

# Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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July 22, 2007

10:00 a.m.

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Summer Preaching Series: The Ten Commandments

*You shall not murder.*

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

#### PRELUDE

#### INTROIT

*He Looked Beyond My Fault*

Londonderry

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP: BASED ON PSALM 52

Leader: Those who put their trust in other than God will easily be influenced by the power of evil;

**People: But those who put their trust in God discover that the steadfast love of God lasts forever.**

Leader: In the presence of your faithful people, O God, we proclaim your name, for it is good.

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

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Leader: Eternal God, we meet to celebrate your great and steadfast love and to worship you as the source of all life. We praise you for gathering us together to hear and to respond to your word for us, both here in worship and in all the hours following. We give thanks for the prophets of old who pointed to the connection between the hearing of your word within worship and the response to your word among the poor and the needy. Hearing you took on a new clarity when your Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. Jesus communicated your concern for the disadvantaged in person as he shared and lifted the burdens and suffering of people.

**All:** Help us, therefore, in this time of worship to listen deeply with our hearts and minds, so that our lives proclaim our identity as the people of God, and as disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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\*OPENING HYMN

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#466

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that the distractions and busyness of our lives make it difficult to listen deeply to your voice.

**People:** **Transform our priorities so that we make space in our lives to be quiet and listen to you.**

**Leader:** Jesus, seeker of the lost, we confess to becoming so shaped by the values of this age that your call on our lives is increasingly hard to hear.

**People:** **Transform our values so that they are shaped by your concern for the unloved and unlovely, and for the weak and powerless in our society.**

**Leader:** Jesus, friend of the poor, we confess that too often any mission and outreach planning is weighed against economic viability.

**People:** **Transform our thinking so that we risk believing that all things are held together, not by the bottom financial line, but by you.**

**Leader:** Jesus, bearer of reconciliation, we confess that all too often in our faith communities, we harbor thoughts which estrange and make us hostile towards one another.

**People:** **Transform our hearts so that we are filled with the desire to forgive one another and to make peace.**

**Leader:** Jesus, source of our faith, we confess that we forget all too quickly the words we say, and pray, and sing, in our time of worship.

**People:** **Transform our lives so that they remain connected to you at all times and in all places.**

**Leader:** Jesus, Savior, and Lord – may the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you; the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours. This we pray in your name. Amen.

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

**Congregational Response (Sung):**

#303

**Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the heaven guide; O receive my soul at last!**

**Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.**

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Joseph Parry. CCLI# 498673

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: In Jesus all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Jesus all things, whether on earth or in heaven, have been reconciled to God (Colossians 1:19-20, NRSV). Friends, believe the gospel: 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!

\*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* #339

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20:13 Page 66  
Matthew 5:21-24, 38-42 Pages 4-5

SPECIAL MUSIC *God Has Smiled on Me* Jones

SERMON *Murder Is an Attitude of the Heart* 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: Bless, O God, these gifts we give, both those we have put on these plates and those we have offered you in the silence of our hearts. Help us God to choose the good portion and to live and to walk the path you have prepared for us. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

#367

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*That's the Reason Why I Sing*

Franklin

\* Congregation stands

\*\* Latecomers ushered in

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### 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** 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** – Flowers for today's service were given by ***Pamela and Thomas Espenshade in memory of Pamela's mother, Alice Hotine.*** 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 29.

**USHERS** for this morning's service are Gerald Delk and Elaine Walker Marsh. Next week's ushers are Pamela Espenshade and Beverly Owens.

**ATTENDANCE** at the service of July 15 was 87.



**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service. Host for the month of August is Joyce Abbott. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Joyce (609-448-4511).

**LECTIONARY TEXT** for next Sunday, July 29, is Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13.



**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.



**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 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.



**PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE**

(as of April 30, 2007)

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

\*2004-2007

**This Week at Witherspoon**

Today	Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)	Following Worship
Monday	Session (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Men's Chorus (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.
	Men's Chorus to Sing	
	Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)	Following Worship



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