00 PM for singing, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship in a more informal setting.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service meeting place for your child's class. We'd love to have you return tonight at 6:00 PM for singing, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship in a more informal setting.

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.)

The Shield of the Blessed Trinity (Front Cover)

No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. The shield on the front cover depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center of the circle is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). Reading out from the center along the three spokes the unity of the Godhead is represented:

Deus est Pater = God is the Father and the Father is God

Deus est Filius = God is the Son and the Son is God

Deus est Spiritus Sanctus = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God.

Reading around the circumference of the circle the distinctions between the Persons are noted:

Pater non est Filius = The Father is not the Son

Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus = The Son is not the Holy Spirit

Spiritus Sanctus non est Pater = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

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 from the world for covenant renewal worship. The congregation now stands before him poised to respond.

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 gift-and-renewal of the Holy Spirit 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 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.

Pentecost Season Readings – This Week

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
Mon., Jan 1	— Genesis 1:1-13	Matthew 1:1-17	Trinity Hymnal #512
Tues., Jan 2	— Genesis 1:14-25	Matthew 1:18-25	Trinity Hymnal #514
Wed., Jan 3	— Genesis 1:26-31	Matthew 2:1-12	Trinity Hymnal #522
Thur., Jan 4	— Genesis 2:1-14	Matthew 2:13-23	Trinity Hymnal #524
Fri., Jan 5	— Genesis 2:15-25	Matthew 3:1-12	Trinity Hymnal #526
Sat., Jan 6	— Genesis 3:1-13	Matthew 3:13-17	Trinity Hymnal #531

Trinity Hymnal text and tunes can be found here: http://opc.org/hymn.html?list_type=numerical

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — December 31, 2006

The First Sunday After Christmas

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 148

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 148*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #148 “Comfort, comfort ye my 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!

Unto us a Child is born; *Isaiah 9:6*

Unto us a Son is given!

And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called,

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

God of grace, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness:

Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. I humbly confess my sins and ask for your mercy. I have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have I loved

my neighbor as myself. I have not been just in dealing with others. I have not loved kindness or walked humbly before you, my God. Have mercy on me, O God, because of your lovingkindness. In your great compassion, cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. *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.

†Hfi `m]h]g[ccXzf][\zUbXVMbYUMU`h`Uik Yg\ci `X[]j YhUb_gtc`
you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and
Yj Y`Ug]b[; cX"" : cf`]b`h`Ya ng]fncZh YK cfX`a UXYÜg\`nci `Uj Y
given us a new revelation of your glory so that knowing you in the
Person of your Son, we may be drawn to love you and your people.
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 #159 “Good Christian men, rejoice” *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 80*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-2:4*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:26-45*

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

Choir Rehearsal—is off for January 3rd and will resume on January 10th.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study—The Thursday morning WIC Bible Study will resume on January 18th. Pastor Meyers will lead the study, which meets each Thursday morning from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The study is open to all ladies. Child care is provided.

Officer Nominations—If you would like to nominate someone for the office of Elder or Deacon, please use the form available on the table in the foyer. Please consider the importance of and qualifications for church office (Acts 6:3; Rom. 12:8; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-16) before you nominate someone to serve. The session will evaluate the nominations and begin officer training sometime in January. Thank you!

Bulletin Announcements—If you would like to put an announcement in the bulletin, please contact Melanie Carter at carterfamily4@scglobal.net. All announcements must be submitted by noon on Wednesday.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 31	Devoted to Prayer (Evening Worship)
Fri-Sat, January 5-13	Peru Mission Trip
Sunday, January 7	No Evening Service (Hospitality)
Sunday, January 14	Joint Service with Cornerstone at Cornerstone
Tuesday, January 16	7 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, January 21	Shepherding Groups
Sunday, January 28	Psalms & Music Night
Sunday, February 4	Cultural Discernment Evening Service
Sunday, February 11	Prayer Evening Service
Sunday, February 18	No Evening Service (Hospitality Day)
Sunday, February 25	Ask the Pastors Evening Service
Sunday, March 4	Psalms & Music Evening Service
Sunday, March 11	Cultural Discernment Night
Sunday, March 18	Shepherding Groups
Sunday, March 25	No Evening Service (Hospitality Day)

Church Calendar—If you would like to plan a church event within or outside of the church building (or even to use the church building for non-PRPC events) please check with Melanie Carter to ensure that the calendar is available.

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,

· · UbXk Uga UXYa Ub/UbXk UgWl WUXUgc Zcfi g'
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

· · [`cf]UYX/k `c`gdc_YVrh Ydfcd\ Yg"
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!

†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!

Sermon Text: *Romans 12:8-14*

Sermon: PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers
XXVI. EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

†Hymn of Petition: #165 "Saviour of the nations, come" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology* *Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn #155 "All praise to thee"

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: Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by your gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in your Name, we may glorify through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #163 “To us a Child of hope is born”

Trinity Hymnal

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question #42

Q. What is the sum of the ten commandments?

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and love our neighbor as ourselves.*

**Matt. 12:37-40*

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 tonight at 6:00 p.m.

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today’s Volunteers:

Morning Service—Greeno, Gibbs

Sunday School—Stone, Carter

Sunday Evening—McCracken

Next Sunday’s Volunteers:

Morning Service—Coller, Jeff Keanes

Sunday School— Stone, Christisen, Inion

Sunday Evening—No Service

Adult Sunday School Class “A Biblical Understanding of Vocation, Work, & Economics”—Join us in the fellowship hall as we continue our inquiry into the biblical understanding of work.

Last Call For Peru Gifts—Women In the Church, today is the last day to bring gifts for the three Peruvian pastors and their families. Our mission team will be leaving this week for Peru and will be bringing the gifts with them. Please place your gifts in the boxes in the narthex this morning or evening. Suggested items include pajamas, socks, T-shirts, books, toys, CDs, neckties, and small household items. For more information, please see Barb Hoover.

Contribution Statement—All 2006 contributions to Providence must be received by today in order to appear on your year end contribution statement.

This Week at Providence

WIC Christmas Party—The party has been rescheduled for January 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Rosamma Weston’s home. (Weather permitting!) Most ladies have revealed themselves to their secret sister, but if you haven’t already, go ahead at any time. The old sign up sheet for the party will remain on the WIC table.

Peru Mission Trip—The mission team will be leaving on January 5th and returning the 12th. Please be in prayer for the members of the team as they travel out of country and for the work they will be doing while they are in Peru.

Memory Listeners—will hear our Covenant children (ranging from four year olds to eighth graders) recite their catechism questions and scripture verses next Sunday. Please work with your child this week so that he/she will give a good recitation!