

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2015

Meditation before Worship

*"You do not have to be rich to be generous.
If a person has the true spirit of generosity, a pauper can give like a prince."*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jack and Kate Callas

INTROIT

“The Shema”

Miriam Goldstein

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God. The Lord is one.

Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever and ever.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bold print indicates congregation’s participation)

Greg Jenkins

Arise, take heart, Jesus is calling us. Let us respond to Christ’s summons with joy.

We hear God calling us by name, to lead us by the Spirit to new paths of love and service.

Let us cast our bread upon the waters of life, and give as it has been given to us, good measure, shaken down, and running over, for the measure we give is the measure that comes back.

Like good stewards of God’s manifold grace, let us serve one another with whatever gifts we have received. To God be the glory!

*HYMN #611 (GTG)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

This morning all hymns and songs can be found in the purple Glory to God (GTG) hymnals. We have limited copies of Glory to God, so they are given to worshippers as they enter the sanctuary. If you did not receive one, please contact an usher. We would also appreciate if you would return this hymnal (GTG) to the Narthex as you leave worship.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Greg Jenkins

Generous God, we come to confess that our loving and giving is meager and measured compared to yours. Your love is unconditional and unmeasured, your gifts abundant, yet we often fail to measure our lifestyle accordingly. We tend to calculate and reason in our minds how much we can love without risking hurt, how much we can surrender without making a total commitment, and how much we can give to the church and still do and have everything we want. Forgive us O Lord. As we have received, so help us to give freely, joyfully and thankfully.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Greg Jenkins

*RESPONSE SONG #240 (GTG) *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* verse. 4

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.***

*SHARING THE PEACE

Greg Jenkins

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION #288 (GTG) *"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 95:1-7

Greg Jenkins

(p.520 in pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

"How Firm A Foundation"

Dale Wood

The Worship Choir

Edward Kingins, Music Director

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Mark 12:41-44

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p.47 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Jesus Notices"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums." (Mark 12:41)*

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 716 (GTG) *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from "The Confession of Belhar")*

Greg Jenkins

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ, and that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE SONG # 647 (GTG) "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

Greg Jenkins

*HYMN # 697

"Take My Life" (verses 1-4)

*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	Greg Jenkins
Song Leader	Nancy Combs
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Kalu Uduma
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw

Welcome

Miriam Goldstein, who provided our Introit this morning, is a former Peace Camp Youth Counselor who is now earning Community Service hours at Fort Street. She is a junior at Groves High School in Southfield and a member of Temple Shir Shalom.

Reformation Tour

Would you like to join Pastor Bob Agnew and Diane for a nine-day tour of Switzerland following in the footsteps of John Calvin and other leaders of the Reformation. Among the sites we will visit is Zurich, home of Huldreich Zwingli, a contemporary of Luther and Calvin. We travel on to Basel, home to John Calvin and where his work "Institutes of the Christian Religion" was first published. In Geneva we will visit the Reformation Museum, home to manuscripts from Calvin's life and this era of the Reformation. Other stops include Konstanz, St. Gallen, Liechtenstein, Lucerne, Interlaken and the Alps, Chillon and Lausanne.

We depart on May 12, 2016. Contact Pastor Bob or Diane for more information. Brochures can be found in the Narthex. This tour is sponsored by Educational Opportunities. You may also learn more about the trip by clicking on this link: <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/sw16-calvin#eotours>.

Sunday Suppers With Pastor Bob And Diane

Pastor Bob and Diane Agnew will be hosting two "Sunday Suppers" at 5:00pm at their home on November 8 and 15. These will be casual evenings for fellowship and conversation. Because space is limited, please sign up for only one of the evenings. Other dates will be offered in January. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex until the dates are filled. For more information, contact Pastor Bob.

Church Hours

The church offices are open Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Church offices are closed on Fridays. We also welcome to our staff Alison Grosch as Operations Manager. She 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 nancymotter-shawjackson@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 October 2015

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Jesse Bass, Christina Beaudrie, Carol Beck, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Tim Dukes, the Finch family, Sandy Herron, Dawn Homme, Geraldine Adams Jones, Carl Keeha, Valerie Kimbrough, the Lemus family, David Lewis, the Lile family, Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Kathy Payne and family, Luvenia Ponder, Richard and Suellen Sale, Linda Throm, Patricia Walsh and Nancy Woodkee.

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.

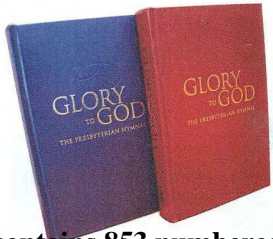
FORT STREET STAFF:

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; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Jerry Johnson, Building Support Staff, Donna Bryant, Damien Hines, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Tarpley, 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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**THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL,
GLORY TO GOD.**

This is the current official hymnal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It contains 853 numbered songs for worship. This new book of songs for worship and personal devotion was published in 2013 and has met with wide acclaim by the congregations who are already using it as their musical resource.

At the present time we have only 60 of these hymnals which are handed out on Sunday morning and then returned at the end of the service. These are used every Sunday. The Session has approved purchasing 100 additional books so they may be placed in the pews. We would like to invite you to help fund this important part of our worship life. For each \$25.00 donation, you can provide a new hymnal with a personalized bookplate on the inside cover in honor or memory of loved ones or simply give one or more to the Glory of God.

To make that dedication, please submit your check, mark it for “Hymnal Fund”, include if you wish the name of the person or family you are honoring, and send it to the church. Or you may put above information on the small form below, put it in the offering envelopes in the pew racks, and place it in the offering plates. We would appreciate your support. Thank you.

Donor’s Name _____
Optional Dedication Information
In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____
Amount _____ (\$25.00 per book)

Fort Street News

Week of October 11, 2015

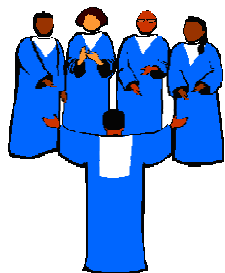
MISSION STATEMENT

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.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
October 2015				9-11am Open Door 6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
4 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship (Communion) 6:30pm NA	5 Church Open 8-4pm	6 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 6:00pm Theology of Presbyterians/Spiritual Life 8:00-9:00pm AA	7 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session	8 9-11am Open Dr 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	9 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00pm AA	10 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
11 9:30am Worship Choir 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Peace/Justice mtg 12:45pm Worship Arts mtg 6:30pm NA	12 Church Open 8-4pm	13 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 6:00pm Theology of Presbyterians/Spiritual Life 8:00-9:00pm AA	14 2:00pm Staff mtg	15 9-11am Open Dr 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	16 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00pm AA	17 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non Marathon Weekend
18 6:00am Worship 6:30pm NA Marathon Weekend	19 Church Open 8-4pm 6:00pm Fiscal Op.	20 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 6:00pm Theology of Presbyterians/Spiritual Life 8:00-9:00pm AA	21 2:00pm Staff mtg	22 9-11am Open Dr 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	23 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00pm AA	24 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
25 9:30am Worship Choir 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 12:30pm CE Fund Raiser 6:30pm NA	26 Church Open 8-4pm	27 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 6:00pm Theology of Presbyterians/Spiritual Life 8:00-9:00pm AA	28 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:30pm Personnel 7:00pm Deacons	29 9-11am Open Dr 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	30 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00pm AA	31 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non

Peace and Justice News

The Peace, Justice and Mission Committee is hosting a visit from Mr. Stanley Edwards from Barnabas Youth Center. Mr. Edwards will be sharing information about this long-serving Presbyterian resource at Michigan and Trumbull. All are welcome. Please meet in the Stapleton Chapel at 12:30 today.



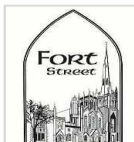
Calling all Singers

All are invited!
ALL are welcome!

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.

FSPC Activity Room Schedule October 11, 2015

10:00am Adult ED—Stapleton Chapel
12:30pm Peace and Justice—Stapleton Chapel
12:45 Worship Arts mtg—McMillan Room



Attendance for:
October 4, 2015: 91
October 5, 2014: 94

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, October 13 at 12:00 pm.

“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD; I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME.” (John 10:14)

A Shepherd is a caring Christian friend to those of his or her flock. It’s a matter of getting to know them and remembering them in good times and in times of need. The Deacons of FTPC are looking for Shepherds who will:

- make a personal contact with each family on a monthly basis. This might take the form of seeing them at church, calling them on the phone, sending a card, etc.
- encourage them, where appropriate, to take part in the wider fellowship of the Church, and
- make a special effort to be aware of any special on-going needs (i.e., illness, death, transportation, meals) and advise the deacons, pastor or church office.

The success of this ministry is dependent upon the consistency of care. It has helped to re-vitalize congregations, strengthening the whole Body of Christ. Please prayerfully considering your calling to be a Shepherd.

Theology for Presbyterians

Adult Bible Study

Come and Ask Questions With Us

Tuesday Evenings, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. October 6 - November 10, 2015

The newly refurbished UPPER ROOM, Second Floor at Fort Street. Facilitated by Jack Callas.

Bring your Bible. Workbooks provided. Refreshments served. Secure parking.

Call Nancy Jackson or Judith Sheldon with questions.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



The weather is turning cooler and we turn our attention to sharing our many blessings, especially at Thanksgiving! The deacons are planning to making 75 baskets for those who would not likely be having the same bountiful dinner most of us will be enjoying on Nov. 26th. We expect to spend about \$50.00 per basket, which will include a turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, sweet potatoes, fruit, vegetable, & dessert, Please bring non-perishable items and drop them off by the doors to the sanctuary between now and Sunday Nov 22nd, when we will pack the boxes to be delivered on Monday the 23rd. You can also write a check to Deacons and indicate "Thanksgiving baskets." This year, we are also asking for toiletry items that will go in the baskets. When you are shopping pick up a few extra things and God will multiply those "loaves and fishes"...

2 Corinthians 9:11-12

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.



Career Closet is in need of men’s clothing, large sizes are needed.

You are invited!



What: a luncheon featuring a presentation and discussion about Open Door's past, present and future

When: Sunday, November 15th
@ 12:30

Where: FSPC's Great Hall



Lunch is free
to all who attend.

Please RSVP by Nov. 12 to Ben Ogden or Lola Fryer



Open Door has been a beacon of hope on the corner of Fort & Third by helping Detroit's hungry and homeless since 1967



Fort St.



Open Door

2015 Marathon Weekend at Fort Street Presbyterian Church



**The 2015 Detroit Free Press / Talmer Bank Marathon is
Sunday, October 18, 2015**

**Presented by: Derek Sale, Loretta Stanton and Ben Ogden,
Ad-Hoc Committee Co-Chairpersons**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The only requirement is that you have a smiling face!



Please read about the exciting things that are happening and sign up to be a greeter or volunteer for one or more of the activities below



SATURDAY NIGHT PASTA FUNDRAISER DINNER- This is for the entire community, runners and family members of runners. It will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 5:00pm until 8:00pm, in the Great Hall, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 631 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Proceeds will benefit the church's Open Door Outreach Ministry. Tickets will be sold at the door.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunrise Sunday Service at 6:00am



SANCTUARY TOURS
Saturday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Sunday from 8:00am to 11:00am.
There will also be a mini organ concert during this time on Sunday.



TENT PARTY ON RACE DAY- Food and Drink will be served under the tent in the parking lot adjacent to the church from 7:00am to 11:00am. A free-will donation will be accepted.

****Feel free to contact Derek Sale at 313-410-7736 anytime to ask questions, offer suggestions and to volunteer****

Helping Animals to Help Us

Intergenerational Fund Raiser

hosted by Spiritual Life Committee
to

Purchase Animals for Families in Need

"It is more blessed to give than receive."

Children will sell cards and bookmarks.
Youth and adults may sell baked goods,
harvest products, and other home-made
consumables or experiences.

October 25, 2015

Great Hall during Coffee Hour

Bring your items to sell Sunday morning, with
ingredients listed and price suggestion.

Please see Nancy Jackson or Judith Sheldon
with questions.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY

How many goats can we give?

FLAGS OF THE WORLD AT FORT STREET

In the Presbyterian Church, October is known as the month for mission. Fort Street's tradition of hanging the flags of the world around its sanctuary began more than 50 years ago. Some flags honor Presbyterian Mission workers who have visited us. We have had members from some of these countries and we have had members who traveled to many of these countries. We add flags whenever they are donated by members and friends.

The flags begin in the front left side of the sanctuary and continue counter-clockwise to the right front.

Consider this.....

If the world were a global village of 100 people, over 70 of them would be unable to read and only one would have a college education. Over 50 would be suffering from malnutrition, and over 30 would live in what we call substandard housing.

If the world were a global village of 100 residents, six of them would be from the United States. Those six would have half of the village's entire income; the other 94 would exist on the other half. How would the wealthy 6 live "in peace" with their neighbors? Surely they would be driven to arm themselves against the other 94....

Perhaps even spend, as we do, more per person on "military defense" than the total personal income of the others.

Source Unknown

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| 1. Argentina | 24. Italy | 47. Puerto Rico |
| 2. Australia | 25. Ivory Coast | 48. Saudi Arabia |
| 3. Belgium | 26. Jamaica | 49. Scotland |
| 4. Bolivia | 27. Japan | 50. Senegal |
| 5. Brazil | 28. Jordon | 51. Solomon Islands |
| 6. Cameroon | 29. Kenya | 52. South Africa |
| 7. Canada | 30. Kuwait | 53. South Korea |
| 8. Chile | 31. Lesotho | 54. Spain |
| 9. Columbia | 32. Liberia | 55. Sudan |
| 10. Cuba | 33. Lithuania | 56. Sweden |
| 11. Czech Republic | 34. Mexico | 57. Taiwan |
| 12. Denmark | 35. Nepal | 58. Thailand |
| 13. Ecuador | 36. Netherlands | 59. Turkey |
| 14. Finland | 37. New Zealand | 60. Ukraine |
| 15. France | 38. Nigeria | 61. United Kingdom |
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| 17. Greece | 40. Palestine | 63. Zambia |
| 18. Guatemala | 41. Panama | 64. Zimbabwe |
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