

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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August 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.

12th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

God Has Smiled on Me

HYMN OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Refrain

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done !**

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 4:1-3, 6:1-3

^{4:1} Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he mocked the Jews. ² He said in the presence of his associates and of the army of Samaria, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish it in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish – and burned ones at that?” ³ Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “That stone wall they are building – any fox going up on it would break it down!”

^{6:1} Now when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah and to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had built the wall and that there was no gap left in it (though up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), ² Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do me harm. ³ So I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it to come down to you?”

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

SERMON

An Encouraging Word

Rev. Lukata Mjumbe

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY / STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

OFFERTORY SELECTION

We've Come This Far by Faith

**Don't be discouraged, when trouble is in your life
He will bear your burdens, and move all misery and strife**

**Just the other day I heard someone say they didn't believe in God's
word
But I can truly say that God has made a way and He's never failed
me yet.**

Chorus

**We've come this far by faith; leaning on the Lord
Trusting in His Holy Word; He's never failed me yet
Oh, can't turn around; We've come this far by faith**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CHORUS

I Love You with the Love of the Lord

**I love you with the love of the Lord
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord
I can see in you; the glory of my King and
I love you with the love of the Lord**

POSTLUDE

Geese Flying and Encouraging

BENEDICTION



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 if you are interested in church membership or if you want to be added to the church e-mail distribution list (witherspoon@verizon.net or 609-924-1666).



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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS MAILED

Contribution Statements were mailed this week. If you have any questions regarding your statement please e-mail Ron Smith (valroncozsmith@gmail.com). Any **On-Line Contributions made after July 30, 2020 are not included**

in this statement.



MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will immediately follow the service on **Sunday, September 13.**

Everyone is urged to attend (via Zoom). ***Please note*** that committee chairs and group leaders are asked to submit their reports to the church office **by Sunday, September 6,** to allow adequate time to pre-

pare mid-year reports for distribution. Your assistance is appreciated.



Even though we are unable to gather together in person, we give thanks for the lives of the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church family and friends. Please reach out to our beloved and wish them a Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary!!

Birthdays in August

- Charles Bush
- Pamela Espenshade
- Missy Gillespie
- Edwina Hawes
- Jordan Johnson
- Myles Johnson
- Spencer Johnson

- Jole Ngwa
- Audiway Peal
- Shirley Satterfield
- Valerie J. Smith

Anniversaries in August

- Eugene and Elaine Walker Marsh
- Jeffrey and Rowena Mascoll

Jole Ngwa



Shirley Satterfield





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This Week at Witherspoon

Today	Chancel Committee (via Zoom)	12:30 p.m.
Monday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
	Mid-Week Bible Study (via Zoom)	12:30 p.m.
	Worship Sub-Committee (via Zoom)	5:00 p.m.
	Buildings & Grounds Committee (via Zoom)	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
	Worship and Music Committee (via Zoom)	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
Saturday	Adult Bible Study (via Zoom)	10:00 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship – Rev. Lukata Mjumbe to Preach	10:00 a.m.



Prayer List



If you would like to be added or removed from the Prayer List,
please let your Deacon or the church secretary (609-924-1666) know.

- Sundiata Acoli (freedom and health)
- Family of Doris Aikens
- Imam Jamil Al-Amin (legal hearing, May 2020)
- AOP immigrant families
- Families of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor
- Rev. Darrell Armstrong and Shiloh Baptist Church
- Mary Frances Banks (aunt of S. & B. Campbell)
- Family of Agnes Benjamin
- Isa Blyden and family
- Deloris Brooks
- Pauline Brown
- Rev. Muriel Burrows
- Barbara and Gordon Byard
- Ben Colbert and the Colbert family following the transition of his brother, Gene Colbert
- Coronavirus victims (45+ inmates and guards who died from COVID-19 in NJ prison system)
- Lois Craig
- Walter Daniels
- Harold M. Delhagen (passing of his father)
- First Baptist Church of Princeton
- Jamal Frasier (M. Gittens' cousin)
- Ava Gabrielle-Wise (friend of Rev. Mjumbe mourning loss of daughter, Jennica, from COVID-19)
- Kevin Gift (in-laws, Richard and Kathryn Steitz; friends, Keller, Mike, Robin) impacted by COVID-19
- Tondelayo Gillespie and Kurt Koiner (boyfriend hospitalized for COVID-19)
- Family of Min. La'Vetta Ross-Hall (loss of brother, James D. Bishop, Sr.)
- Bruce Harrison and family
- Debbie Harrison
- Sandra Hill (J. Tomlin's sister)
- Cecelia Hodges
- Rev. Debra Ivory-Chandler (M. Jackson's mother)
- Monika Jackson and family
- Oni Jackson
- Seth Jennings
- Simon Jackson (J. Tomlin's brother-in-law)
- Mumia Abu Jamal (freedom and health)
- Cheryl Jones
- Taneisha Nash Laird
- Denyse Leslie and family
- James and Audrey Mack
- Winston and Sheila Maddox and family
- Elaine Walker Marsh's mother
- Condolence to family of Carson Mascoll
- Rev. David McAlpin
- Rev. Wayne Meisel
- Michele Minter and family
- Aya Mjumbe
- Mjumbe family
- Jedeka Zai Mjumbe (brother of Rev. Mjumbe)
- Mariamu Eyay Mjumbe (recovery from surgery)
- Eugenia Moore
- Condolence to family of Joseph Moore
- William Moore
- Sharon Mootoo (R. Sosa's sister)
- Jamil Muntaqim (freedom and health)
- Anne Nosnitsky (recovering in rehab facility)
- Talitha-Koumi Oluwafemi (and her daughter)
- Family of Charles Osei-Fosu
- Family and Friends of Beverly Owens
- Sheila Pannell (B. Brown's niece)
- Nancy Pelosi
- Family of John Pogroszewski (Lawrence Middle School classmate of Leah Schmelter)
- Mildred Poncé
- Alejandro Portes (P. Fernández-Kelly husband)
- Princeton Seminary Association of Black Seminarians and Allies
- Mary Ann Raikes (D. Raikes-Colbert's mother)
- Tim Reagan and family
- Phyllis Rich
- Abdul Haqq Salaam (incarcerated friend of Rev. McAlpin)
- Valerie Smith
- Imam Sohaib Sultan, Princeton University, diagnosed with aggressive bile duct cancer
- Family of Carl Theobald (J. Tomlin's brother-in-law)
- Mildred Trotman
- Donald Trump
- Joyce Watson (mother-in-law of Lynette Campbell)
- Norma Wilson
- Leslie Wingard
- WSPC Young People in College
- Leslie Young and Family (mother, Betty Henderson, transitioned in St. Louis)
- Women of Edna Mahan Correctional Facility: Lillian Allen, Maureen Andre, Gloria Arroyo, Ashley Bailey, Latonia Bellamy, Tanya Black, Debra Boucher, Anne Castagna, Jennie Cullum, Myrna Diaz, Ella Eng, Sarena Espinal, Robin Grimes, Johnette Hawthorne, Taheira Hickmond, Lori Hummel, Michelle Hurley, Carline, Inginae, Monique Kendall, Kim Kuchler, Briann Lindsey, Tina Linney, Ashley McLaughlin, Maria Montalvo, Cynthia Myers, Janvier, Myriam, Renee Nicesy, Plesie Nichols, Markita Norris, Jasmine Pearson, Rithea Randall, Tammie Shipp, Beth Smallwood, Antionette Stephen, Deborah, Tanksley, Germama Terrero, Jenny, Tran, Arisha Vaughn, Yvonne Walker, Regina Wallace, Natasha White