

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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July 8, 2007

10:00 a.m.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Preaching Series: The Ten Commandments

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

On Wings of Song

Mendelssohn

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CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON 1 PETER 2:9-10)

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: We are chosen by God so that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him
who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

People: Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God.

Leader: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

**People: As servants of God, live as free people, doing all that God asks of
you, knowing that as you worship him and call on his name he will
provide for your every need and keep you safe in his arms.**

Leader: God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, his righteousness endures
forever. Hallowed be his name. Amen.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: Lord God – we thank you for bringing us together to this holy place to
worship you and to pray and sing and to hear your word. Instruct us,
we pray, with wisdom and lift up our hearts by your Spirit that we
may worthily magnify your name and walk in the way of your son,
Christ Jesus our Lord, our brother, and our hope. We pray for your**

blessing – for your peace and for your strength – that we may be instruments of your healing and saving love and be overflowing vessels of your saving power. Hear our prayer and visit us in this hour. We ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

#469

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: When Peter said that he would lay down his life for Jesus, he was probably sure that we could carry his promise out. When the time of his testing arrived, however, he failed to live up to his promise. There are times in our lives when we make promises also, believing that we can and will keep them. We acknowledge that we fail also.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we want to serve you faithfully and to follow you wholeheartedly and sometimes we make promises and fail to keep them. We pray for your forgiveness...for the words left unspoken in your name...

People: For people not visited...

Leader: For prejudices still not broken down...

People: For reconciliation not pursued...

Leader: For our neglect of those who suffer from hunger and poverty...

People: For leaving sick and lonely people with needs unmet...

Leader: For our lack of interest or involvement in passing faith on to young people.... As we acknowledge and wrestle with failure, we remember that Simon Peter failed also. And yet he was lovingly commissioned by Jesus to go forward – failures and all – to feed and nourish people with the gospel. Lord Jesus Christ, our failures are laid out before you in the belief that you know and understand and forgive our weaknesses. Help us to remain faithful in the midst of the priorities thrust upon us by work and school, health and mobility, family and friends.... This we pray in your name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung):

#276

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Words by Thomas Obediah Chisholm. Music by William Marion Runyan. CCLI# 498673

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God turns our mourning into dancing and clothes us with joy through Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slaughtered and by whose blood we were ransomed (based on Psalm 30:11 and Revelation 5:9). So hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are understood, we are loved, we are forgiven. To him – the Lamb who was slain – be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen! (Revelation 5:13b)

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!

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#403

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:8-11
Marquis McEwen

Page 66

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sonata in C

Mozart

SERMON

*The Sabbath –
the Meaning of Time*

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: Jesus, Savior and Lord, we thank you for strengthening us in faith by feeding and nourishing us with your risen life. Bless these gifts which we offer in response to your sacrificial giving of yourself to us. Bless each of our lives as we respond to your challenge to follow you, sharing your love and life with others. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#387

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Traumerei

Schumann

* 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 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!

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 July 15.

USHERS for this morning's service are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Jasmine McEwen and Rachel Maddox with David McGriff, manager. Next week's ushers are Vicki Meisel and Maria Potts.

ATTENDANCE at the service of July 1 was 91.



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

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, July 15, is Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.



REGISTER NOW FOR VBS! – Are you planning to come to Vacation Bible School **July 16-20**? 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. The evening begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and includes a Bible story and activities, concluding at 8:00. Registration forms are available in the bulletin and in the Narthex. **Please submit your REGISTRATION**

as soon as possible so we will know how many kids will be participating. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ferguson (609-273-5985 or eliferg@gmail.com) or Pam Johnson (732-236-9042 or poncejoh@yahoo.com).



WSPC HANDBELL CHOIR is preparing for a special concert on **Sunday, October 21**, to dedicate our handbells. Sacred and secular music will be performed. We are seeking new and old members who would like to join/rejoin the Handbell Choir for this special event. As always, you do not have to know how to read music to become part of this ministry. If you are curious about ringing and would like to learn a new skill, please join us this summer on July 8, 22 and 29 and August 12 and 26 after Sunday worship

service. A children’s chime choir is being formed for grades 4-12. Please contact Leslie Young (cmusique@comcast.net or 609-895-0509) for more information about joining the WSPC Handbell or Chime Choir ministries.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES! – Summer has just started, but it’s not too early to think about school supplies for area children. The Equal Start donation of backpacks, paper, pens, pencils and notebooks will begin in August. This is an early notice asking the Witherspoon community for a contribution of the above-mentioned items. Collection of your donations will be received until August 20. See Rebecca Campbell for details.



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.



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

(as of April 30, 2007)

Total collection for property acquisition*	\$176,043
Total expenses*	<u>123,477</u>
Balance	\$ 52,566

*2004-2007

This Week at Witherspoon

Today	Finance Committee (112 Witherspoon Street)	Following Worship
	Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)	Following Worship
Wednesday	Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship – Rev. Burrows to Preach	10:00 a.m.
	Deacon Board (Meeting Room)	Following Worship



Home Office Hours for Phyllis Rich, Secretary (609-581-1952)
 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9:30-12:30