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July 9, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Celebration of God in Music and Song

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Three Gymnopédies

Satie

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to God a new song;
Sing to God, all the earth.

**People: We have come to raise our hands toward heaven.
We are here to bring our worship and praise.**

Leader: Sing to God, bless God's name;
Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

**People: Great is our God and greatly to be praised.
God is to be revered above all gods.**

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Touch us, O God, through the ministry of melody, through the sounds and senses of song, through the wordless wonder which fills our souls with heaven, through the spirit which teases our feet to dance and causes our hearts to overflow, that we might be absorbed in the mystery and magic of music, and that in this moment of oneness our lives will be bonded to each other and to you. Amen.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #476, vv. 1, 2, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: How easily we desert the one in whom we first believed! Our doubts and disobedience take us far from awareness of God. Our restlessness and rebellion cut us off from our spiritual roots and from close involvement in the family of faith. Let us return to God who is waiting to hear from us. Let us confess our sins in God's presence.

All: Almighty and ever gracious God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. We continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than clarify, hurt rather than heal, separate rather than unite. Though we are not deserving of your grace, we pray for the gift of fellowship that confirms your presence among us. Restore our fractured lives that we with one voice, may ever give you thanks and praise. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung): #370

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the revelation of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people, washed clean and empowered to begin anew. Let us accept God's gifts of spiritual health, that all brokenness may be overcome. Believe the good news of the Gospel;

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

*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!

*HYMN *Seek Ye First* #333

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 96:1-9 Pages 550-551

SPECIAL MUSIC *Badinerie* Bach
(from *Orchestral Suite #2*)

GOD'S WORD IN SONG AND MUSIC

led by Beverly Owens

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: How great you are, O God, and how generously you have blessed us!
We bring our offerings with joy and thanksgiving. May they extend a
welcome to friends and neighbors, strangers and foreigners. Let the
message we send to the world be an authentic witness to the gospel.
Bless the work we do and the ministry of others on our behalf, we
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

#538

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION

Sinfonia Concertante Andante

Mozart

* Congregation stands

** Latecomers ushered in

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 worship (10:00). Today Tracy Joseph is assisting with nursery care; next Sunday's nursery care will be assisted by Tracy Joseph.

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 16.

USHERS for this morning's service are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Martin Anim-Danso and Andrew Ojeda with Rachel Maddox, manager. Next week's ushers are Christo and Lucill Claassens.

ATTENDANCE at the service of July 2 was 66.



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 16, is 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.

**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.



REGISTER NOW FOR VBS! – VBS for children is planned for next week -- **July 17-21**, 6:00-8:30 p.m.! Registration forms are available in this bulletin and in the Narthex. **Please submit your REGISTRATION as soon as possible** so we will know how many kids will be participating.



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

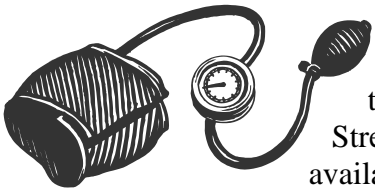
(as of May 31, 2006)

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

*2004 to present



CAMP JOHNSONBURG NEEDS HELP! – Camp Johnsonburg is looking for people of different ethnic backgrounds who might be willing to go to the camp for a day or part of a day, to share some of their experiences with campers. You can share a song, food, or anything else that will help our campers appreciate the many different cultures represented here in New Jersey. The camp also needs male counselors who can help out for a week or more this summer. Volunteers are appreciated, but you can be paid for your time. If you have a week or more available, please call Harry or James (908-852-2349).



FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS – Next Saturday, July 22, healthcare professionals from Princeton HealthCare System will be at Mt. Pisgah AME Church (170 Witherspoon Street, Princeton) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. They will be available to answer your questions about maintaining optimal health and to perform a variety of free health screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose. Free and confidential HIV testing will also be available. Flyers are available in the Narthex.