

# Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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Robert Ellis, Violinist

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August 19, 2007

10:00 a.m.

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

### Summer Preaching Series: The Ten Commandments

*You shall not covet.*

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

#### PRELUDE

#### INTROIT

*Sonatina in G  
Allegro Giusto*

Schubert

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP: BASED ON PSALM 80:1-2, 8-19

Leader: God of all generations, you led your people out of danger

**People: As surely as a flock is guided and cared for by the shepherd.**

Leader: Planting your people in land prepared by you, and nurturing them like vines cherished by a vinedresser,

**People: Their lives took root and filled the land.**

Leader: When they separated themselves from you, O God, they bore the fruits of injustice and corruption causing them to be judged by you.

**People: We too, deserve your judgment when we separate ourselves from you, source of our life.**

Leader: Look on us with mercy, O God, for you are our only hope;

**People: Restore us, and let your face shine upon us.**

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

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH

**All: Gracious God, we come praising you for nurturing us in faith. With those Israelites of old, we acknowledge our dependence upon you as the source and sustenance of our life. Like them we know ourselves to be rooted in a reality that cares. And that reality has taken on new meaning in the life of Jesus, the True Vine, and so we praise you that**

through him our lives are forever intertwined with yours and with each other. We approach you in great humility as we grasp the great depth of your care for us – for we are tended by you, God of all creation and fed by the very life of Jesus himself. We pray that our response to such graciousness will be with fruit-bearing lives glorifying you and loving Jesus as he loves us. This we pray in his name. Amen.

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\*OPENING HYMN

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, your word today challenges us with its message of faith and fruitfulness, courage and commitment. As we hear the stories of faith of people throughout the ages, we marvel at their perseverance in the face of the many trials they had to endure. We are thus confronted with questions about our faith and our fruitfulness; our courage and our commitment. We confess that, even surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses and with Jesus as our model of faithfulness, we still have difficulties in laying aside the sins which cling to us....

\*\*\* PAUSE FOR SILENT REFLECTION \*\*\*

The record of faith shows people venturing into the unknown and risking their lives.

**People: Forgive us when we prefer to cling to what is known, familiar and comfortable.**

\*\*\* PAUSE FOR SILENT CONFESSION \*\*\*

Leader: Jesus showed us that living faithfully was totally dependent on your grace, love and mercy;

**People: Forgive us for clinging to the belief that knowledge about grace, love and mercy is all that is needed for a faithful life.**

\*\*\* PAUSE FOR SILENT CONFESSION \*\*\*

Leader: Jesus demonstrated that a life of faith meant emptying oneself of power and serving others with humility and love;

**People: Forgive us when we cling to a reliance on achievement and self-serving power.**

\*\*\* PAUSE FOR SILENT CONFESSION \*\*\*

Leader: We want to be people of faith, totally shaped by the values of your kingdom, O God, as Jesus so obviously was.

**People: Help us to lay aside those things which hold us back from living fruitful and faithful lives.**

Leader: Set before us and imprint on our hearts and minds the example of Jesus so that we can run with perseverance the race that is set before us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

**Congregational Response (Sung):**

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**My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name:  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways;  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

Words by Isaac Watts. Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*; harmony by Dale Grotenhuis. CCLI# 498673

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We look to Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross. *So if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world* (John 2:1-2, NRSV).

**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

*O for a World*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:17  
Matthew 6:25-34

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SPECIAL MUSIC

*Andante*

Schubert

SERMON

***What's Mine Is Mine;  
What's Yours Is Mine***

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:** Faithful God, we pause at this point of our faith journey to give you thanks for the love and care you bestow upon us. Love and care revealed so fully in Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. We offer these gifts and our lives to be blessed by you as we continue our journey with perseverance and for the sake of the joy you have set before us in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

#358

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Menuetto*

Schubert

\* 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).



**RALLY DAY!** – Sunday school has been on break for the summer. **Rally Day is Sunday, September 9** – the start of church school for grades 1-6! On that day, please dress informally. The Deacon Board is sponsoring a special fellowship after church complete with hotdogs, chicken wings and other fixings, and – to top it off – ice cream sundaes! 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 August 26.

**USHERS** for this morning's service are Pauline Brown and Joan Tomlin. Next week's ushers are Jaime and Jean Escarpeta.



**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service. Host for the month of September is Michelle Peal. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Michelle (908-369-4753).

**LECTIONARY TEXT** for next Sunday, August 26, is Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.



**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.



**DEEPEST SYMPATHY** – *Mrs. Aurelia Bolling*, former resident of Princeton and long time member of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, died peacefully while asleep Sunday morning, August 12, in Houston where she had relocated to be with her son and his family. She celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday this past April. She is survived by her son, Lankford Bolling Jr., daughter-in-law, Sylvia Bolling, granddaughters, Shawna and Kenyetta, and two great-grandsons. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a favorite charity of Aurelia's: Aldine Y.O.U.T.H., P. O. Box 11044, Houston, TX 77039 (281-449-4828 or sbolling@aldineyouth.org).

*Eugene Marsh's mother* passed away recently. No other details were available when the bulletin was printed.



**CALLING ALL WOMEN!** – The Presbyterian Women at Nassau Presbyterian Church invite all Witherspoon women to join them for an overview of their 2007-2008 Bible study: *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth* by Joyce MacKichan Walker. This overview will take place on **Monday, September 17**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Joyce is Minister of Education and author of Suggestions for Leaders. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be provided. Bus service between Nassau Church and the Mountain Avenue parking lot will leave the parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and bring attendees back to the parking lot at the conclusion of the meeting. You may contact Claudene Harkins (732-297-1337) for more information.

## ***This Week at Witherspoon***

Thursday	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship – Rev. Burrows to Preach	10:00 a.m.



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



### **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