

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2015

Thought for Individual Meditation

*"Stewardship is what a person does after saying, "I believe."
It is acceptance from God of personal responsibility for all of life
and life's affairs. It is rooted and grounded in the abundance of joy,
excitement and grace that is ours in Christ Jesus."*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

Jessie and Kalu Uduma

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bold print indicates congregation's participation)

Derek Sale

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

(Luke 6:38)

One who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully. (II Corinthians 9:6)

Each one of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.

(II Corinthians 9:7-8)

The rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. (II Corinthians 9:12)

*HYMN #305 (GTG)

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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

Derek Sale

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, sometimes we worry too much about our possessions. We let ourselves be defined by what we have rather than by whose we are and what we share. We know what it means to be good stewards, but often fail to do it. Have mercy on us when we misuse what you intend for joy or invest in things which will not last. Guide us now in the days ahead that what we give will reflect your love and bring an abundance of joy through Jesus, the Christ.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Derek Sale

*RESPONSE SONG #614 (GTG)

"Great Are You, Lord"

**Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Derek Sale

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Havard Cole
Ashley Herrington
Ryan Stump

HYMN OF WELCOME #306 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* (Verse 1)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION #695 (GTG) *"Change My Heart O God"*

***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 100

Derek Sale

(p.522 in pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

-Hans Leo Hassler

The Worship Choir
Edward Kingins, Music Director

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

II Corinthians 8:1-7

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p.172 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Celebrate the Joy of Giving"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"During a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity." (II Corinthians 8:2)*

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN #515 (GTG)

"I Come with Joy" (verse 1,4 &5)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Derek Sale

*HYMN #645 (GTG) "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (Verse 1,3 & 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.*

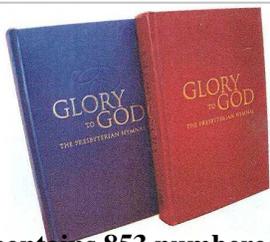
Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, there will be a coffee hour in the small dining area. Please join us!

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>.

Organist	Ray Staroscik
Liturgist	Derek Sale
Song Leader	Nancy Combs
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Worship Coordinator	Kate Callas
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw



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)

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 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 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, Rev. Diane Smalley and family, 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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CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

One of the treasured joys and responsibilities of belonging to the Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) is the election of our officers and leaders. Your Nominating Committee made up of 2 Elders, 1 Deacon and 4 at-large members is commissioned to select candidates for the office of Elder and Deacon and for the at-large members of 2016-17 Nominating Committee. These names will be brought forward at the Annual Congregational Meeting. The committee would appreciate any suggestions you might have for nominees. When nominating please take in consideration the following:

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

- Regular worship attendance
- Financial support of church
- Participation in church activities
- Offices held
- Services rendered

CHRISTIAN LIVING IN DAILY LIFE

- Within the family
- At work
- In the community

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND SKILLS

- Freedom and willingness to attend meetings
- Cooperativeness
- Openness to learn
- Ability to follow through
- Maturity in judgment
- Readiness to listen

Four words that might sum up the above are Commitment, Faithfulness, Willingness and Openness. On the basis of these, I suggest the name(s) of:

Please place next to those names your recommendation for the office or position they might serve. Thank you for your assistance. Please turn in your nominations as soon as possible. They may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mailed to the church marked "Attention Nominating Committee. Thank you for your assistance in this vital matter.

Fort Street News

Week of October 25, 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	Fri	Sat
October 2015				1 9-11am Open Door 6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	2 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	3 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 12:00pm A cluster Presbytery mtg.	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 6:30pm Personnel	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
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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.**

Needed

Sunday Worship Sound Techs and Coffee Hour volunteer Host/s needed. Have questions about the duties? Please contact Nancy Jackson at nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com or 313- 418-6756.

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, October 27 at 12:00pm.

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.

Committee Meeting

The Deacons will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

“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 Fort Street Presbyterian Church 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



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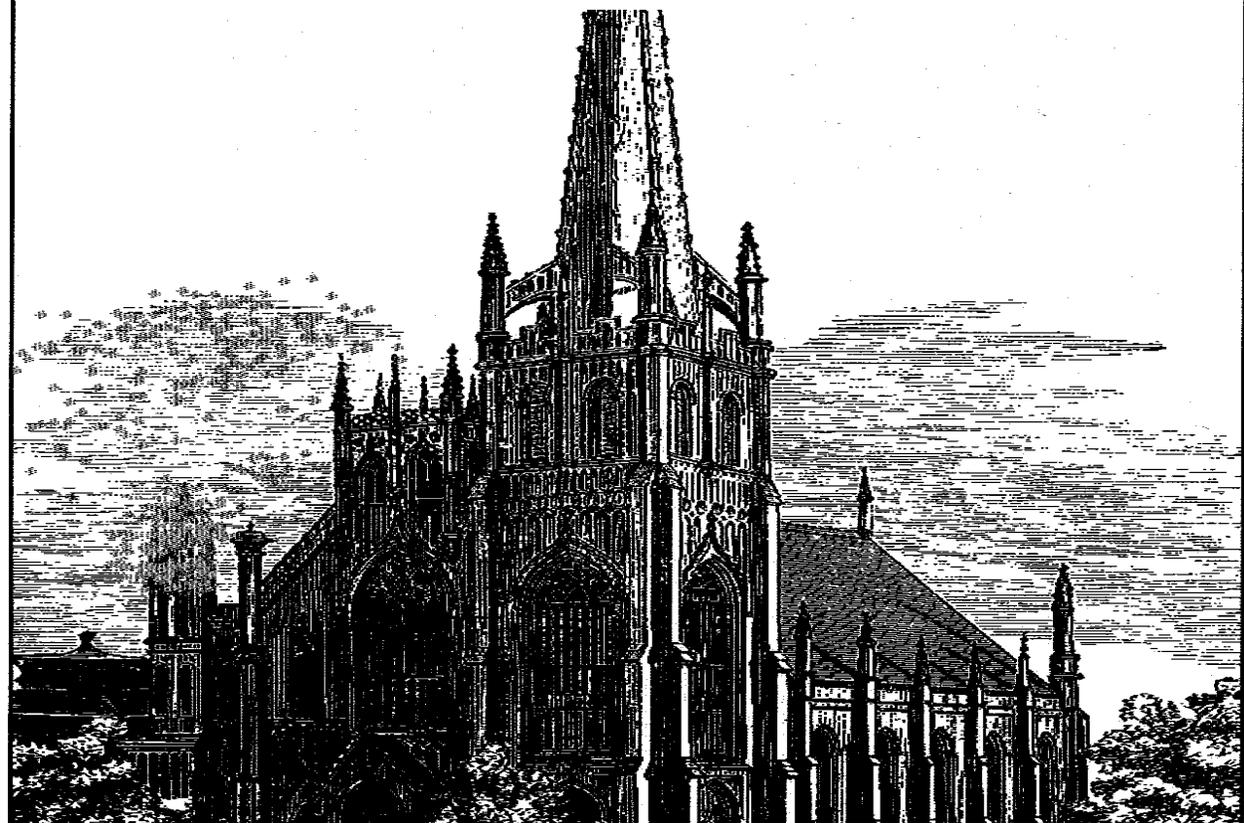
It's that time, Messiah is almost Here!
See Secretary for Tickets. Mark your calendar for the NEW TIME!

Music at Fort Street

2015 Season



“MESSIAH” G.F. Handel



The Fort Street Chorale & the Chamber Orchestra
Edward Kingins, Music Director

Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

General Admission \$20.00 Patron \$35.00
Purchase tickets from the Secretary, 313-961-4533