



## **Baptism of the Lord**

**January 10, 2016**

### **Thoughts for Individual Meditation**

*Baptism marks the beginning of our Christian journey,  
and takes its significance from the baptism of Jesus.  
Our source of spiritual flow begins with a few drops of water,  
but through the Spirit it becomes a mighty stream  
redeeming us and empowering us as disciples.*

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# Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

**By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greek, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:13)**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we are called to the one hope, that belongs to our call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)

**Let us “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)**

\*HYMN # 488

*“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” Vs. 1 & 2*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Source of eternal renewal, we come as believers confessing our sins. You set us apart through the waters of baptism, yet our behavior in faith does not always match our unique status. You send forth your Spirit, yet we do not always respond to your presence. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we tend to ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us. Take us by the hand, and renew in us once more the sign and seal of your holy covenant revealed in the Sacrament of Baptism. Send down your Spirit, infuse us with power, and ignite our zeal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE SONG # 447

*“We Are Forgiven”*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE

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

# THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 288      “*Spirit of the Living God*”

***Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 29

*(pp.477-8 in pew Bibles)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Mark 1:4-12

*(pp.32-33 in pew Bibles)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

**“*Sign, Seal and Symbol*”**

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SERMON TEXT: *John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mark1:4)*

# THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 482

*“Baptized in Water”* Vs. 1 & 2

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

SCRIPTURES

QUESTIONS

APOSTLES' CREED

*(Traditional English Version)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

## ORDINATION AND/OR INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

### Elders

Ruth Boyce  
Tom Edwards  
Deborah Evans  
Lorraine Manos  
Tom Marshall  
Craig McLean  
Bob Ponder

### Deacons

Lynne Bieniek  
Kate Callas  
Camille Bresie Cooke  
Cindy Edwards  
Kevin Pearson

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*"How Firm a Foundation"*  
The Worship Choir  
Edward Kingins, Music Director

-Dale Wood

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 607 (GTG) *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**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

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*( the prayer continues..)*

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, for ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BREAD AND CUP)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*((All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to his table. Communion will be received by intinction, with congregants taking a piece of bread to dip into the cup. Please come forward down the center aisle, and return to your seat by walking to the right or the left. If you would like to have the communion elements brought to you, please inform one of the ushers.))*

ORGAN MEDITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, united us in Christ, and have given us a foretaste of the glory to come. Strengthen us now in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN #298                      *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*    Vs. 1 & 2

\*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!*

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Organist                 | Ray Staroscik     |
| Song Leader              | Nancy Combs       |
| Sound Technician         | Nancy Jackson     |
| Videographer             | Randy Commissaris |
| Worship Coordinator      | Pam Sharrow       |
| Deacon on Duty           | Greg Jenkins      |
| 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 [firstcircle-inc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:firstcircle-inc@sbcglobal.net). or Nancy Jackson at [nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com](mailto: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 [Shar-row13@gmail.com](mailto:Shar-row13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

**Prayer List for the month of January 2016**

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Polly Curtis, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Margaret Parker, Kathy Payne and family, 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; Rev. Neeta Nichols, Interim 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

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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](mailto: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.

### **Session Meeting**

The Session will meet on **Wednesday,**  
**January 13, 2016 at 7:00pm.**

### **Want to become a member of Fort Street?**

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

### **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](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org) or 313-961-4533 ext#104.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
<b>January 2016</b>					<b>Church Offices Closed Happy New Year!</b>	5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
<b>3</b> 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	<b>4</b> Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>5</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>6</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg	<b>7</b> 9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>9</b> 9:30-2:30pm Officer Training <b>6:00pm-9:00pm AA Federal Group Anniver- sary</b> 8:00pm AI-Non
<b>10</b> 11:00am Worship, Communion Ordination Installa- tion of Officers 6:30pm NA	<b>11</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>12</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>13</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg <b>7:00pm Session</b>	<b>14</b> 9-11am Open Dr. <b>6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal</b>	<b>15</b> Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>16</b> 9:30 MLK Youth Day 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
<b>17</b> 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 12:30 Peace, Justice, Mission mtg 6:30pm NA	<b>18</b> Church Offices Closed <b>MLK Birthday</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>19</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>20</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op. mtg	<b>21</b> 9-11am Open Dr. 11:30 Open Dr.mtg <b>6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal</b>	<b>22</b> Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>23</b> 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
<b>24</b> 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	<b>25</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>26</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>27</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:30pm Personnel 6:30 Deacon's mtg <b>7:00 Deacons mtg</b>	<b>28</b> 9-11am Open Dr. <b>6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal</b>	<b>29</b> Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>30</b> 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
<b>31</b> 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	<b>The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, January 12 at 12:00 pm.</b>					



**Attendance for:**  
**January 3, 2016: 61**  
**January 4, 2015: 62**



### Career Closet

Need women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. Also need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, size 18 and up, men's belts, men's cuff links, and all sizes.

### 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.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Psalms 100:1



### 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.



### Calling all Singers

All are invited!

Join the Worship Choir.  
 The choir will sing/rehearse  
 in the sanctuary on the **2nd  
and 4th Sundays at  
9:30am for the 11:00am service.**  
**ALL are welcome!**