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October 15, 2006

10:00 a.m.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Prayer

Sherman

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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: Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

**People: We have a high priest
who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses.**

Leader: He has been tempted in every way, just as we are,
yet was without sin.

**People: Therefore, he is able to save completely
those who come to God through him,
because he always lives to intercede for them.**

Leader: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous mercy and love
comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to
acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve
you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Hear our words of praise and the prayers of our hearts and grant that we may have peace in our lives and be ones who reveal your peace to the world around us. Amen.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#288

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We are invited to reflect on the wrongs we have done, the good we have neglected and the motives that underlie our behavior. What are the idols that attract us, the responsibilities we seek to avoid, the schemes by which we pursue selfish advantages? God knows, but we need to recognize and confess them. Let us confess our sins in God's presence.

All: God of all mercy, you have planted within us a desire to pursue justice and righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our "toys" than with your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our possessions bring no fulfillment. We return to you, loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from you. Save us from ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung):

#391

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When we allow God to touch us, our resentments are melted down, our fears are defeated, our failures are forgiven. God raises us from death to new life, from helplessness to hope, from arrogant self-seeking to humble service. Enter into the joy of true worship. 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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION Stewardship Benjamin Colbert

READING *The Creed of Goodness* Verse Speaking
by Marcus Garvey Choir

*HYMN *Seek Ye First* #333

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:17-31 Page 46

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Lord, Fix Me* Wilson

SERMON *Have Cake and Eat It Too?* 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: O God, with you all things are possible. Teach us how you would have us follow you in true discipleship. We offer you these gifts, and we offer ourselves, to be remade in your image and blessed in your service. Grant us the power of your Spirit that we may truly be the body of Christ in this place – our earthly home. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* #285

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

- * 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 FOR ALL AGE GROUPS! Adults will meet on their own schedule each month in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. All other Sunday school classes for students in grades 1-12 begin immediately after the children’s message in morning worship. (A nursery is available for children in preschool and kindergarten.)

NURSERY CARE is provided for children 0-5 beginning at 9:45 a.m. Today Elizabeth Ferguson is assisting with nursery care; next Sunday’s nursery care will be assisted by Melissa Moore.



FLOWERS – Flowers for today’s service were given by *Cecelia B. Hodges* in memory of *her beloved friend, Clara O. Cunningham, and her beloved sister-in-law, Mary Delgado Drewry, both of whom passed away on the same day a year ago.* 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 22.

USHERS for this morning’s service are Kim and Terry McEwen. Next week’s ushers are Pauline Brown and Chester Holland.



COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning’s worship service. Host for the month of October is Alyce Bush. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Alyce (609-683-5093).



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK – Mark 10:17-31

- † Besides receiving a reward in heaven, Jesus said, givers will receive a reward now. What happens to you when you give?
- † Think of people you know who give all the time. What are they like?
- † Which is the problem: possessions or clinging to possessions?
- † Can this be a stumbling block to a poor person as well as a wealthy person?
- † Could it be a stumbling block to the church?

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, October 22, is Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.



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.



REMINDER FOR ALL MEN! – Join other men for the breakfast meeting at Nassau Church **this Friday, October 20**, at 7:30 a.m. Dr. Tony Broccoli, professor at Rutgers University, will talk about challenges and issues related to global warming. This meeting will continue the dialogue and fellowship begun last year. The next breakfast meeting will be held at Witherspoon on Friday, November 17.



BIBLE AND BAGELS – Come one, come all for bagels, coffee, and juice **next 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 **next Sunday, October 22**. Everyone is urged to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to elect elders and deacons for 2007.



NOONTIME RECITAL SERIES RESUMES – You are invited to the *Noontime Recital Series* on **Wednesday, November 1**, at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary. This recital is free and will feature *Trio Pasional* (www.triopasional.com). A light lunch will follow. Flyers are available in the narthex for you to share

with your family, friends and acquaintances.



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).



El Porvenir

CLEAN WATER FOR NICARAGUA – Today at 7:00 p.m., in the Thomas Room at Trinity Church, Dr. Hernaldo Lara, Director of *El Porvenir*, will talk about the efforts of poor Nicaraguan villagers to organize themselves in order to secure clean water and sanitary facilities. Since 1989, *El Porvenir* has supported over 600 water well and sanitation projects benefiting over 50,000 individuals in Cuidad Dario Province, Nicaragua. You may contact Rev. David McAlpin (908-359-4442) for more information.



CAREER SEMINAR – Attention students (and their parents) who are thinking about career choices! You are invited to a student career seminar **this Friday, October 20**, at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. A light supper will be served. Career choice presentations will be made by professionals in their field with group discussions to follow. Contact Shirley Satterfield for details and registration.



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

(as of June 30, 2006)

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

*2004 to present