

**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 15, 2015**

**Thoughts for Individual Meditation**

*We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts not breaths;  
In feelings, not figures on a dial.  
We should count time by heartthrobs. Those most live  
Who think most, feel the noblest, and act the best.  
Philip James Bailey*

*Our actions are the picture book of our creeds.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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# Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Lewis

It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and God only shall you serve."

(Matthew 4:10)

**Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.**

**(John 12:26)**

If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should also do as I have done for you. (John 13:14-15)

**So then as we have opportunity, let us do good to all...Whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

(Galatians 6:10a, I Peter 4:11)

\*HYMN #744 (GTG)

*"Arise, Your Light Is Come"*

*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

David Lewis

**Merciful God, the Strength and Redeemer of those who put their trust in you, we have had many visions of human need but have not always loved as Christ loves us, forgiven as we have been forgiven, or offered up our lives in service, as Christ gave himself for us. Too often, we aspire to power and recognition, while you call us to service. We would like to be first, even when you counsel us to accept more humble roles. Forgive us O Lord. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of a servant people.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE SONG #447 (GTG)

*"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

David Lewis

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

# 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  
(p.522 in pew Bibles)

David Lewis

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

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 9:33-35, 10:35-45  
(pp.42 & 44 in pew Bibles)

Dr. Bob Agnew

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

SERMON

**"TRUE GREATNESS"**

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:43-45)

# THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN #726 (GTG)

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

David Lewis

**We trust in Jesus Christ,**

**fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor**

**and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed**

**and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick**

**and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts,**

**forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives.**

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 # 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

David Lewis

\*HYMN #733 (GTG)

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

\*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

David Lewis

Song Leader

Nancy Combs

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Deacon on Duty

Pam Sharrow

Sound Technician

Twiler French

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

Open Door Representative

Elizabeth Kershaw

Reception Coordinator

Agnes Lewis  
Nancy Jackson

## **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

## **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](mailto:firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net). or Nancy Jackson at [nancymotter-shawjackson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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# Fort Street News

## Music at Fort Street

2015 Season

“MESSIAH” G.F. Handel



### *The Fort Street Choral & 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](http://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.



### 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!**

### 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 8, 2015: 66**  
**November 9, 2014: 84**

**The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, Nov. 17 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.

### 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 foods and hygiene items, 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.

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**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 15<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following worship!

**Where:** FSPC's Great Hall



**Lunch is free**

**to all who attend.**



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



## 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

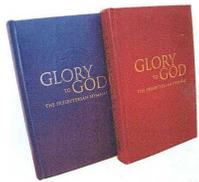
### PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND SKILLS

- 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.

<b>Sun</b> <b>1</b> 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship	<b>Mon</b> <b>2</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>Tue</b> <b>3</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 6:00pm Theology of Presbyterians/ Spiritual Life 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>Wed</b> <b>4</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session	<b>Thu</b> <b>5</b> 9-11am Open Dr. 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>Fri</b> <b>6</b> Church Offices Closed Welcome EM U 6-8	<b>Sat</b> <b>7</b> 3:30 Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm Al-Non  Welcome EM U 6-8
<b>8</b> 9:30am Worship Choir 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship (Communion) 6:30pm NA EMU departs	<b>9</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>10</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 6:00pm Theology of Presbyterians/ Spiritual Life  8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>11</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg	<b>12</b> 9-11am Open Dr. 6:30 Chorale Council 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>13</b> Church Offices Closed  6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>14</b> 3:00 Wedding 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal 5:30pm AA 8:00pm Al-Non
<b>15</b> 11:00am Worship 12:30 Coffee Hour by Open Dr. 2:00 Wedding 6:30pm NA	<b>16</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>17</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>18</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op. 6:30pm Personnel	<b>19</b> 9-11am Open Dr.  7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Church Offices Closed 3:00 Wedding 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>21</b> 3:00 Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm Al-Non
<b>22</b> 11:00am Worship 12:00 Pak Thanksgiving baskets 6:30pm NA (Risers go up)	<b>23</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>25</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	<b>26</b> Church Offices Closed Happy Thanksgiving	<b>27</b> Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>28</b> 5:30pm AA 8:00pm Al-Non
<b>29</b> 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 12:30 5th Sunday Potluck and Church Decorating 6:30pm NA	<b>30</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal					
<b>November 2015</b>						



## 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.

The Session has purchased 160 of these hymnals and placed them in the pews. Additional ones are still needed, and, we hope, in the near future, to purchase more. We would like to invite you to help fund this important part of our worship. 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.

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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 per book)