

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2016

Thoughts for Individual Meditation

*“When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all people,
To make music in the heart.”*

Howard Thurman

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Marshall

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near—a star shall come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel. (Numbers 24:17)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

And lo, the star, which they had seen in the east went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. (Matthew 2:9-10a)

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

*HYMN # 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" Vs. 1 & 5

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tom Marshall

Almighty and most merciful God, who has framed the heavens and fashioned flaming stars to give them light, shine into all darkened hearts and scatter the shadows of sorrow and sin. In this New Year, may we leave behind selfish ambitions, unworthy motives, hurtful pride, and unexamined prejudices. Blot out the imperfections of the old year and lead us down right paths. Guide us forward into the light of your will, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 616 *"Our God Is an Awesome God"*

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Tom Marshall

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

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.

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 647 *"Give Thanks"*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tom Marshall

*HYMN # 150 *"As With Gladness Men of Old"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(If you wish to do so, we invite you to sit quietly and enjoy the postlude as part of your worship.)

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**Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, there will be a coffee hour in the small dining area. Please join us!

Organist	Ray Staroscik
Liturgist	Tom Marshall
Song Leader	Nancy Combs
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Kate Callas
Deacon on Duty	Bob Ponder
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw

Church Hours

The church offices are open Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Church offices are closed on Fridays. Alison Grosch, Operations Manager, can be reached at the church or by email OM@fortstreet.org.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

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 narthex.
- * During the worship service, child care is provided for children through age 4. Ushers can provide directions. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in Sunday School, which follows the Children's Message. A Christian Education staff member will lead the children downstairs. Parents may pick them up after worship. For additional information about our Sunday School program, please contact Judith Sheldon at firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net. or Nancy Jackson at nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com.
- * A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Reception Office 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.

Prayer List for the month of January 2015

Gabrielle Abrego, Shari Anderson, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Kathy Payne and family, David Shillito, Richard and Suellen Sale, Nancy Woodkee, and Raquel Villaluz.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC; Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN; Jonathan Heyler USN; SSGT Shanell Howard USAF; Sgt. Christopher King; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Lt. Theo Moran USAF; Alta Morrison; Lt. Jon Palmer USA; Lt. Marty Palmer USA; Charles Andrew Parsons II USN; Major Michelle Ruehl AF; Major Katy Spicer USMC; Alexander Szelestey USMC; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Alison Grosch, Operations Manager, Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Director of Music; Ray Staroscik, Organist; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building Engineer, Donna Bryant, Damien Hines, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, and Elizabeth Kershaw, Open Door Staff.

Temporary Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew
pastor@fortstreet.org

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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Fort Street News

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.*

Go Paperless!

Year End Giving Statements will be sent this month. If you would prefer to have your statement sent via email, please contact Alison in the Finance office and give her your e-mail address (om@fortstreet.org). Otherwise, statements will be sent in the mail. Thank you.

Please Use Envelopes for Sunday Check Contributions

The count volunteers who total up the Sunday offering would appreciate it if check writers could fill out a pew envelope and use it to enclose your check. We use these envelopes as documentation to back up details of our deposit record. If you don't fill one out at the time of contribution, a volunteer must write one for you. The envelope also allows you to show precisely how your contribution is to be applied to our various funds. We thank you for your faithful giving and for your help in assuring that it is counted correctly.

Meaning in a Moment

2016

Christian Adult Education

Stapleton Chapel 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Discussion Series will resume on January 17, 2016
with a focus on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please call Nancy Jackson or Judith Sheldon for further information.

INTERESTED IN SINGING?



Detroit's historic Fort Street Chorale welcomes singers
as it prepares for its Spring Concert 2016.

Rehearsals begin **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:30pm.**
with registration starting @6:30pm.

Registration will be open through January 28, 2016

No audition is necessary.

Fort Street Chorale rehearses at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St. (corner of Fort and Third) Free, secure parking is available in the church parking lot. For information call 313-961-4533.

Want to become a member of Fort Street?

Contact Pastor Bob at the church. 313-961-4533, ext 104

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Sacrament of Baptism

If you would like to celebrate The Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or your child, please make an appointment with Pastor Bob at pastor@fortstreet.org or 313-961-4533 ext#104.

I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber. Psalms 121:1-3

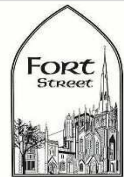
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
January 2016					Church Offices Closed Happy New Year!	5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
3 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	4 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	5 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	6 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session	7 9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	8 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	9 9:30-3:30pm Officer Training 6:00pm-9:00pm AA Federal Group Anniver- sary 8:00pm AI-Non
10 11:00am Worship, Communion Ordina- tion Installation of Officers 6:30pm NA	11 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	12 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	13 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00 Deacons mtg	14 9-11am Open Dr. 6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	15 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	16 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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**THURSDAYS OPEN DOOR
MEAL PROGRAM
9AM-11AM**

This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9m, woman and elderly guests may shower. They may also receive a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank once a month. Between 9 and 11am, men may shower. They may also get a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank monthly. Guest seeking clothing and hygiene kits must present valid identification. Between 9 and 11am, a full hot meal is served. Guests may get a haircut, and consult with a social worker. Volunteers are welcome.

**The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday,
January 5 at 12:00 pm via email at secretary@fortstreet.org**



Attendance for:
December 24, 2015 220
December 27, 2015: 53
December 28, 2014: 59

MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2016?

Thinking of getting married? Want to get married at Fort Street?
 Contact the Wedding Coordinator, Loretta Stanton's
 cell phone **number, 313-549-1015.**



Flowers Reminder

Contact the Worship and Arts Committee to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor of birthday celebrations, anniversaries, or in memory of a loved one... the list is endless for God's grace. Pam Sharrow is the liaison, at sharrow13@gmail.com. Tell her which Sunday in the year and what you **want printed in the bulletin. You pick the color!** Write a check for \$50 and indicate worship and arts. We'll do the rest!