

Fourth Sunday In Lent

March 15, 2015

Meditation before Worship

"Crying out to God, telling God what's wrong,
telling God what you want God to do,
remembering God's deliverance in the past,
and then praising God for all God has done or will do.

A morning's or afternoon's work? No.

A long work of the inner being.

But finally, in days, weeks, months,
the light shines again and we find our words of praise to God."

Nancy deClasse-Walford WorkingPreacher.org March 4, 2012

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME Dr. Melrose

INTROIT -Marty Haugen
“Evening Hymn”
(from Holden Evening Prayer)
Susannah Goodman and Nancy Combs

*CALL TO WORSHIP ¹ Nancy Combs

Leader: In this season, we worship remembering Jesus’
death in love for us and all people.

People: Lent is a time of tears.

Leader: But out of tears, joy is born –
the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn, and life restored.

**All: We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears,
and life out of death. Let us worship with reverence. Amen.**

*HYMN # 826 (GTG) *“Lift High the Cross”*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION² *(read in unison)* Nancy Combs

Gracious God,

We acknowledge that when the going gets rough, too often we pull back from community. We fear naming our pain and sorrow. We blame others; or we deny anything is wrong.

In your compassion, forgive us; help us, through the grace of Jesus Christ, to maintain our unity of purpose and commitment even in the wilderness days. For it is in Christ’s name that we pray. Amen.

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 Nancy Combs

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

THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3: 14-21
(p.88 in pew Bibles)

Nancy Combs

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

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Melrose

ANTHEM

"Let My Prayer Rise Up"
(from Holden Evening Prayer)
Susannah Goodman and Nancy Combs

-Marty Haugen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 13
(p.468 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Cry Of Lament: How Long?" The Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN # 792 (GTG)

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deacon's Easter Basket

Brittany Foley

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.

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.

Temporary Supply Pastor
 The Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose
pastor@fortstreet.org

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; LaMonica Harris, Temp. Bookkeeper, 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

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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, 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, USMC Major Katy Spicer, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.


Fort Street News

Week of March 15, 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	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 Café 8:00-9:00 AA	5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
11 a.m. Worship (Communion) 12:30 Worship Arts mtg 6:30 p.m. NA	Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	10 Eastern MI Stds Departs. 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	11 6:00 Personnel mtg	9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	14 8:30-4:00 All Day Chorale Rehearsal 5:30 pm AA 8:00 Al-Non
15 11a.m. Worship, 6:30 p.m. NA	16 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	17 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	18 1:30 Staff mtg No meetings scheduled	19 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	20 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA	21 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 6:30 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
29 11a.m. Worship 5th Sunday Potluck 6:30 p.m. NA	23 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	31 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	March 2015 3-13-15			



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.**



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 17 at 12:00 pm.

Attendance for: March 8, 2015: 85
March 9, 2014: 83

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish..
Zephaniah 1:14-15

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

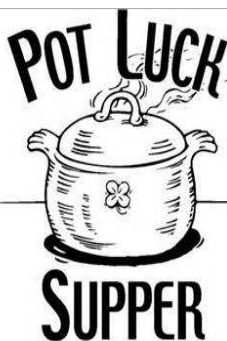


Need women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. Also need men's **extra large dress clothes, shirts, size 18 and up, men's belts, men's cuff links, men's shoes, size 11 and all sizes.**

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.



Join us for the
**Fifth Sunday
Potluck Luncheon**
Sunday, March 29, 2015
Bring a Dish to Share