

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

124 Witherspoon Street
Princeton, NJ 08542-3224

Office (609) 924-1666 • Fax (609) 924-0365 • Church Building (609) 924-1332

E-mail: wITHERSPOON@verizon.net

Website: www.wITHERSPOONCHURCH.org

Rev. M. Muriel Burrows, Pastor
Louise Johnson, Director of Christian Education

Beverly Owens, Music Director
Amy Shortt, Interim Organist

June 25, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

My Tribute

Joshua McGriff
Saxophone

**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

Williams Edmonds

Leader: Our Call to Worship is from Psalm 121. Let us read together responsively.

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Marquis McEwen

All: God, we are grateful that you have called us to gather here this morning in this place in your presence. You are our help. You are our stronghold. You are our sure foundation. To you be all the glory and honor. Amen.

**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#464

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Peter 1:13-16)

Jessyca Hart

Leader: The apostle Peter encourages us with these words: *Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who has called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."* As people who seek to be holy, let us confess our sins to our Holy God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alexis Peart, David McGriff,
Sienna Peal, Harper Joseph

Reader 1: Holy God, forgive us for not living as obedient children. We have walked in the ways of the world rather than setting ourselves apart as you call us to.

Reader 2: *The stock market declined again. My portfolio is at an all time low. How am I ever going to make it? (raises the paper)*

Reader 1: Forgive us, O God, for storing up treasures where moth and rust destroy.

Reader 3: *Wow – a new drug guaranteed to make you more attractive in just sixty days! I wonder how I can get some of that!*

Reader 1: Forgive us, O God, for putting our security in our health and our beauty.

Reader 4: *I see the U.S. is sending more troops into Iraq.*

Reader 1: Forgive us, O God, for sometimes confusing our might and power with your peace.

Reader 3: *The local landfill is leaking toxic chemicals into the ground again.*

Reader 1: Forgive us, O God, for not caring for your creation and failing to be good stewards of the natural resources you have given us.

Reader 4: *Hmmm. The average kid spends nearly four hours a day watching TV.*

Reader 1: Forgive us, O God, for seeking our delight in the things and ways of this world.

Reader 2: *Another student in our school was murdered during a drive-by shooting.*

Reader 1: Forgive us, O God, for not valuing the life that you create.

Readers 2, 3, 4: *Forgive us, O God.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:12)

Zoe Driver

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. Believe this gospel, and live in peace.

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

*GLORIA PATRI (kids' pink page)

#579

**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sammie McGriff

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sammie McGriff

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!

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

#485

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ayanna Matthews

Leader: Creator God, who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, through your Word enter into our hearts that we might become for you lights to the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua McGriff

Leader: Let us now hear God’s Word as it comes to us from the Old Testament, 1 Samuel 17:38-40

SPECIAL MUSIC

I’m Not Afraid

Composed and sung by
Diamond Holland

MESSAGE THEME

We Are the World

We Are All a Part of God’s Great Big Family..... Kalyet Blackwood-Chirchir
Change Will Come When We Stand Together as One
..... Diamond Holland, Rachel Maddox, Jillian Ojeda
Stones..... Rev. Muriel Burrows

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Terrance McEwen

Leader: We sing to our Lord a new song; we sing in the world a sure hope: our God loves this world. God called it into being, God renews it through Jesus Christ; God governs it by the Spirit. God is the world’s true hope.

People: We are a people of hope. Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Leader: We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord. God has come to us through the ancient people of Israel, as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, as the true Holy Spirit at work in our world. Our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired Scriptures. Christ is with us day by day.

People: We are a people of hope who want to sing our Song of Hope in a hopeless world.

Leader: We know Christ to be our only hope. We have enmeshed our world in a realm of sin, rebelled against God, accepted inhuman oppression of humanity, and even crucified God’s Son. God’s world has been trapped by our fall, governments entangled by human pride, and nature polluted by human greed.

People: We are a people of hope. Jesus Christ is our only hope.

Leader: Our only hope is Jesus Christ. After we refused to live in the image of God, He was born of the Virgin Mary sharing our genes and our instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of God. Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in him.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Joseph Hawes

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

OFFERTORY

Williams Edmonds
Saxophone

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Matthew Hawes

All: We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

*HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

#267, vv. 1, 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jasmine McEwen and Andrew Ojeda

Reader 1: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

Reader 2: *For our families, friends and neighbors, and for all those who are alone;*

Reader 1: For this community, our country, and the world;

Reader 2: *For all those who work for justice, freedom, and peace;*

Reader 1: For the just and proper use of your creation;

Reader 2: *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression;*

Reader 1: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or trouble;

Reader 2: *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy;*

Reader 1: For the peace and unity of the church of God;

Reader 2: *For those who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth;*

Reader 1: For all who serve God in his church, (silence)

Hear us, Lord.

Reader 2: *For your mercy is great;*

Reader 1: We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life. (silence)

Reader 2: *We exalt you, O God our King; and praise your name forever and ever.*

Reader 1: We pray for those who struggle with their faith, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (silence)

Reader 2: *Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them who put their trust in you.*

Reader 1: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;

Reader 2: *You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.*

Reader 1: Grant our requests as may be best for us.

Reader 2: *Watch over us and keep us in the light of your presence.*

Reader 1: May our praise continually blend with all of creation, until we come together to the eternal joys which you promise in your love.

Reader 2: *Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

All: Amen

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

BENEDICTION

Ashley Hightower

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Are the World

Children and Youth
of Witherspoon*

* Congregation stands

** Latecomers ushered in

We Are the World, We Are the Children*

Martin Anim-Danso
Kalyet Blackwood-Chirchir
Brian Delk
Phyllis Delk
Winston Delk
Zoe Driver
Isaiah Edmonds
William Edmonds
Jessyca Hart
Haley Hawes
Joseph Hawes
Matthew Hawes
Ashley Hightower
Diamond Holland
Cameron Johnson
Chase Johnson
Harper Joseph

Jawhar Kimbrough
Jimmy Mack
Rachel Maddox
Zachary Maddox
Ayanna Matthews
Jasmine McEwen
Marquis McEwen
Terrance McEwen
David McGriff
Joshua McGriff
Sammie McGriff
Andrew Ojeda
Jillian Ojeda
Evan Peal
Sienna Peal
Alexis Peart
Remy Velez

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 is on break for the summer. But Sunday school will resume on the second Sunday of September (September 11) with classes for all ages. Please plan to join us!

NURSERY CARE is provided for children 0-5 during Sunday school (9:00) and worship (10:00). Today Pam Johnson is assisting with nursery care; next Sunday's nursery care will be assisted by Kaylin Blount.

FLOWERS - 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 July 9.

USHERS for this morning's service are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Jessyca Hart and David McGriff, with Martin Anim-Danso, manager. Next week's ushers are Rebecca Campbell and Victor Richards.



COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service. Host for the month of July is Curtis Johnson. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Curtis (732-422-1343).

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, July 2, is 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.



Charles and Alyce Bush thank everyone who helped them celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.



If you have food or other items in the church kitchen, refrigerator or freezer, **please remove them immediately.** The kitchen will be cleaned **this Thursday, June 29.** All leftovers will be discarded.



CHURCH CALENDAR – A copy of the WSPC calendar for July is inserted in this bulletin. Please review it and contact the Church Office with any additions or corrections **by this Wednesday, June 28**. The updated calendar will be posted in the rear hallway.

DOLLAR\$&CENTS **COUNTERS FOR JULY** are Bernadine Hines (Team Leader), Cecelia Hodges and Mildred Trotman. Counters for the Deacon’s Benevolence Offering are Shirley Satterfield, Joyce Abbott and Michelle Peal.

NEW VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES **THE USHER BOARD** needs four additional ushers. Anyone who is willing to usher three to four times a year or would like more information should contact Joan Tomlin (609-637-9646 or jotomlin@msn.com).



FOOD DONATIONS FOR CRISIS MINISTRY – The Deacons are collecting **cereals, canned meat, fish, poultry and beans** 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.



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

(as of May 31, 2006)

Total collection for property acquisition*	\$101,764.43
Total expenses*	<u>80,936.24</u>
Balance	\$20,863.19

*2004 to present