



2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2016

Thoughts for Individual Meditation

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
"What are you doing for others?"*

"The time is right to do what is right! "

"Faith is taking the next step even when we don't see the staircase."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Jennings

Come together disciples of Jesus, as instruments or channels of God's grace.

Let us proclaim the love we have seen in Jesus Christ.

Do not grow weary in well doing. A disciple should be like the teacher.

With our whole lives we will seek to witness to our faith and to serve our God.

*HYMN # 757 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* Vs. 1 & 4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nancy Jennings

Gracious and Loving God, who has called us to be disciples, you have blessed us abundantly with material and spiritual resources. However, when it comes to fishing for people, inviting others to church or sharing our faith, we have been shy and timid. Forgive our reluctance and our fear. Fill us with fresh experiences of your grace that we may share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, invite others into the fellowship of the Church, and practice the gift of hospitality.

*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

Nancy Jennings

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 96 Nancy Jennings

(p.520 in pew Bibles)

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

SOLO "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" Moses Hogan

Edward Kingins, tenor

Shirley Muench, pianist

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 1:14-20 Dr. Bob Agnew

(p.33 in pew Bibles)

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

EPISTLE LESSON: II Timothy 1:3-7

(p.199 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON "Fishing with Jesus" Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: "And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." (Mark: 1:17)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" Vs. 1, 4 & 5

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) Nancy Jennings

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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 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

Nancy Jennings

*HYMN # 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*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	Nancy Jennings
Song Leader	Nancy Combs
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Kate Callas
Coffee Hour Host	Agnes Lewis Nancy Jackson
Deacon on Duty	Lynne Bieniek
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw

Church Hours

The church offices are closed **Monday, January 18, for the MLK holiday observance.** The church offices will resume a regular schedule on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016, Mon-Thurs, 8:00 4:00pm.** Church offices are closed on Fridays.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

Hearing Assist System
Wheelchair Access Ramp
Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
Handicap Restroom--use 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 2016

Gabrielle Abrego, Shari Anderson, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, The Curtis Family, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Kathy Payne and family, David Shillito, The Spicer 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 EGINEER, 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

In Tribute and In Memory

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Martin Luther King Jr., an American clergyman and civil rights activist, was one of the most important moral voices of the civil rights movement, a champion of equal rights and desegregation, and an advocate of nonviolent civil disobedience.

Born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, he played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the South and other areas of the nation, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King has become a national icon in the history of advancement for rights, equality and inclusion for all Americans.

Dr. King attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the impressive age of 15. He received a degree from Morehouse College where both his father and grandfather had also graduated. After three years of theological study in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was

awarded a divinity degree in 1951. With a fellowship he won, Dr. King enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, receiving his doctorate degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott and together they had four children.

Both a Baptist minister and civil rights activist, Dr. King had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States, beginning in the mid-1950s. Dr. King led the first great nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times—the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott—and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957, serving as its first president. During these days of boycott, Dr. King was arrested, his home was bombed and he was subjected to personal abuse.

Dr. King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his now-iconic "I Have a Dream" speech. There, he established his reputation as one of the greatest orators in American history. King was awarded five honorary degrees and named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963. In 1964, at the age of 35, Dr. King was the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On March 29, 1968, Dr. King traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, in support of the black sanitary public works employees, who were on strike for fair wages and better treatment. During that trip, on April 4, 1968, while standing on a balcony outside his room at the Lorraine Motel, Dr. King was struck by a sniper's bullet. King was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where, at age 39, he was pronounced dead later that evening.

Decades after his death, Dr. King is one of the most widely known leaders of his era. His life and work have been honored with a national holiday, schools and public buildings named after him, and a memorial on Independence Mall in Washington, DC.

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.

Want to become a member of Fort Street?

Contact Pastor Bob at the church.
313-961-4533, ext 104 or pastor@fortstreet.org



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Annual Reports

Attention Committee Members, Committee Chairperson's and Staff, all annual reports are due in the church office by **Sunday, January 20, 2016**. Contact the Secretary, If you have more questions. 313-961-4533. **Save the date, Feb. 14, 2016** for our annual congregational meeting immediately following service.

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 Group Anniversary 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	14 9-11am Open Dr. 6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	15 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	16 9:30-1:30 MLK Youth Day 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
17 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 12:30 Peace, Justice & Mission mtg 6:30pm NA	18 Church Offices & Open Door Closed MLK Birthday	19 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	20 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op. mtg	21 9-11am Open Dr. 11:30am Open Dr. mtg 6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	22 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	23 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
24 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	25 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	26 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	27 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:30pm Personnel 7:00 Deacons mtg	28 9-11am Open Dr. 6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	29 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	30 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
31 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, January 19 at 12:00 pm via email at secretary@fortstreet.org					Attendance for: January 10, 2016: 48 January 11, 2015: 70

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.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks... Psalms 1:1



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!