



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2014**

A Meditation before Worship

Whatever we are waiting for—
peace of mind, contentment, grace,
the inner awareness of simple abundance—
it will surely come to us,
but only when we are ready to receive it
with an open and grateful heart.

- Sarah Ban Breathnach

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Gathering the Community

*Our focus during September:
"Awakening to the Holy in our diverse world"*

ORGAN PRELUDES

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Janet Bunt

INTROIT

The Worship Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 100)

Janet Bunt

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Many: Worship the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!**

One: Know that the Lord is God--
The One who made us, the One to whom we belong.
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

**Many: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to the Lord!
Bless God's Holy name!**

One: For the Lord is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let us worship our God!

*HYMN # 267 (PH)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Janet Bunt

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 374 (PH) *"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"* (v. 1)

THE ASSURANCE

Charon Barconey

RESPONSE IN SONG # 374 (PH) *"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"* (v. 2)

*SHARING THE PEACE

Janet Bunt

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

THE WORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 78: 1 - 4, 12 - 16 Janet Bunt
(pp. 508-9 in pew Bible)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Charon Barconey

SECOND READING Matthew 21: 23 - 32 Charon Barconey
(p. 22 in pew Bible)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *"When in Our Music God is Glorified"* -Marty Haugen
The Worship Choir
Edward Kingins, Music Director

SERMON **"Will You Be Ready?"** Charon Barconey

*HYMN # 372 (PH) *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

THE RESPONSE

*AN AFFIRMATION *(in unison)* Janet Bunt
(A New Creed, United Church of Canada, 1980, New Century)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 374 (PH) *"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"* (v. 3)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

Janet Bunt

*HYMN # 341 *(PH)* *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience.)

Charon Barconey

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik

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

This morning, we welcome 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.

Dr. Mook is on medical leave, recovering from knee surgery. If you need assistance while the Pastor is out of the office, please contact Lola Fryer Davidson, at the Church Office: 313-961-4533. For emergencies, when Lola cannot be reached at the office, please call the Pastor at home.

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. You will receive *Glory to God* when you enter the sanctuary. Please return this hymnbook to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

Liturgist	Janet Bunt
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
Sound Technician	Valerie Edwards
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Reception Coordinator	The Petrie Family
Worship Coordinator	Beth Brown

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.

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.

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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 September 2014

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, The Claire family, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Dombrowski family, Bobbie Edwards, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Maria Hughley, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Kingins family, Leaming family, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Sarah Morgan, Jerry Naragon, Derrick Parker/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Mook/Saxon family.



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT: to Shipshewana Indiana Amish and Mennonite Country



October 5-6, 2014

Since 2001 women from all aspects of Fort Street Church's life and ministry have gotten together to renew their spirits and uplift each other.

Call Nancy Jackson (1-313-418-6756 cell)

Or email: nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com

**Won't you consider joining us for this Annual Spiritual
Renewal Retreat for WOMEN!!**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power
and of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

2014 Marathon Weekend at Fort Street Presbyterian Church



The 2014 Detroit Free Press / Talmer Bank Marathon is

**Sunday October 19, 2014
Sunrise service is at 6:00 a.m.
No 11:00am Worship
(parking is minimal)**

Presented by: Derek Sale, Loretta Stanton and Ben Ogden, and Pastor, Sharon L. Mook
Ad-Hoc Committee Co-Chairpersons

Stay tune to more information on how you can participate.