



Second Sunday In Lent

March 1, 2015

Meditation before Worship

This, I think, is the Gospel's theory of everything – that the more we give, the more we receive; the more we seek to be a friend, the more friends we discover; and the more we love, the more we are loved.

David Lose

<http://www.davidlose.net/2015/02/lent-2-b/>

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Melrose

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT HYMN # 399 (GTG) *"God Welcomes All"* (sung 3 times)

*CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Valerie Edwards

Leader: The journey of Lent

People: is a journey inward, to examine our hearts.

Leader: The journey of faith

People: is a journey of trust, following God's promises.

Leader: The journey of life

People: is a journey outward, spending our lives for the sake of love.

*HYMN # 49 (GTG)

"The God of Abraham Praise"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION² (read in unison)

Valerie Edwards

Faithful God, you call us to trust in your promises, as you invited Abraham and Sarah. In Jesus Christ, you call us to take up our cross and follow, as he invited his disciples. We are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown, afraid of the hard work of discipleship. We are cautious; embarrassed to share the good news. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE IN SONG # 695 (GTG)

"Change My Heart, O God"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Melrose

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 645 (GTG)

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*SHARING THE PEACE

Valerie Edwards

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

PSALTER READING (read responsively)

Psalm 22:23-31
(p.474 in pew Bibles)

Valerie Edwards

Praise the Lord, you that are God-fearing;

stand in awe of the Lord, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

My praise is of God in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:

"May your heart live forever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,

who rules over the nations.

To the Lord alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before the Lord.

My soul shall live for God;

my descendants shall serve the Lord;

they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that God has done.

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Melrose

ANTHEM

"from Stabat Mater"

-Pergolesi

Fort Street Chorale Ladies Ensemble
Pianist Deward Johnson, Jr.

**There stood the Mother grieving
Beside the cross weeping,
While on it hung her Son.**

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Mark 8: 31 - 38

(p.41 in pew Bibles)

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"The Cross and the Status Quo"

The Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

*HYMN # 216 (GTG) *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWL

Pam Sharrow

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

“O quam tristic et afflicta.”

-Pergolesi

From Stabat Mater
Fort Street Chorale Ladies Ensemble
Pianist Deward Johnson, Jr.

**O how sad and how afflicted
Was that blessed Mother
Of the Only-Begotten!**

*DOXOLOGY # 607

“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Valerie Edwards

We Follow God’s Word Into the World

*HYMN # 320 (GTG)

“The Church of Christ in Every Age ”

CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(You may be seated to listen to the Postlude as the concluding act of worship)*

Ray Staroscik
Organist

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**Please stand, if able*

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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!

- * Join others for refreshments in the Great Hall after the worship service.
- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * 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 to direct you.
- * CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered thru the church secretary @ \$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.

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Prayer List for the month of March 2015

Pete/Margie, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Jason Drakeford, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Hertha Gast, Grosscup family, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Lorimer family, Karen Marcil, Dana Marshall/family, Marcia Millhench, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Margaret Parker, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Cathy Topping.

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, Capt. Katy Spicer Hess, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

Fort Street News

Week of March 1, 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
11 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday Luncheon group 6:30 p.m. NA Vanderbilt stds	Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt Vanderbilt stds	8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA Vanderbilt stds	1:30 Staff mtg 7:00 Session mtg Vanderbilt stds	9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal Vanderbilt stds	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA Vanderbilt stds	Vanderbilt stds departs. 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non Welcome George Washington Univ Stds 7-15th
8 11 a.m. Worship (Communion) 6:30 p.m. NA George Washington Stds	9 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt George Washington Stds	10 Eastern MI Stds Departs. 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA George Washington Stds	11 George Washington Stds	12 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal George Washington Stds	13 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA George Washington Stds	14 8:30-4:00 All Day Chorale Rehearsal 5:30 pm AA 8:00 Al-Non George Washington Stds
15 George Washington Departs 1a.m. Worship, 6:30 p.m. NA	16 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt Welcome Iowa Stds	17 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA Iowa Stds	18 1:30 Staff mtg Iowa Stds	19 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal Iowa Stds	20 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA Iowa Stds	21 Iowa Stds Departs Wedding 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
22 11a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. NA	23 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	24 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	25 6:00 Personnel mtg 6:30 Fiscal Op. 7:00 Deacons mtg	26 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	27 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	28 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
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1st Sunday Luncheon Group

Fortstreeters and friends,

Join us as will dine out following service **today, Sunday, March 1.** We will have lunch at Sindbad's located at 100 St. Clair St. in Detroit (off Jefferson Ave to your right), Tel. 313.8222.8000. See Hedi Mulford following service in the narthex.

All are welcome to join us.



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

Contact Information

Has your address, cell phone number, email address or family unit changed in the past year or so? The secretary is asking for updated home and telephone information for our members and visitors. Please get any changes to the secretary at secretary@fortstreet.org or 313-961-4533.

The deadline for next week's bulletin is
Tuesday, March 3 at 12:00 pm.

Attendance for: February 28, 2015: 61
March 1, 2015: 62

Walking by Faith, Not by Sight Lent Reflections Meaning in a Moment

Short videos and discussion
of inspiring faith choices

- February 22 Joy - Revitalizes a community
March 1 Murat - Chooses to be a shepherd
March 8 Johnny - Refugee hospitality
March 15 Robert - Small town physician
March 22 Alyssa - Sings her vision

10:00 - 10:40 A.M. Stapleton Chapel
Hosted by Spiritual Life Committee
and Guest Facilitators

We live by faith, not by sight.”
11 Corinthians 5: 7

Contact Nancy or Judith Shelton
with questions and suggestions



VISITORS AND MEMBERS



In an effort to report correct statistical information, we are requesting the following:

- **Red and White Attendance Card**– Please fill out each and every **Sunday** indicating all **names** of people attending with you. In addition, update the card with any address, telephone, fax or E-mail updates and note that it is a change.

Visitors – Please indicate if you are a first, second, third time, or regular visitor. Place cards in offering plate or drop off in the front office.

- **Purple Prayer Request Card** Place in offering plate.
- **White Request for Custodial Services forms** are available in the front church office, for non-emergency requests. Place it in the Secretary's mailbox in the front office.
- **Congregational Giving&/or other giving envelopes** - Always put your **name & amount** of giving on the envelope.

The above information will enable our staff to give reports on attendance and church giving more accurately. If anyone has a complaint, concern, or request, please bring it to the attention of pastor Sue by phone, fax or E-mail pastor@fortstreet.org

Flowers Reminder

Contact the Worship and Arts Committee to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor of birthday celebrations, anniversaries, or in memory of a loved one... the list is endless for God's grace. Pam Sharrow is the liaison, pamsharrow13@gmail.com. Tell her which Sunday in the year and what you **want printed in the bulletin. You pick the color!** Write a check for \$50 and indicate worship and arts. We'll do the rest!

MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES PLEASE!



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Career Closet



Need women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. Also need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, size 18 and up, men's belts, men's cuff links, men's shoes, size 11 and all sizes.

THURSDAYS OPEN DOOR 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.



Fort Street's Mission Committee hosts group during March 2015

Many people will find a warm place to stay at Fort Street. Alternative Break programs, Students from the

- **Vanderbilt University Feb. 28-March 7,**
- **George Washington University from March 7-15th**
- **Iowa State University from March 15-21**

...So Fortstreeters welcome them, ask them to tell you their stories and share your Fort Street experience with them.