

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2015

Thought for Individual Meditation

*Spiritual power is a hidden power, locked in the silence of the soul.
We cannot force it to come at command of will.
But when in extremity our strength is as water, our will as the sighing of wind,
and we yield all and lean hard on God in Christ, spiritual strength rises.
It is God's breath within us. On that strength we can go forward.*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Moran

May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God's light shine upon us, that God's way may be known upon the earth, and God's saving power among all nations. (Psalm 67:1)

Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
(Isaiah 40:31)

How great is the power of God's work in those who believe, according to the working of God's great power. For our Lord has said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (Ephesians 1:19, II Cor. 12:9)

Yes, we have this treasure in clay pots, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us...For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.
(II Cor. 4:7, Matthew 6:13)

*HYMN #307 (GTG)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

Tim Moran

Eternal God, strong to save, may Christ have mercy on us when we take for granted the great resources of this nation, those who have bequeathed us a goodly heritage, the cloud of witnesses who gave their lives for freedom's light, and for those who have served in our armed forces. Lord have mercy when we fail to pass on the torch of liberty or to share the faith we have inherited. Most of all, Christ mercy on us when we turn to you as a last resort, or fail to use the gifts we have been given. Open us to your perspective, grace and strengthening power, and grant us your peace.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG #616 (GTG)

"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

Tim Moran

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 46
(pp. 489-90 in pew Bibles)

Tim Moran

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

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Ephesians 3:14-20
(p.218 in pew Bibles)

Dr. Bob Agnew

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

SERMON

"The Power of God"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth."*
(Ephesians 3: 16-18)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN #329 (GTG) "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

VETERANS' TRIBUTE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 606 (GTG) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tim Moran

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 #8 (GTG)

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*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>.

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

Organist	Ray Staroscik
Liturgist	Tim Moran
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Pam Sharrow
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw
Reception Coordinator	No assigned host

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 November 2015

The Abraham family, Gabrielle Abrego, Shari Anderson, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Tim Dukes, Dick Green and family, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Kathy Payne and family, Richard and Suellen Sale, David and Karen Shillito, Rev. Diane Smalley, The Stump family, 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.

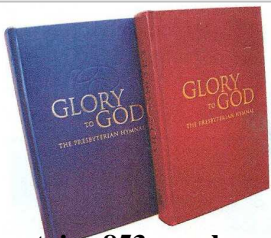
FORT STREET STAFF:

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; 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, 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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**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 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.

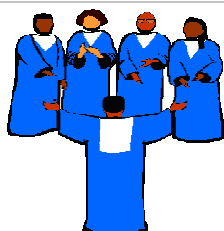
Fort Street News

Week of November 8, 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 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 6:00pm Theology of Presbyterians/Spiritual Life 8:00-9:00pm AA	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session	9-11am Open Dr. 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	Church Offices Closed Welcome EM U 6-8	3:30 Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non Welcome EM U 6-8
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29 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 12:30 5th Sunday Potluck and Church Decorating 6:30pm NA	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal			<h1 style="margin: 0;">November 2015</h1>		



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.**

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.



Attendance for:

November 1, 2015: 78
November 2, 2014: 76

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, Nov. 10 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.

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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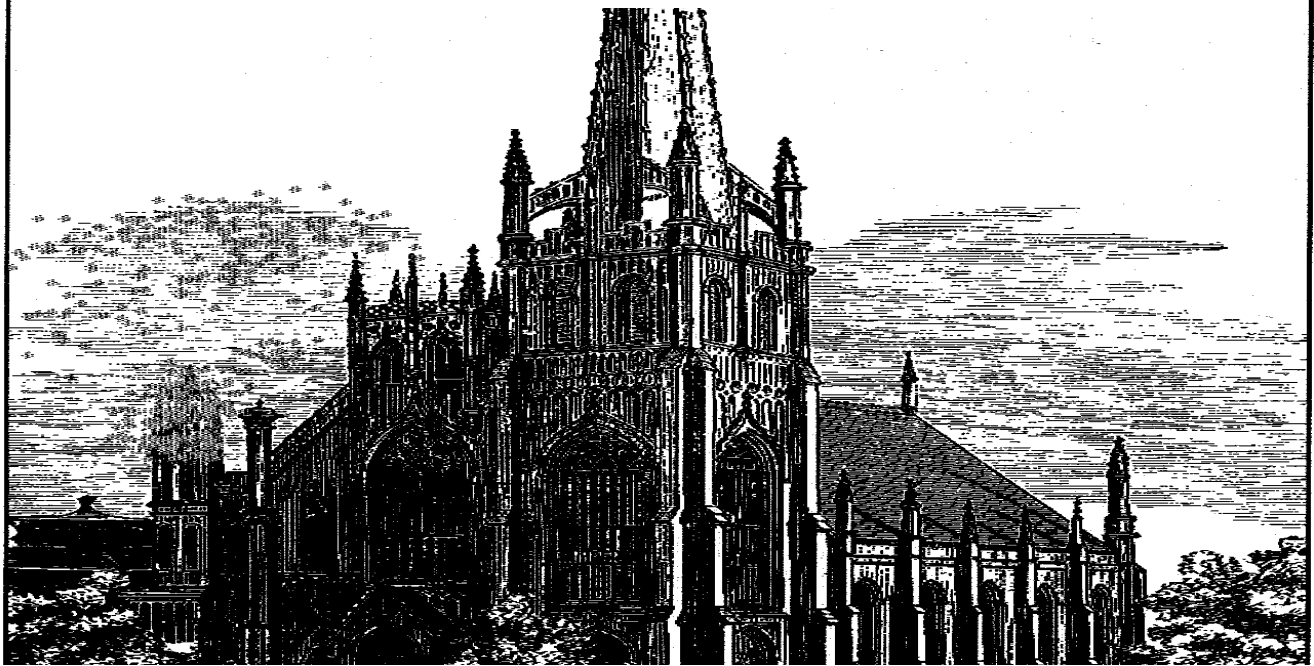
It's that time, Messiah is almost Here!
Mark your calendar for a NEW TIME!

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

Messiah tickets can be purchased by visiting www.fortstreet.org/messiah or calling 313-961-4533. Tickets will also be available for purchase by cash or check on Sunday mornings at the church. Church members can also place an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Please include cash or check and clearly indicate the number of tickets and date of performance on the envelope.