

**First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2014**

**A Meditation before Worship**

Let us pray that waiting for Christmas  
may show us  
how to be patient when things take time,  
how to follow the Living Christ day by day,  
and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled.

*--Brian Wren*

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# Gathering the Community

*Our focus during November:  
Giving Thanks, Giving Back*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Sharon L. Mook

INTROIT

*“Come, Thou Long –Expected Jesus”*  
The Worship Choir  
Edward Kingins, Music Director

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Edwards

One: Awake! Rejoice!  
Prepare to meet your God!  
Christ is coming.  
Open the door.  
Sweep the path.  
Prepare the way!

**Many: Christ came at Christmas  
to live as one of us.  
Christ comes today  
to love us and to lead us.  
Christ will come tomorrow,  
wherever we may be.**

One: Christ will come when time and space are ended,  
and everything returns to God.

**All: Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

\*HYMN # 9 (PH)

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Charon and Jordan Barconey  
Motoko Huthwaite

One: What are these candles for?

**Many: This is an Advent candle ring.  
It shows the circle of God’s unbroken love.  
There are five candles.  
We shall light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas.**

One: What is the point of doing this?

**Many: Because the old proverb is true:  
“What I hear, I forget.  
What I see, I remember.  
What I do, I understand.”**

One: As we light our Advent candles,  
may they bring us together  
in the warmth of God's love.

**Many: Because our world is full of fear and distress,  
we light our first candle,  
trusting that the Living Christ is alive on earth,  
that the Spirit of Living Christ abides among us.**

*(Lighting the first candle)*

One: Living Christ, give us faith to trust you.

**All: We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.**

RESPONSE IN SONG # 2 (PH) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (v. 1)

ADVENT PRAYER OF THE COMMUNITY

Cindy Edwards

One: Holy God, hear our prayer  
for all who know you only  
as hidden, absent, or unavailable,  
and for all whose experience testifies  
that you have abandoned them  
to suffering, abuse, and shame.

**Many: Give them courage to cry out, like Israel of old,  
to protest and complain,  
to demand that you keep your promises.**

One: Open our ears to hear their cry,  
and give us the determination  
to meet you, year by year:

**All: Choosing passion over politeness,  
honesty over pretense,  
questioning over silence,  
covenant over divorce,  
commitment over withdrawal,  
and the courage to give you praise.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 2 (PH) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (v. 2)

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Cindy Edwards

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148: 1 - 6  
*(p. 550 in pew Bible)*

Cindy Edwards

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN		Charon Barcone
SECOND READING	Mark 13: 24 - 37 <i>(pp. 47-8 in pew Bible)</i> God's Word for us. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Charon Barcone
ANTHEM	<i>"Sounds of Advent"</i> The Worship Choir Edward Kingins, Music Director	-Arr. By Lee Dengler
SERMON	<b>"Keep Awake"</b>	Charon Barcone
*HYMN # 139 (PH)	<i>"Come, Thou Almighty King"</i>	

## THE RESPONSE

*A LITANY FOR FREEDOM		Cindy Edwards
One:	Living Christ, save us from today's captivities: From the need to have more; and from having our identity and self-worth defined by what we possess—	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free.</b>	
One:	From the need to be satisfied without waiting; and from anxiety when material longings are deferred—	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free.</b>	
One:	From paralysis and confusion, in the face of so many needs, so much information—	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free.</b>	
One:	From hyperactivism that denies our limitations, and from apathy that denies our God-given powers—	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free.</b>	
One:	From trying to replace you as Savior, by taking the world on our shoulders—	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free.</b>	
One:	From ignorance or denial of what drives us; and from captivity to personal drives and needs—	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free.</b>	
One:	From embarrassment in speaking about your love; from not knowing what to say; and from the shame of being misunderstood, scorned, or ignored—	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free.</b>	
One:	From captivity to anger, bitterness, and disappointment; and from captivities we cannot speak about, or name—	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Savior Christ, set us free. Amen</b>	

\*RESPONSE IN SONG # 9 (PH) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT  
(Feel free to use the language and words closest to your heart)

Charon Barconey

OUR OFFERING TO GOD  
(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

\*DOXOLOGY # 591 (PH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cindy Edwards

\*HYMN # 299 (PH)

"Amen, Amen"  
(chorus only, 3 times)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Charon Barconey

(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience.)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

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\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

This morning, we welcome back to the pulpit Charon Barconey. Ms. Barconey is a graduate of the *Ecumenical Theological Seminary* in Detroit, and currently is serving as the *Youth Mission Consultant* for the **Presbytery of Detroit**. She is an ordained elder, a fourth generation Presbyterian, and in the process of becoming a **Commissioned Ruling Elder**.

### A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when (PH) follows the hymn number, we are singing from The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue). When (GG) follows the hymn number, we are singing from Glory to God (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. When we are using Glory to God, you will receive a copy as you enter the sanctuary. Please return all Glory to God hymnals to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

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Liturgist	Cindy Edwards
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Reception Coordinator	Community Fellowship
Worship Coordinator	Craig McLean

### **FORT STREET STAFF:**

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; LaMonica Harris, Finance Office Temp; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Bob Haynes, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

### **Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:**

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

### **We are delighted that you are here!**

- \* Visit the information and display tables in the Church House.
- \* Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- \* Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- \* A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Church House after worship @ \$3.00 each.
- \* You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at Sharrow13@gmail.com. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

#### **Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Mook, Ph.D.  
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**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

### **Prayers for Military loved ones.**

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Taylor Hansen USMC, Jonathan Heyler, SSGT Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, USMC Captain Katy Spicer Hess, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

### **Prayer List for the month of November 2014**

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, The Claire family, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Dombrowski family, Bobbie Edwards, FSPC, David Ferrato, Rose Grosscup, LaMonica Harris/family, Shannon Howard, Maria Hughley, Marion Jenkins/family, Mary Etta Johnson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Irene Westmoreland King, Leaming family, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dr. Mook/family, Sarah Morgan/family, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Cathy Topping and Debra Vinson/family.

# Fort Street News

## Week of November 30, 2014

### MISSION STATEMENT

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and developing programs that minister to metropolitan Detroit and the world beyond. We do this in response to the grace of God through Jesus Christ, recognizing the truth of the Gospel: *There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.*

## Meaning in a Moment

# Advent 2014

### Christian Adult Education

Hosted by Spiritual Life Committee in the Stapleton Chapel 10 – 10:35 a.m.

Inspiring five-minute documentaries, followed by discussion, about Christians living into their

*Hope, Love, Peace and Joy*

November 30	10:00	<i>Hope</i>
December 7	10:00	<i>Love</i>
December 14	9:00 and 10:00	<i>Peace</i>
December 21	10:00	<i>Joy</i>

Coffee and juice are provided. You are welcome to bring other refreshments to share.

If you have questions, please call Nancy Jackson or Judith Sheldon.



Pick up your new Steeple for this month in the Narthex.

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, December 2 at 12:00 pm.



Come out and support Fair Trade **Sunday on Today, November 30, 2014.**



Join us for our **Church Decorating Party Christmas Trees and Greens at Fort Street**

**Sunday, November 30, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**

## Music at Fort Street

2014 Season

"MESSIAH"  
G.F. Handel

*The Fort Street Chorale & the Chamber Orchestra*

*Edward Kingins, Music Director*

**Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.**

General Admission \$20.00 Patron \$35.00

*Purchase tickets from the Secretary, 313-961-4533*

**Please stay after worship and help swag the Sanctuary, and reforest the Narthex, Great Hall and Stapleton Chapel.**

**The trees will be decorated in celebration of the first Sunday of Advent, after Coffee Hour by everyone.**

**Coffee and light morning refreshments provided.**

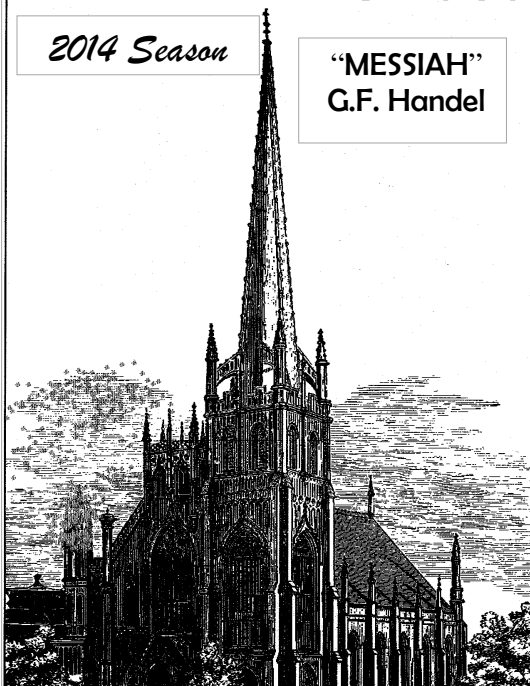
### Committee Meeting

The Session will hold its next meeting on **Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:00p.m.**

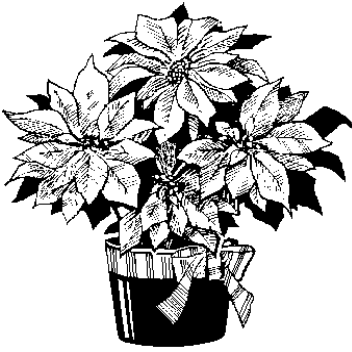
**Attendance for:**

**November 23, 2014: 89**

**November 24, 2013: 119**



# ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS



The Worship and Arts committee is again asking for donations towards the purchase of poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas season. The charge is \$15 per plant and you may donate in honor or in memory of a family member or friend.

The deadline for donations is **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, as we need to see how much money we collect before we order the flowers. Please fill out the form below and turn it into the church office or place form in the Secretary's mailbox in the front office.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to : Fort Street Presbyterian Church and mailed to 631 W. Fort St. Detroit, MI 48226. On check memo please state it is for: Christmas Poinsettias.

Number of Poinsettias

Total \$ amount

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**Orders after December 14th will not be accepted.**