

# Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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April 23, 2006

10:00 a.m.

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## Second Sunday of Easter

*Enter Reverently, Meditate Quietly, Worship Devoutly,  
Leave Gratefully, Serve Christ Faithfully*

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT

*Psalm 19*

Marcello

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
**People: And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**  
Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
**People: Singing joyful songs of praise.**  
**All: Let us worship the living, loving God!**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: God of all glory, on this first day you began your creation, bringing light out of darkness and bringing life out of nothing at all. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death to life eternal. On this Lord's day grant that we, the people that you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all those across time and space in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, the risen One, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.**

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### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*God Is Here!*

#461

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The good news of the gospel is that we do not have to be good enough, pure enough or deserving enough for the love and mercy of God. The good news of the gospel is that it was while we were yet sinners that

Christ died for us; the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God. Let us together seek God's mercy by confessing our sins.

**All:** **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; reshape us and help us have obedient lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

**Congregational Response (Sung):**

#467

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Hear the good news! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**People:** **He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory be to God! Amen.*

\*GLORIA PATRI (kids' pink page)

#579

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#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**People:** **And also with you!**

**Leader:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Christian Education Committee

Pam Johnson

\*HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* #122

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 16:1-8 Pages 54-55

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Santus* Gounod

SERMON *Jump!* Rev. Dr. Louise Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (kids' orange page)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,  
and put your trust in the Lord.*

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (kids' red page) #592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Redeeming God, renewed by your mercy and sustained by your grace, we bring you these gifts. Use them to serve your purposes. Through our gifts, feed people we will never meet; heal those who have no hope; speak the good news of the gospel in languages that we don't know and in lands that we will never visit. Do all this in the name of Jesus and to your own glory. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Come Sing, O Church in Joy* #430

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION

\* Congregation stands  
\*\* Latecomers ushered in

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WELCOME** - The Pastor, Elders and Deacons of Witherspoon welcome most warmly all worshipers. Our fellowship is enriched by your presence. If you do not have a church home of your own, we do sincerely invite you to be a part of our fellowship. Please contact the church office for further information if you are interested in church membership (609) 924-1666.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEKLY FOR ALL AGE GROUPS!** Sunday school classes for adults and students in grades 5-12 begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. (The adult class is exploring the lectionary passages together each week before the service.) Students in grades 1-4 will be dismissed for their Sunday school class immediately after the children's message. (A nursery is available for children in preschool and kindergarten.)

**ATTENDANCE** at the service of April 16 was 193.

**NURSERY CARE** is provided for children 0-5 during Sunday school (9:00) and worship (10:00). Today Mildred Ponce is assisting with nursery care; next Sunday's nursery care will be assisted by Karen Delk.



**FLOWERS** – Flower's for today's service were given by *Shirley Satterfield* in honor of *her mother's, Alice Satterfield's, birthday*. If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or simply to beautify the church, please sign up on the chart located on the door of the sound room (left-hand entrance from the sanctuary to the parish house). After worship service, the donor may take the flowers home. At present, it is the responsibility of the person giving the flowers to make his/her own arrangements for preparation and delivery of the flowers for the Chancel. The next available date is May 14.

**USHERS** for this morning's service are Ruppert Hawes, Maria Potts and Joan Tomlin. Next week's ushers are Beverly Owens and Adrienne Daniels Paris.



**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service. Host for the month of May is Barbara Brown. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Barbara (609-882-3788).

**LECTIONARY TEXT** for next Sunday, April 30, is Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.



**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** extend their thanks to all who attended the Palm Sunday Tea, those who made contributions and to Pauline Brown who helped with setup.



**COUNTERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!!!** – At least four people are needed to join our counting teams. Even if you are unable to count every Sunday during a designated month, you can still sign up to count on the Sundays you are available. Training provided. Please see Ron Smith or leave a message in the church office.



**VESPER SERVICE** – Children and youth from Witherspoon and Nassau churches will join for a Vesper Service on **TODAY** at 4:00 p.m.; the service will be held at Nassau Presbyterian Church as part of our ongoing celebration of 250 years of Presbyterian presence in Princeton. Speak to Benjamin Colbert or Beverly Owens for more information.

**SPECIAL EDITION NOTE CARDS** and a poster featuring the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo are available for sale beginning today. These top quality items are designed as lasting mementos of this special year in the life of our church(es). Copies are on display in the Fellowship Hall.



**BIBLE AND BAGELS** – Come for bagels, coffee, and juice **next Sunday, April 30**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and hear Dr. Elsie McKee discuss

**Congo Calling! Congo Calling!**

*Where is Congo these days? Not on our world events radar, certainly. But it is/should be on our church radar. The Democratic Republic of Congo – with which American Presbyterians have been associated since 1891 when an African-American and a Caucasian-American jointly began mission work in the Kasai province – is now counted as the most severe humanitarian crisis in the world. Hundreds of thousands, even millions more have died in Congo than in the tsunami or in Darfur. In fact, there have been more conflict-related deaths in Congo since 1998 than in any other conflict since World War II. And civilians – women and children – are a huge majority of the casualties. Come find out:*

- *More about the way American Presbyterians have served the church and fought for justice in Congo*
- *More about the present horrific situation*
- *More about what we can do – with some easy ways to participate*

*Tuasakidila wa bung!*



**PROPERTY ACQUISITION FUND UPDATE**

As of April 16, the Property Acquisition Fund has accumulated **\$83,961.18** in cash, out of a total \$110,000 we have committed to raise.



**FOOD DONATIONS FOR CRISIS MINISTRY** – The Deacons are collecting **canned fruit, vegetables and juice** for the Crisis Ministry. **\*\*\*NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE.\*\*\*** Other nourishing food will also be accepted. Checks made payable to the Crisis Ministry are always welcome and may be placed in the offering plate or given to a deacon. Please consider an extra purchase during your next grocery shopping trip and place items in the wooden box in the Narthex.



**CANCER PREVENTION FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS** – African-American men are 1.5 times more likely to develop prostate cancer, and about three times more likely to die from the disease. African-American women develop breast cancer at a lower rate, but are two times more likely to die from it. While these statistics may seem daunting, knowing the facts and taking preventive action can help to catch these cancers at an early stage. All are invited to a seminar highlighting cancer risks, prevention and early detection for African-Americans **TODAY** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Registration is requested. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex for more information.



**FOOTPRINTS – WALK THE PATH OUT OF POVERTY** – The Peacemaking and Social Justice Team invites you to share in the Crisis Ministry’s annual walk to raise consciousness and funds to help fight hunger and homelessness. The date is **this Saturday, April 29**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will walk along the tow path between Princeton and Kingston – a lovely place – takes only a couple of hours,

so you will have the rest of the day free. Come and walk or sponsor another walker. Last year one of the Witherspoon youth was the first to complete the walk – he beat all the rest of us! Last year a Witherspoon family walked together, complete with baby stroller. Last year some of us displayed funny hats. How would you like to appear in the Witherspoon History of Footprints? Come be a part of the walk and join the story!



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND LUNCHEON** – Presbyterian Women of Nassau Presbyterian Church invite all Witherspoon women to the Birthday Offering Worship Service in Niles Chapel, Nassau Church, on **Monday, May 8**, at 12:00 noon. A luncheon will follow in the Assembly Room. The Birthday Offering will be received and Joyce MacKichan Walker will lead a fun, fellowship building program. Please bring a salad to share; drop off the salad in the Assembly Room by 11:45 a.m. Bus service from the Mountain Avenue parking lot to Nassau Church will depart at 11:30 a.m. For more information, you may contact Shuang Huang (609-683-0385).