

# Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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November 26, 2006

10:00 a.m.

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## Christ the King Sunday

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

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT

*Amazing Grace*

Chime Choir

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### WORDS OF WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Friends, today is both the end and climax of the Christian year. Today, we indulge ourselves in a holy nonsense which is in fact the most beautiful truth: we celebrate the festival of Christ the King. He had no troops and built no palace, yet his rule is now boundless. He had no throne and wore no crown, yet as a king he is on his own. The truth, grace and peace of Christ the King be with you all!

**People:** **And also with you.**

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

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

**All:** **O God, we praise and adore you. You are truly without beginning or ending – your reign is eternal and your being all-powerful, and yet you chose to reveal your power in the most powerless and vulnerable manner – as a baby. As you shared our humanity in Jesus, you gave the world a new understanding of power. We know now that power is not to be used to dominate, but to serve others as Christ did. He transformed the love of power by the power of love. We gather today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of your Spirit. We offer this prayer of gratitude for these blessings in the name of Jesus, our Servant King. Amen.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Come my friends and let us apply to the throne of grace, where more forgiveness awaits us than this world could ever contain. Let us pray. Humble king of love, your grace reaches through races and nations, neither favoring the righteous nor despising the uncouth; Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

Leader: Humble king of love, your hopes for us are not deterred by human rebelliousness, indifference or ignorance; Christ have mercy.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Humble king of love, you find us in our wandering and save us from all that would cut us off from the light of God; Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

**God of maximum mercies, we confess our sins to you, knowing that you see our need much better than we do. Please forgive not only the sins we recognize, but also the many to which the culture in which we live may have blinded us. Uncover any private subterfuge, reprove our compliance with community evil, and bring us again into the blessed condition of grace. Through Christ Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

**Congregational Response (Sung):**

#144

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne!  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by His blood.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of God, it is not your fate to carry loads of guilt, or to be obsessed with painstaking yet vain self-justifications. There is no one who pardons more completely than our God, and no Savior whose peace is sweeter than that of our Christ. Receive into your heart and mind the rejuvenating life of the Holy Spirit. Amen! Believe the good news of the Gospel;

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

\*GLORIA PATRI (kids' pink page)

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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 *He Is the King of Kings* #153

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
(\*\*Students in grades 1-12 are dismissed for their Bible classes.\*\*)

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Lord Is So Good* Young Voices  
of Faith

SERMON *One World, Two Kingdoms* 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: Eternal God, with cheerful voices and thankful hearts, we offer to you these gifts and our lives. May Christ the King rule in our hearts so that we are powerful witnesses to the truth of your kingdom of love, justice and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #151

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Musical Offering* Leslie Young  
Flute

\* Congregation stands  
\*\* Latecomers ushered in

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WELCOME** - The Pastor, Elders and Deacons of Witherspoon welcome most warmly all worshippers. 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 or witherspoon@verizon.net).



**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.)

**USHERS** for this morning's service are Audiway and Michelle Peal. Next week's ushers are Rebecca Campbell and Victor Richards.



**FLOWERS** – Flowers for today's service were given by *Elizabeth Zingg* in loving memory of *Halchen and Wherry Zingg*. 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 December 10.



**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service. Host for the month of December is Vicki Meisel. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Vicki (609-637-9417).



### **FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK – John 18:33-37**

- ✠ What truth did Jesus reveal about God in his life, death and resurrection?
- ✠ To whom was the message revealed?
- ✠ Why was “King of the Jews” written in the three world languages of that time?
- ✠ What do you think King Jesus demands of the people in his kingdom?
- ✠ What does he require of you?
- ✠ Could testifying to the truth have some difficult consequences for you at times? Explain.

**LECTIONARY TEXT** for next Sunday, December 3, is Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.



**DEEPEST SYMPATHY** – The Witherspoon community expresses its deepest sympathy to Louise Driver and her family upon the recent passing of her aunt.



**COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER** are Terry McEwen (Team Leader), Anthony Bullet, Christo Claassens, Pamela Espenshade, Ruppert Hawes, Audrey Mack and Paul Stephens. Counters for the Deacon's Benevolence Offering are Joyce Abbott, Vicki Meisel and Doris Burrell.



**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** – The Stewardship Committee thanks Witherspoon members who have submitted pledge cards. We are still collecting! Please give your pledge card to any member of the Stewardship Committee.



**ADVENT FAMILY ACTIVITY PACKETS** – December 3 is the first Sunday of Advent. Louise Johnson has prepared Advent Family Activity Packets which are available in the Narthex. Please pick up one for your family from the ushers.



**CHRISTMAS AT WITHERSPOON** – Our annual *Christmas at Witherspoon* concert will be held on **Saturday, December 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will feature the Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus, Chime Choir, Verse Speaking Choir, Jubilante Trio, and Young Voices of Faith in festive music of the season. A free-will offering will be taken. Please join us in celebration of our Lord's nativity.



**A BLUE CHRISTMAS** – On **Saturday, December 16**, we will have *A Blue Christmas* – a special worship service for those mourning or otherwise “blue” – who have lost someone and wish to remember them at this time. The service will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a soup and bread dinner. The dinner and service will be informal and held in the Fellowship Hall. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a memento (e.g. picture, piece of jewelry, etc.) to remember their loved one; this will be placed on a table during the service. For more information, please contact Rev. Burrows.



**CHURCH CALENDAR** – A copy of the WSPC calendar for December is inserted in this bulletin. Please review it and contact the Church Office with any additions or corrections **by this Wednesday, November 29**. The updated calendar will be posted in the rear hallway.



**KWANZAA AT WITHERSPOON** – Join us for the *Kwanzaa Celebration* on **Friday, December 29**, at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. We are planning for a very exciting event. Anyone who has new ideas or is interested in helping may contact: Barbara Flythe (732-274-9435), Grace Kimbrough (609-386-1410), and Shirley Satterfield (609-924-2010). The event is again being sponsored by the Junior Usher Ministry and the Peacemaking and Social Justice Team.



**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](mailto:meg_coghlan@yahoo.com)).



**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