

# 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](mailto:wITHERSPOON@verizon.net)

Website: [www.wITHERSPOONCHURCH.ORG](http://www.wITHERSPOONCHURCH.ORG)

Rev. M. Muriel Burrows, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Louise Johnson, Director of Christian Education  
Walter Daniels, Lector

Beverly Owens, Music Director  
Amy Shortt, Interim Organist  
Brandon Gaines, Guest Bass

---

August 27, 2006

10:00 a.m.

---

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Moses Hogan

\*\*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly.

**People: We are gathered to hear his word and to open ourselves to his Spirit.**

Leader: Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

**People: We are here to help one another and to rejoice together in the goodness of the Lord.**

Leader: Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**All: Let us worship the living, loving God!**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: Gracious and ever-loving God, your presence gives us strength for each day, your compassion brightens our every moment and your word provides us with the guidance we need. Lord, help us at this time to focus on the love you have revealed. Send your Spirit upon us and fill our minds with thoughts of your goodness and our hearts with joy and thanksgiving that we may truly praise your most holy name**

**and show forth your light to all those whom we encounter this day –  
and in all the days to come. We ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*\*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Sing to the Lord*

#472

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God has called us, not to a set of beliefs but to a relationship of trust. We are drawn to the Spirit whose will for us is life at its fullest, attuned to all that is good and true. We are embraced by the gospel of peace. We come now to confess that we have looked elsewhere for salvation. Let us confess our sins in God’s presence.

**All: Alert us now, eternal Spirit, to your presence among us in this place. Together, we confess that we have been busy with so many things that we have often forgotten you. We have made little gods out of buildings and furnishings and programs. Sometimes our pet beliefs and interpretations have been all-consuming as we do battle to correct others and presume to defend you. We have forgotten that your love is stronger than any force on earth. Forgive our mistrust of its power, and draw us back into the company of disciples who are learning and growing in love. Amen.**

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

**Congregational Response (Sung):**

#362

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise,  
I'll hasten to God's throne.**

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair  
While I have breath to pray.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Happy are those who daily find their strength in the living God, seeking to walk uprightly. Happy are those who trust in God, who sincerely and truthfully seek to serve where God needs them most. God redeems us, whatever our circumstances, lifting our spirits, even when our bodies are in chains. May we serve boldly as ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Believe the good news of the Gospel;

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

\*GLORIA PATRI (kids' pink page)

#579

\*\*

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14, 16-28 Pages 304-306

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Holy City* Adams

SERMON *Who Is in Charge? God and Power* 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: Your gifts, O God, are plenteous – your love abundant – your grace all-sufficient. You give life to us and through us you seek to give life to the world around us. We pray you use these gifts we offer before you now for your life-giving work – the physical gifts that are on these plates – and the gifts of the Spirit that arise out of our hearts and minds – your care, your love, your truth and your mercy. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Now Thank We all Our God* #555

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Ave Maria* Bach/Gounod

\* 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 Michelle Peal is assisting with nursery care; next Sunday's nursery care will be assisted by Elizabeth Ferguson.

**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 September 10.

**USHERS** for this morning's service are Robert Ellis and Curtis Johnson. Next week's ushers are Tony Hawes and James Mack.

**ATTENDANCE** at the service of August 20 was 102.



**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service. Host for the month of September is Michelle Peal. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Michelle (908-369-4753).

**LECTIONARY TEXT** for next Sunday, September 3, is Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.



We thank Brandon Gaines, our guest bass, for his musical contribution to our worship service today.



**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.



**CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!** The Verse Speaking Choir will read the scripture at the next service in celebration of **250 Years of the Presbyterian Presence in Princeton** on **Sunday, September 24**, 11:00 a.m., at McCarter Theatre. We invite everyone interested to join us for this brief commitment. *We hope, especially, that youth and male members and friends will be among the volunteers.* Rehearsals will be Tuesdays, September 5, 12, and 19; and Thursdays, September 7, 14, and 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please phone Cecelia B. Hodges (609-452-2855) by **this Wednesday, August 30**, to join. Thank you!



**BIBLE AND BAGELS** – Come for bagels, coffee, and juice on **Sunday, September 10**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and hear Dr. Beverly Gaventa discuss **Questions about the New Testament: Things You Have Wondered about...** Please write down any questions you have about the New Testament and place them in the offering plate or e-mail them to Louise Johnson (louise.johnson@ptsem.edu) or the church office (witherspoon@verizon.net) **by next Sunday, September 3.**



**DISCIPLE: BIBLE STUDY FOR TRANSFORMATION** – Nassau Church invites WSPC members and friends to join them for a Disciple Bible study group from September 2006 through mid-May 2007. It is a structured, intensive 32-week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Daily Bible reading and journaling are an important part of the study. Participants explore questions designed to stimulate group discussion at weekly meetings. A study manual (\$40) and a recommended study Bible (available for purchase at a discounted price) are needed. (Scholarships based on need are available.)

- Two study groups are scheduled:
- ✦ Monday evenings, beginning **September 11**, 7:15-9:15 p.m., facilitated by Kevin Dean and Carol Wehrheim
  - ✦ Thursday mornings, beginning **September 14**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., facilitated by Joyce MacKichan.

One overnight retreat during Lent will be part of this experience. Time is taken off for holidays. A nursery will be provided to assist those with children. Flyers are available in the Narthex. Or you may contact Joyce MacKichan (609-924-0103 or joyce@nassauchurch.org) for more information.



**PICTURES NEEDED!** – Have you taken pictures during any 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration event/activity and are you willing to share them? A PowerPoint presentation is being prepared. Please send digital pictures to [diana@nassauchurch.org](mailto:diana@nassauchurch.org). Other pictures can also be used. Put them in an envelope marked with your name, telephone number and the event/activity pictured; leave them in the church office by Monday, September 11. These pictures will be returned.

**DOLLAR\$&CENTS** COUNTERS FOR SEPTEMBER are Joyce Abbott (Team Leader), Joan Tomlin and Norma Wilson. Counters for the Deacon’s Benevolence Offering are Barbara Brown, Florence Sharpless and Sam McGriff.



**CHURCH CALENDAR** – A copy of the WSPC calendar for September is inserted in this bulletin. Please review it and contact the Church Office with any additions or corrections by this Wednesday, August 30. The updated calendar will be posted in the rear hallway.



**AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTEREST BOOK GROUP** will meet at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Princeton Market Fair to discuss The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd. It is a wonderfully, moving and imaginative novel set in the period of the Civil Rights Movement. It relates the unrelenting courage of a young American girl searching for her mother while seeking to learn more about her own identity.

- **September 25** – Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age by Kevin Boyle
- **October 23** – Zadie Smith’s new novel, On Beauty, now available in paperback (This will replace Call Me by My Rightful Name which is no longer in print.)

Barbara Flythe has started listing books for January-October 2007. She welcomes suggestions and new ways to explore and enrich the thinking and discussions of the book group. If you have recommendations (paperback only), please contact Barbara Flythe (732-274-9435 or [seavy33@aol.com](mailto:seavy33@aol.com)).



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK WEEK** – Our Habitat project is in need of crew chiefs. Ideally a crew chief is familiar with the building process; however, even more important is the crew chief’s willingness to work

with the Habitat Construction Manager and then lead/direct and motivate the volunteers. Those interested must commit one Saturday per month to the project. To participate, please contact Meg Coghlan ([meg\\_coghlan@yahoo.com](mailto:meg_coghlan@yahoo.com) or 609-651-2945).



**PRAYERS FOR PEACE** – Concerned Friends (Quakers) for Peace will be gathering every Wednesday for the next month for silent prayers for peace at Tiger Park in Palmer Square in Princeton from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please share this information with interested individuals.



**CALLING ALL WOMEN!** – The first general meeting for this year sponsored by Presbyterian Women at Nassau Presbyterian Church will be held in the Assembly Room on **Monday, September 18**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Joyce MacKichan Walker will provide an overview of the Bible study theme for 2006-2007, *In the Beginning: Perspectives on Genesis*. Joyce is the author of Workshop for Leaders, a guide used by PC(USA) to help churches, presbyteries, and others introduce Bible study to groups.

All women from Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church are invited. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be provided. Bus service between Nassau Church and the Mountain Avenue parking lot will be available. The bus will leave the parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and bring attendees back to the parking lot at the conclusion of the meeting. You may contact Shuang Huang (609-683-0385) for more information.



**PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE**

(as of June 30, 2006)

Total collection for property acquisition* .....	\$143,359.43
Total expenses* .....	<u>84,313.17</u>
<b>Balance</b> .....	<b>\$59,081.26</b>

\*2004 to present