

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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July 16, 2006

10:00 a.m.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Willis

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundation of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**People: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.
Our Creator is with us in all times and places.**

Leader: God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.
See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

**People: Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!
How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!**

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. We do battle with many enemies within and among us, but you give us confidence and courage to face them. Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and the unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intended for us. Amen.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

#462

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: All of us have faltered before the lions and giants that seem ready to destroy us. Life's storms overwhelm us, and fear takes a deadly toll. Sometimes we are snared by the work of our own hands. We forget the greatest source of help and hope. In these moments together, we lay aside our doubts and fear of judgment to open our lives to God. Let us confess our sins in God's presence.

All: Help us, O God, for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves. When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired down in hopelessness and self-pity, we need you. When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some of it is also in us, we cry out for your saving mercy. We confess that it is easier to see the problems than the promise. We have been more ready to complain than to accept help. O God, we open our hearts to you. We want to be healed. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung): #389

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has listened to us. In spite of all we have done or not done, God accepts us. This is a day of salvation, when brokenness is mended, problems are seen in a new light, and fierce winds are stilled. God does not forget the cry of the afflicted. God's affection for us is limited only by our failure to respond. Accept the gift of God's love, for it is everything we need. 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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #387

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41
Psalm 107:23-30

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SPECIAL MUSIC

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Pethel

SERMON

Who Is in Control? God and Fear

Rev. Muriel Burrows

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: Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of the storm: "Peace! Be still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank you God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

#343

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION

Were You There?

arr. Barber

* 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 Millie Ponce.



FLOWERS – Flowers for today’s service were given by *Patricia May Keinhofer* in loving memory of *Oscar (father), Louise (mother), and Dennis (brother) May*. 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 23.

USHERS for this morning’s service are Christo and Lucill Claassens. Next week’s ushers are Audi and Michelle Peal.

ATTENDANCE at the service of July 9 was 81.



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 23, is 2 Samuel 7:1-14; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.



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*	80,936.24
Balance	\$20,863.19

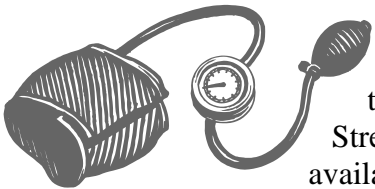
*2004 to present



REGISTER NOW FOR VBS! – VBS for children is planned for this week -- **July 17-21**, 6:00-8:00 p.m.! Registration forms are available in the Narthex. If you have not signed up yet, **please submit your REGISTRATION today** so we will know how many kids will be participating.



SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE – The Bayard Jordan Memorial Scholarship Fund awards a scholarship to a youth (12+ years old) who best represents the ideals of this African-American tennis player. The scholarship will allow a student to attend one week at the Princeton Tennis Program Training Camp at Princeton University. Information about Bayard Jordan and the scholarship fund as well as applications are available in the Narthex. Donations are greatly needed.



FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS – This 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.



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).