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October 1, 2006

10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Bless the name of God from day to day.

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: Let all the nations tremble before him.

People: Come Holy Spirit and bring the knowledge of God's glory.

Leader: Burn within us with the love of Christ Jesus that we may worship you in Spirit and Truth.

People: Feed us with the bread of heaven and the wine of your love.

Leader: Move us to praise your name and to live as you have commanded.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things – graft into our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and keep us in your great mercy. Meet us here, amid our concerns and our questions, our joys and our certainties, and so lead us as we call upon you that we may know your most gracious will and with our brothers and sisters around the world

this day lift up your holy name in the unity of Christ's love – that love shown to us in his life, his death, and his resurrection.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus said, *Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* Therefore, let us put to rest all those things that trouble our souls and would serve to separate us from God and one another. In faith, let us confess our sins in God's presence.

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, you who said to your apostles, *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you*, forgive our lack of faith in your word and your purposes. Pardon our belief that war and hunger are inevitable and peace is unattainable. Teach us, O Lord, that nothing in this world is to be feared more than our trust in you. Give us such confidence in your love and your care for the faithful in this life and the next that we can live out a quality of eternal life even in the midst of powers that would threaten to undo us. So may we live as a people marked by justice, vision and hope. For it is your own Holy Spirit at work in us to bring about your sovereign reign of love in this time and this place. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung):

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**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;**

**Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Therefore, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen. 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

Be Thou My Vision

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Students in grades 1-12 are dismissed for their Bible classes.**)**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Here at Thy Table

Smith

SERMON

The Gospel – an Inconvenient Truth

Rev. Muriel Burrows

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

(The Ushers and Deacons will now come forward to take up the offering for the mission and ministry of the church.)

*DOXOLOGY (kids' red page)

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: All that we give is first a gift from you, O God. It is a joy to invest in the mission of the church, both as a gathered community in this place and as a scattered people who day by day offer a cup of cold water in Christ's name to people who are thirsty. May our offering of this treasure and of our time and our talent bring you the glory and honor that you so richly deserve from us. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer (based on the Prayer of Hippolytus)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, he whom you sent to save us and redeem us, and be the messenger of your will.

People: He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things and in whom you take delight.

Leader: We praise you, O Lord, for how you sent him from heaven into the Virgin's womb, where he was conceived, and took flesh.

People: Born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, he was revealed to us as your Son.

Leader: We thank you for how, in fulfillment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering to release from suffering those who place their hope in you.

People: In doing so he won for you a holy people.

Leader: We recall, O God, how of his own free choice Jesus was handed over to his passion in order to make an end of death and to shatter the chains of the evil one and to trample underfoot the powers of hell.

People: We thank you for how he gave himself to lead us into your light, to establish the boundaries of death and to manifest the resurrection.

Words of Institution

Leader: So it is as we gather in praise and thanksgiving at this time, we remember how on the night before his passion he took bread and gave you thanks (as even now we give you thanks, O God), saying: *Take and eat: this is my body which will be broken for you.* We recall as well how, in the same manner, when the meal was over, he took the cup, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *This is my blood, which will be shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.*

People: Lord, as we have been commanded, and remembering the death and the resurrection of your Son, we offer you this bread and this cup, thankful that you have counted us worthy to serve you.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

We entreat you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church making it for us communion in the body and the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth,

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 October 8.

USHERS for this morning's service are Tony Hawes and Joan Tomlin. Next week's ushers are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Kalyet Blackwood-Chirchir and Jillian Ojeda with Ryan Velez, manager.

COMMUNION SERVERS for this morning are Uneeda Brewer-Frazier, Benjamin Colbert, Elsie McKee and Michele Minter.



COFFEE HOUR - Host for the month of October is Alyce Bush. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Alyce (609-683-5093).

ATTENDANCE at the service of September 17 was 122.

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, October 8, is Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

DOLLAR\$&CENTS **COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER** are James Frederick (Team Leader), Rolston Gaiter and Briallen Hopper. Counters for the Deacon's Benevolence Offering are Michelle Peal, Doris Burrell and Sammie McGriff.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! – Volunteers are needed to assist **Connie Campbell** with transportation to and from her cancer treatments at Princeton Hospital starting next week and continuing for approximately seven weeks. Those who can help should contact Connie (609-924-5267) or call Deacon Michelle Peal (908-369-4753).



THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION – As your representatives to the 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee, we express our sincerest thanks and appreciation for your support. Your willingness to serve as volunteers, participants and contributors to the many activities was inspirational and encouraging. It was a true example of collaboration through faith. We are proud to be associated with the Witherspoon family and we

look forward to working with you and our “Partners in Faith” into the next century. Yours in Christ, Ben Colbert, Barbara Flythe, Cecelia Hodges, Shirley Satterfield and Janet Dickerson Stephens



CALLING ALL RINGERS! – There will be a brief meeting for anyone interested in joining the Handbell Choir Ministry. Please meet with Leslie Young and former bell ringers in the sanctuary after worship service **today**. Novice or experienced music readers are welcome. Detailed information regarding rehearsal schedule will be given out at the meeting.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS – Those who want to become members of, affiliate with, or learn more about Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church are invited to a *New Member Class* at the manse (453 Walnut Lane) **next Saturday, October 14**, at 9:00 a.m. Pastry and coffee will be provided for those who **confirm** their plans to attend. Contact Rev. Burrows for details (609-924-1666 or mburr45@verizon.net).



BIBLE AND BAGELS – Come one, come all! Come for bagels, coffee, and juice on **Sunday, October 22**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and hear Dr. Kevin Dean, Associate Professor of Speech Communication at West Chester University. His topic will be *Religion and Presidential Politics*.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – A Congregational Meeting has been called and will immediately follow the service on **Sunday, October 22**. Everyone is urged to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to elect elders and deacons for 2007.



Nursery volunteers are needed!

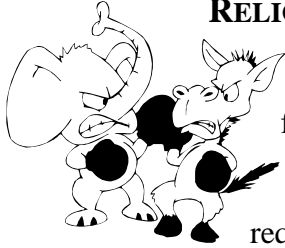
There is a sign up sheet in the nursery.
Or you may contact Pam Johnson (poncejoh@yahoo.com) or Anne Blackwood-Chirchir (aydbc@yahoo.com).



FOOD DONATIONS FOR CRISIS MINISTRY – The Deacons are collecting nourishing food for the Crisis Ministry. *****NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE.***** 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.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK WEEK – Our Habitat for Humanity project needs your help. To participate, please contact Meg Coghlan (609-651-2945 or meg_coghlan@yahoo.com).

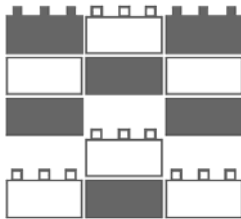


RELIGION AND POLITICS – *God and Politics*, a five-part series exploring the intersection of religion and American politics, will be held on five consecutive **Tuesdays** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The first session was held last Tuesday. Subsequent sessions are listed below. Offered by Princeton Theological Seminary’s Center of Continuing Education, these events are open to the public and require registration; cost is \$15 per event. The goal is to foster discussion on how people’s notion of God shape the political climate in America. For more information, call 609-497-7990 or register at www.ptsem.edu/ce.

- October 3 *God and Political Discourse* with PTS Professor Nancy Duff
- October 10 *God and the Media* with NBC News vice president Alexandra Wallace
- October 17 *God and War* with Dr. Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup Pool
- October 24 *God and International Relations* with Amb. Robert Seiple, former Ambassador-at-Large for Religious Freedom under President Clinton



PRINCETON COMMUNITY HOUSING, of which Witherspoon Church is a sponsoring organization, is now taking applications for residency at Harriet Bryan House for one-bedroom apartments for those 62 years and over. Harriet Bryan House will be located at 310 Elm Road in Princeton. You may call K. M. Light Real Estate (609-683-8858) to have an application mailed or pick up one at 245 Nassau Street, Princeton. Applications must be postmarked or received by **Saturday, October 7, 2006**.



DIALOGUE ABOUT RACE RELATIONS – The Princeton YWCA will host a sustained dialogue on race relations in New Jersey. Moderated by Princeton Human Services, these study circles will meet in the Bramwell House Living Room from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. on the following **Tuesdays**: October 10, 24, November 14, 28. Both curriculum and video will guide conversations about racial issues that affect residents of the greater Princeton area. There is no fee. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. For details, please call 609-497-2100, x 307.



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE
(as of June 30, 2006)

Total collection for property acquisition*	\$143,359.43
Total expenses*	84,313.17
Balance	\$59,081.26

*2004 to present