

# ***Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church***

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September 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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## **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

READING

*And the People Stayed Home*  
Catherine O'Meara

Verse Speaking  
Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.**

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’”

<sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

### SECOND READING

Revelation 21:5

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

SERMON

*Romancing the Known*

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

*Trust God to Do a New Thing*

**He knows just what's best for you  
And He makes all things new**

**No one can do what He can  
So you should trust in His plan**

**Chorus**

**Trust God to do a new thing  
Even when you don't know what it is**

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS / CLOSING PRAYER

SENDING CHORUS

*I Will Trust in the Lord*

**I will trust in the Lord till I die**

**I will go where He leads till I die**

**I will pray and keep the faith till I die**

**I will trust in the Lord till I die**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*I'll Say Yes, Lord, Yes*

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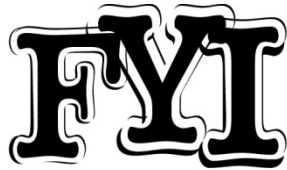
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 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).



**WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!** “Like” our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/WitherspoonStreetChurch>) to get the latest updates on your wall. Share your WSPC comments, photos and videos. If you want pictures added or notices posted please send an email to the church office (witherspoon@verizon.net).



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

### **SESSION MEETING TOMORROW AT 7:00 P.M.**

The next regular meeting of the Session of Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church is **tomorrow (September 21)**, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom. This meeting is open to members of the congregation. If you plan to attend, please email Sharon Campbell, Clerk of Session ([scampbell@witherspoonchurch.org](mailto:scampbell@witherspoonchurch.org)).

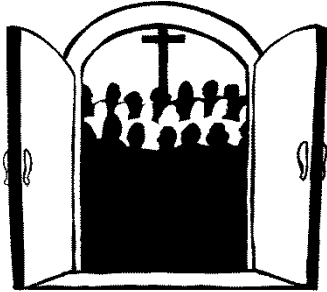


### **MATTHEW 25 KICKOFF**

**THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AT 1:00 P.M.**

Please join the WSPC Christian Education and Outreach Committees in a Virtual Event **this Saturday, September 26**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to introduce the concept and bold vision of the Matthew 25 Church, *Where Christ Is: WSPC Matthew 25 Witness*. This program will highlight and review the work by WSPC groups and individuals which presently reflect the goals, mission, ministry and service to others, as Christians, especially in the time of COVID-19.

The Matthew 25 program is a challenge issued by the PC(USA) nationally to churches, synods and presbyteries of our denomination to fully reaffirm and live out the call of Jesus in Matthew 25. For additional information please contact Barbara Flythe ([barbflythe@gmail.com](mailto:barbflythe@gmail.com) or 609-323-7433).



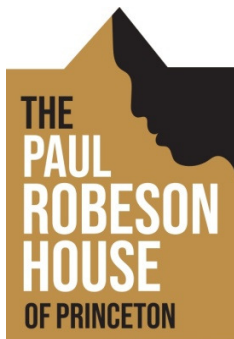
## Congregational MEETING

### CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Session is calling for a *Congregational Meeting* on **Sunday, October 4**, immediately following the Worship Service (via Zoom). This meeting was originally scheduled to be held on March 22, 2020, and was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The purpose of the meeting is for the congregation to vote on the recommendation of the Session to change Rev. Lukata Mjumbe from Designated Pastor to “permanent” pastor.

Everyone is urged to attend. If you need assistance with using Zoom, on your computer, iPad, tablet or by phone, please let your Deacon know or contact Sharon Campbell (313-657-2914), before the day of the meeting. We will do our best to assist you. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested, however, only members of Witherspoon will be able to vote.



### A CONVERSATION ABOUT ECONOMICS AND AMERICA SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, AT 3:00 P.M.

The Paul Robeson House of Princeton will sponsor a special virtual event featuring the Nobel Prize recipient, Paul Krugman and his New York Times colleague, Eduardo Porter on **Sunday, October 4**, at 3:00 p.m. As authors of new books, they will converse about the economic political affairs that are relevant to the national election. Preregistration will be required at \$50. Proceeds will be used to support the Robeson House renovations and other social service programming. Detailed information can be found on the website (<https://thepaulrobesonhouseofprinceton.org/>). SAVE THE DATE...MARK YOUR CALENDAR...PLAN TO ATTEND!



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# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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 September**

Pauline Brown

Earl Buggs

Monica Burch

Gordon Byard

Lois Craig

Gerald Delk

Tracy Eskridge

Seth Jennings

Geraldine Lockhart

Audrey Mack

Mary McGriff

Aubrey Peart, Jr.

Eleanor Pinkett

Norbert Wetzel

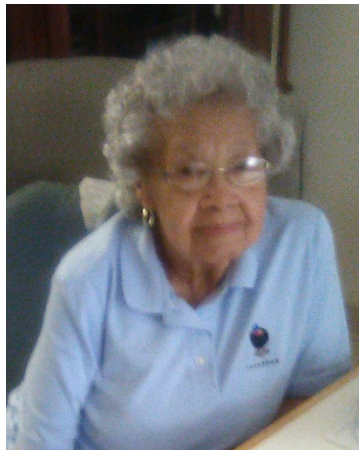
## **Anniversaries in September**

Curtis and Pamela Johnson

Audiway and Michelle Peal

Norbert Wetzel and Hinda Winawer

**Lois Craig**



**Curtis and Pamela Johnson**



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

Today	Presbyterian Women (via Zoom)	12:00 noon
Monday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
	Session Meeting (via Zoom)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
	Verse Speaking Choir (via Zoom)	6:30 p.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.
Thursday	Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
	International Mission Outreach Committee	4:00 p.m.
	Worship 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.
	<b><i>Matthew 25 Updates</i></b> (via Zoom)	1:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship – Rev. Lukata Mjumbe to Preach	10:00 a.m.
	Chancel Committee	



## 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