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January 14, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Total Praise

Smallwood

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WORDS OF WELCOME AND 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: Praise the Lord, all peoples on earth!
Praise God's glorious Name!

**People: Come into God's Temple!
Come to God in awe!**

Leader: Say to the nations: *The Lord is King! He's our right Judge!*

**People: Be glad you earth, you sky.
Roar, you sea and every creature in you!**

Leader: Be glad, you fields and everything in you!

**People: Be glad all the earth because our God rules the world with justice
and fairness.**

Leader: God's mercy is new every morning.
God's love is everlasting.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: Gracious and Generous God, your Living Word gives us Light for our
Path, your Spirit provides us Strength for our Journey, and your
Love binds us together and makes us whole. We praise and we thank
you this day for your many mercies. Help us as we come before you at**

this time to open our hearts and minds to you, and to claim for ourselves – and for all your people – those things you have stored up for us. Cleanse us from those things which hinder us from knowing and doing your will and grace us with your presence so that we may render to you the worship you so richly deserve. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#142

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Sing: *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Leader: As we sing about the Spirit of God falling fresh on us, we pray for forgiveness when our words and actions are shaped and molded by other than the Holy Spirit. For the times when we have used the gifts of your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather than using them to serve others

People: **Forgive us, O God.**

*** SILENT REFLECTION ***

All Sing: *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Leader: When our use of your gifts has led to division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity

People: **Forgive us, O God.**

*** SILENT REFLECTION ***

All Sing: *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Leader: For believing one gift to be superior to another rather than celebrating the various ways in which they complement each other and build up the whole community

People: **Forgive us, O God.**

*** SILENT REFLECTION ***

All Sing: *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Leader: The Holy Spirit enables us to confess Jesus as Lord and in so doing, we are acknowledging our total allegiance to and love for Jesus.

People: **Merciful God, forgive any lack of commitment by us to love as Jesus loved and to serve as he served.**

Leader: Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our worship, witness and service may reflect our unity and the faithful use of our diverse gifts. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The good news is that God has continued to love and save us (Psalm 36:10) in and through Jesus – whom we confess as Savior and

Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe these words of grace: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: 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!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (see insert)

*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* #442

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Page 174
Exodus 35:20-29 Page 82
Cortné Edmonds

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Price/Besig

SERMON *Goose Sense* 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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: Receive and bless these gifts, O God, which we bring in response to the many gifts with which you have blessed us. As you graciously bestow these varying gifts upon us, so may we as graciously use them to serve others, and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Take My Life* #391

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

That's How Good God Is

McIntyre

- * 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 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.)

NURSERY CARE is provided for children 0-5 beginning at 9:45 a.m. Today Desiree Gaiter is assisting with nursery care; next Sunday's nursery care will be assisted by Pam Johnson.

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 January 21.

USHERS for this morning's service are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Jonathan Colbert and Williams Edmonds with Isaiah Edmonds, manager. Next week's ushers are Pamela Espenshade and Michele Minter.



COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service. Host for the month of January is Doris Burrell. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Doris (609-924-2296).

ATTENDANCE at the service of January 7 was 108.

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, January 21, is Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21.



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.



2007 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – The *Annual Congregational Meeting* will immediately follow the service on **Sunday, January 28**. Everyone is urged to attend. ***Please note*** that all committee chairs and ministry leaders should **submit their reports** for inclusion in the Annual Report to the church office **today** to allow adequate time for preparation. Your assistance is appreciated.



MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held at Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church **tomorrow** at 7:00 p.m. This annual service is sponsored by the Princeton Clergy Association. Rev. Dr. Stacy Johnson will preach. He is the Arthur M. Adams Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary.

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at THIS!**

ATTENTION ALL ELDERS WHO SERVE THE CHURCH AT PRESBYTERY, SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY – please tell the church secretary (witherspoon@verizon.net or 609-924-1666) the office and capacity in which you serve as soon as possible so this information can be included in the Annual Congregational Report.



Trenton Area
**Habitat
for Humanity**®

ATTENTION WSPC VOLUNTEERS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – The joint WSPC/Nassau Presbyterian Church project continues to need volunteers. It is not too late for you to support this important effort. There is a critical need for crew chiefs for the remaining Saturdays in January, February and early March. **CAN YOU PLEASE COMMIT OR RECOMMIT TO OUR PROJECT FOR THE FEW WEEKS LEFT? CONTACT MEG COGLAN (609-651-2945 OR 609-921-1050, X138) AND LET HER KNOW WHICH DAYS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HELP.** Volunteers who have not received Habitat T-shirts may contact Barbara Flythe (732-274-9435 or seavy33@aol.com).



NOONTIME RECITAL SERIES – Come one, come all! Enjoy the music of Lin Wang, cellist, at the *Noontime Series* in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, February 7**, at 12:00 noon. A light lunch will follow. This recital is free, however donations are always welcome. Flyers will soon be available in the narthex for you to share with your family, friends and acquaintances.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – On Super Bowl Sunday, **February 4**, our youth will join with young people all over the nation in helping to raise money for local soup kitchens. Witherspoon members and friends are asked to bring canned goods plus \$1. Canned goods can be placed in the designated basket at the front of the sanctuary during the offering. As you leave the sanctuary, youth will

be standing at the doors with soup pots to collect your dollars. Our collection will go to the Crisis Ministry. Last year Souper Bowl of Caring raised over \$5 million for soup kitchens around the country from over 11,000 different organizations. On Sunday, January 28, the Junior Usher Ministry will tell you more about this opportunity to share with those in need.



NASSAU AT SIX VESPER SERVICE WITH DINNER – Members and friends of the Witherspoon are invited to attend a Vesper Service at Nassau Presbyterian Church **next Sunday, January 21**, starting at 6:00 p.m. This service will be in the form of scriptures and readings that are interspersed with hymns, spirituals and gospel songs played by Jerry Rife’s Rhythm Kings Jazz Band. A post-performance dinner with the artists begins at 7:00 p.m. by reservation. Cost of the dinner is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Child care for infants through preschool is available by reservation only. To reserve dinner and/or child care, please call the Nassau Church office (609-924-0103) by noon on Wednesday, January 17.

Per Capita for 2007 is \$21.24 (per person).