

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 8, 2015**

**A Meditation before Worship**

Those who wait for 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*

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# Gathering the Community

ORGAN PRELUDES

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Melrose

Call to Annual Meeting: Feb 25

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*The ministry of ushering*

Bob Ponder

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT # 322 (PH)

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Derek Sale

Leader: Have you heard? God heals the broken and blesses the wounded.

**People: Sing praise to God!**

Leader: Have you heard? God forgives, and the past is over and done.

**People: Sing praise to God!**

Leader: Have your heard? God lifts up the downcast and gives peace to the troubled.

**People: Sing praise to God!**

Leader: Have you heard? God smoothes out rough paths and makes a way for us.

**People: Sing praise to God!**

Leader: Have your heard? God gives power to the weak and renews our strength.  
Sing praise to God.

**People: We come to worship the Eternal God.**

\*HYMN # 466 (PH)

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Derek Sale

**Great God,**

**We confess our weariness. We grow faint with our busyness. We have no energy to help the powerless. We look for strength and find exhaustion. We do not wait for you.**

**Merciful God, forgive us, and lead us back to you, for in you our strength is renewed. Fill our voices with your praise, that all might hear!**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 574 HYMN

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

***Christ have mercy upon us.***

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

THE ASSURANCE

Dr. Melrose

RESPONSE IN SONG

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

***Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
We on earth are all thy children, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.***

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Derek Sale

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

## THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40: 21-31  
*(pp. 628-629 in pew Bibles)*  
God’s Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Derek Sale

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Melrose

ANTHEM

*“Follow Jesus”*  
The Worship Choir  
Edward Kingins, Music Director

- arr. Purifoy

SECOND READING

Mark 1:29-39  
*(p.33 in pew Bibles)*  
God’s Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Dr. Melrose

COMMUNION MEDITATION

**“Strength in Waiting”**

Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

## THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 394 (PH)

*“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

\*AN AFFIRMATION *(in unison)*  
*(Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:)*

*“Apostles’ Creed –Ecumenical”*

Kate Callas

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

*(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)*

OFFERTORY

*(All Elders who are serving communion, please come forward during the offertory.)*

Ray Staroscik

\*RESPONSE # 428 HYMN ( vs.1)

***We give thee but thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Derek Sale

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Melrose

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,**

**forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

POURING OF CUP

ORGAN MEDITATION

Ray Staroscik

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Communion will be passed in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to wait so we may partake together.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 477 (PH)                    “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Melrose

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

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\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

*Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, refreshments will be served in the Great Hall. Please join us!*

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## **A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS**

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when (PH) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue). When (GG) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *Glory to God* (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. You will receive *Glory to God* when you enter the sanctuary. Please return this hymnbook to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

Liturgist

Derek Sale

Acolyte

Emeka Uduma

Sound Technician

Nancy Jackson

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Reception Coordinator

Valerie Edwards

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

**Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:**

Large Print Hymnals  
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 Church House.
- \* Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- \* Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- \* A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Church House 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 February 2015**

Pete/Margie, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Bobbie Edwards/family, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Hertha Gast, Grosscup/family, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Virginia Lorimer/family, Karen Marcil, Dana Marshall/family, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Bob Sale, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Joan Szwed family, Cathy Topping.

**Prayers for Military loved ones.**

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Taylor Hansen USMC, Jonathan Heyler, SSGT Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, USMC Captain Katy Spicer Hess, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

**Temporary Supply Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

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**FORT STREET STAFF:**

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; LaMonica Harris, Finance Office Temp.; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Bob Haynes, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

# Fort Street News

## Week of February 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.*

### Call to the Annual Report

The Session of Fort Street Presbyterian Church has called the Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 22, 2015 immediately following 11:00 AM worship for the purpose of: Receiving reports from all boards, officers, and committees; review of the 2015 budget; election of four congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee from among the active membership of the congregation; and the following changes in the bylaws:

#### Motion to change the bylaws relating to qualification so Treasurer

Motion: The Session recommends to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 22, 2015 that the bylaws be amended in SECTION 7 eliminating the phrase "who is currently serving on Session" and substitute the word "are" for "is" so that it reads:

SECTION 7: The session at its first meeting in January shall elect an elder to serve as clerk and shall form such committees as necessary to carry out

its work. They annually shall elect a treasurer who is currently serving on Session and an assistant treasurer who is *are* on the active roll, and the officers of the corporation.

#### Second Proposal eliminate the limitation on successive terms of office by Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Motion: The Session recommends to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 22, 2015 that the bylaws be amended in SECTION 7 eliminating the sentence: "An elder who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year."; and in SECTION 8 eliminating the sentence: "A deacon who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year" so that it reads:

#### Section 7. RULING ELDERS

Elders shall serve the term to which they are elected and until their successors have been elected and installed. An elder who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.

#### Section 8.

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Deacons shall serve the term to which they are elected and until their successors have been elected and installed. A deacon who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.

### Annual Reports

Attention Committee Members, Committee Chairperson's and Staff, all annual reports are due in the church office **Today, Sunday, February 8, 2015.**

Contact the Secretary,  
If you have more questions.  
313-961-4533.

**Save the date Feb. 22, 2015**  
for our Call Annual  
Congregational meeting.

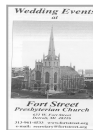


Join the Worship Choir starting at 9:15 am. 2nd and 4th Sundays in the sanctuary balcony. All are welcome.

Attendance for:  
February 1, 2015: 50  
February 2, 2014: 65

### MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2015?

Thinking of getting married? Want to get married at Fort Street? Contact the Wedding Coordinator, Loretta Stanton's cell phone **number, 313-549-1015.**



Fortstreeters and friends,  
Calls and cards are welcome for:

Lorimer family  
8350 Plumbrook Rd.  
#230 Pine Ridge  
Sterling Hts, MI 48313



Harrison Coleman  
43000 12 Oaks Crescent #5033  
Novi MI 48377

Hertha Gast  
Evergreen Health  
19933 W. 13 Mile Rd  
Southfield MI 48076



Robert Sale  
University of MI Hospital  
1500E. Medical Center Drive  
Ann Arbor MI 48109



### THURSDAYS MEAL PROGRAM 9AM-11AM

This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9am, women and elderly guests may shower. They may also receive a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank once a month. Between 9 and 11am, men may shower. They may also get a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank monthly. Guests seeking clothing and hygiene kits must present valid identification. Between 9 and 11am, a full hot meal is served. Guests may get a haircut, and consult with a social worker. Volunteers are welcome.

We give thanks to you O God; we give thanks; your name is near.  
Psalms 75:1

**The deadline for next week's bulletin is  
Tuesday, February 10 at 12:00 pm.**

*Sharing the Word,  
Face to Face*

A Discussion Series in honor of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"But let justice roll on like a river,  
Righteousness like a never-failing  
stream."  
Amos 5: 24*

In an extension of this discussion series,  
Nancy Combs will facilitate an exercise to help define  
White Privilege, on February 15 at 10:00 A.M., in the  
Stapleton Chapel. The impact of this exercise will be  
much more meaningful with participation from a group  
of 20 or more people, so please  
come and invite someone to come with you.

*"There is no longer Jew nor Greek; there  
is longer slave or free, there is no longer  
male or female, for all of us are one in  
Jesus Christ."  
Galatians 3: 28*

Hosted by Spiritual Life Committee. If you have questions  
or can bring refreshments,  
please call Nancy Jackson or Judith Sheldon.



**Wednesday, February 18**

**6:00pm** Soup & Crackers Supper  
and service.

Join your Fort Street family for Ash Wednesday  
as we begin our Lenten Journey.

The evening begins with a simple  
meal of soup, crackers, and bread.

Please consider a donation in the amount that you might  
pay for a simple meal out. Donations beyond the cost of  
the meal will go to the Fort Street  
Open Door Program.

A service following the meal will include bible study,  
introduction of prayer partners for the Lenten

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
11 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. NA	Church Offices Closed  7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	1:30 Staff mtg 7:00 Session mtg	9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Caf� 8:00-9:00 AA	5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
8 11 a.m. Worship (Communion) 6:30 p.m. NA  Annual Reports Due	9 Church Offices Closed  7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	10 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	11	12 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	13 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Caf� 8:00-9:00 AA	14 5:30 pm AA 8:00 Al-Non
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**February 2015**  
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