

# Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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June 3, 2007

10:00 a.m.

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## Trinity Sunday

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

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT

*Give Me Jesus*

Harlan

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### CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON PSALM 8

Leader: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: All creation throbs with your glory.**

Leader: Your glory is revealed in the vast reaches of the universe;

**People: In the twinkling stars reflected in the wondering eyes and simple songs of little children.**

Leader: Compared with your awesome power, O God, our lives would seem insignificant if we did not know how deeply you care for us and for all of creation.

**People: You chose to honor humanity by giving us the responsibility of caring for all of your wonderful creation.**

Leader: O God, how majestic and wonderful is your name in all the earth!

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

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All: Awesome and majestic God, we praise you for creating the wondrous heights and depths of heaven and earth with wisdom dancing at your side, delighting in the diversity of the whole human race. Your creative power, your glory and holiness astound us. Yet you chose to link your life with ours in a most personal way – by sharing our humanity. In Jesus Christ you revealed the human face of your power, your glory and your love. Again astounding us, you equip us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings, through the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

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\*OPENING HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, creator of all the wonders which make up this world...  
When we treat our part of the world as a commodity to be used rather than a gift to be cherished;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we fail to care for and protect this lovely land, with its mountains and ancient rock formations; its oceans, rivers and lakes; its unique flora and fauna;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ...  
When we fail to live out the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we judge a person by the color of their skin, by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as persons loved and accepted by you;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth...  
When we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity or our abuse of ethical and moral principles;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: God – Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit – fill us anew with your creative power that we may be reborn in your image, glorifying you in and through who we are, and what we say and do in Jesus' name. As Jesus' disciples and in his name we pray. Amen.

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

**Congregational Response (Sung):**

*Father, I Adore You*  
(see insert)

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: *...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us* and God's love for us is demonstrated in this: *while we still were sinners Christ died for us* (Romans 5:5,8 NRSV). The good news, therefore, is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: 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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455

SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 8:1-6, 22-31 Pages 590-591  
John 16:12-24 Pages 110-111

SPECIAL MUSIC *Pie Jesu* Webber

SERMON *1 + 1 + 1 = 1* Rev. Muriel Burrows

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

*(Please note that the Ushers will take the weekly tithes and offerings –  
followed immediately by the Deacons who will take  
the monthly offering for their particular ministry.  
Please hold your Deacons' offering and put it into the second plate.)*

## OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (kids' red page) #592

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All: Holy God, we give thanks for the many ways in which you touch and  
bless our lives. Your holiness inspires us to be more holy; your love  
causes us to be more loving; your life in us brings to birth dreams and  
visions for a better and more just world. We offer these gifts and our  
lives in thankfulness for all you have done and are doing in our lives.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is right that we should always give thanks to you, O God for making  
your love evident since the very beginning of time when you spoke the  
word which brought the world into being.

We give thanks that you are not distant God, but one prepared to respond to the cries of those seeking refuge and strength in times of trouble. You eased their fears by speaking words of hope and justice to them through the prophets.

You communicated your love anew by entering our history in the person of Jesus Christ. He spoke words of healing and wholeness and love; love – which like yours – is unending and unconditional. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we rejoice before you and praise your holy name saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, O God, we give thanks that you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth and the life. At his baptism in the Jordan, your Spirit came upon him, declaring him to be your beloved Son. With your Spirit within him, he resisted temptation; proclaiming justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight for the blind, and liberty for those who are oppressed. He emptied himself of self-serving power, and filled with the empowering love of your Spirit, he loved people to the uttermost limits of love, giving himself over to death to defeat the power of evil.

On that never-to-be-forgotten night, the night of his betrayal, as he sat at the table with his friends, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: *Take, eat, this is my body, given for you.* When supper was over, he took the cup, gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said: *Drink from this all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.*

On that never-to-be-forgotten day when you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread; and in the power of your Holy Spirit your people have continued in the breaking of the bread and in prayer. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Remembering his death and resurrection, and his promise to be with us always, we pray that you will send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, blessing this sharing of bread and wine, Christ's life in us. Send us as your witnesses into all the world, empowered by your Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord in whose name we are bold to pray, *Our Father....*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.  
These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

**The Distribution**

HYMNS *Become to Us the Living Bread* #500  
*I Come with Joy* #507

**Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God, we praise, worship and adore you for the food received at your table. You have sent your Holy Spirit among us to make our eating and drinking here a memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ. We go from here, strengthened, refreshed, and empowered by your Spirit to make our living and working, our loving and doing and thinking, a true and joyful memorial of him. We look to that day when, with the great company of witnesses that surround us, we may eat and drink and be glad with him in the glory of your kingdom. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN *Holy, Holy* #140

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *That's How Good God Is* McIntyre

\* Congregation stands  
\*\* Latecomers ushered in

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**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** is on break for the summer. But Sunday school will resume on the second Sunday of September (September 9) with classes for all ages. Please plan to join us!

**NURSERY CARE** is provided for children 0-5 beginning at 9:45 a.m. This morning Pam Johnson 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 June 24.

**USHERS** for this morning's service are Rebecca Campbell and Victor Richards. Next week's ushers are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Isaiah Edmonds and Jessyca Hart with Sianna Peal, manager.

**COMMUNION SERVERS** for this morning are Addison Driver, Louise Driver, Kim McEwen and Terry McEwen.



**COFFEE HOUR** – There is no Coffee Hour today. However, the host for the month of June is Shirley Satterfield. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Shirley (609-924-2010).

**ATTENDANCE** at the service of May 27 was 84.



### **QUESTIONS AND GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – JOHN 16:12-15**

(Questions on Sunday's readings for use by discussion groups, prayer groups, or for individual prayer.)

Today's gospel continues with Jesus' advice and instructions to the disciples at the Last Supper. He promises that the Spirit will be there to guide his followers to the truth. The Spirit will speak in Jesus' name, just as Jesus speaks in the Father's name. Each of these three Persons in one God belongs to the other. We call this mystery of God's identity the Blessed Trinity. We often use a triangle as a symbol for the Trinity. Each side is equal, and each of the three sides makes one triangle. In the Trinity, all three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are equal. Each one is God, yet one is not "more God" than the other. Together, they are one God. Saint Patrick used a shamrock to describe the Trinity. A shamrock is one plant with three leaves.

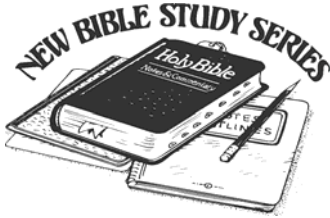
- ✠ Can you think of or design a symbol or sign that helps you relate to the Trinity?
- ✠ What (or who) is the Holy Spirit anyway?
- ✠ How can I be sure the Holy Spirit is with me?
- ✠ Is the voice within me, the Holy Spirit or my own wishes?

**LECTIONARY TEXT** for next Sunday, June 10, is 1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17.

**DOLLAR\$&CENTS** **COUNTERS FOR JUNE** are Terry McEwen (Team Leader), Pamela Espenshade, Tony Hawes, and Paul Stephens. Counters for the Deacon's Benevolence Offering are Doris Burrell, Michelle Peal and Valerie Smith.



**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.



**COME TO THE BIBLE STUDY!** – The WSPC Presbyterian Women’s Association is sponsoring a Bible study. The group will meet on **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.** at the church. They will be using Horizon Bible study materials, curriculum developed by the Presbyterian Women’s Group PC(USA): *Above and Beyond: Hearing God’s Call in Jonah and Ruth*. The authors of this study are Carol M. Bechtel, Western Theological Seminary, and Joyce MacKichan Walker, Nassau Presbyterian Church. The first meeting was May 23. There are nine lessons for the study, and the group has decided to meet through the summer months. Group discussion leaders will rotate. Bible study materials will be ordered for interested participants and copies will be available at the meetings. People interested in joining may begin by reading the Books of Jonah and Ruth in the Old Testament. For other details, contact Norma Wilson (732-398-0840).



**MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will immediately follow the service on **Sunday, June 24**. Everyone is urged to attend. **\*Please note\*** that committee chairs and group leaders should have their reports to the church office **by next Sunday, June 10**, to allow adequate time to prepare mid-year reports for distribution. Your assistance is appreciated.



**ARE YOU READY TO SOAR?** – Please save **July 16-20** for Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year will be *Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God*. *Lift Off!* is where “Sky Scouts” will experience the panoramic view of God’s love and launch into action serving others. More information will be forthcoming. If you are willing to help, please contact Elizabeth Ferguson (609-273-5985 or eliferg@gmail.com) or Pam Johnson (732-236-9042 or poncejoh@yahoo.com).



**FROM THE SECRETARY** – I will begin my summer schedule on June 11, working primarily from home until school begins (September 5). Please **refer to the bulletin each week** (under “This Week at Witherspoon”) for the hours I plan to be available at my home office. You may leave messages at the church office (609-924-1666) or call me directly at 609-581-1952. This line is dedicated to WSPC use and is equipped with an answering machine. I will check church e-mail daily ([witerspoon@verizon.net](mailto:witerspoon@verizon.net)). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I appreciate your flexibility as we make necessary adjustments and will work with you.

**\*\*\*I WILL BE OUT-OF-TOWN JUNE 14-20.\*\*\*** Please submit requests, reports, etc., as soon as possible so they can be completed in a timely manner.