

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

Meditation before Worship

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31: 33-34

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Nancy Jennings

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Nancy Jennings

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 # 223(GTG)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION² (from Psalm 51, Contemporary English Bible)

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion! Wash me completely of my guilt; purify me from my sin! Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me. I’ve sinned against you – you alone. I’ve committed evil in your sight. Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me! Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE IN SONG # 695 (GTG)

“Change My Heart, O God”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Edward Dunn

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 645 (GTG)

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*SHARING THE PEACE

Nancy Jennings

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Nancy Jennings

(p.691 in pew Bibles)

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

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Judith Sheldon

ANTHEM

"O Lamb of God Most Holy"

-N. Decius

The Worship Choir

Edward Kingins, Music Director

SECOND GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

Nancy Jennings

(pp.100-101 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"A New Covenant"

The Rev. Edward Dunn

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 # 724 (GTG)

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nancy Jackson

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

Ray Staroscik

*DOXOLOGY # 607

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nancy Jennings

We Follow God's Word Into the World

*HYMN # 69 (GTG)

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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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We welcome the Rev. Edward Dunn recently moved to Michigan from Boise, Idaho. He served congregations in Texas, Michigan, and Idaho and completed work as the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Boise before returning to Detroit. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. Rev. Dunn begins serving as Temporary Supply Pastor at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church in April.

Rev. Dunn, his wife Rev. Joanna Dunn, and their three children reside in Troy.

Liturgist

Nancy Jennings

Sound Technician

Valerie Edwards

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Worship Coordinator

Kate Callas

Reception Coordinator

Agnes Lewis
Nancy Jackson

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 22, 2015

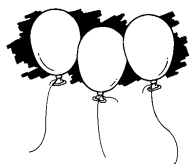
MISSION STATEMENT

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	
8 11 a.m. Worship (Communion) 12:30 Worship Arts mtg 6:30 p.m. NA	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 6:00 Personnel mtg	12 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	13 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 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 1:30 staff mtg 6:30 Fiscal Op. (rescheduled) 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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Fortstreeters and friends join the Deacon's as they will be packing Easter Baskets on Palm Sunday, March 29, following service.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Easter Balloons
at Fort Street**

Come help us fill the balloons that will fill the sky on Easter Sunday. We will begin in the chapel at 8:00 a.m. If you are able to help, please contact Beth Brown at ebrown002@gmail.com or 734-266-8143.



**Animals Visit Fort Street on Easter Morning!
Come to the Donlin Center at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy live baby goats, sheep, guinea pigs, chicks and ducks.**



Aprons and hand sanitizer will be available. Invite friends and neighbors to share in this opportunity to pet and hold new spring babies.

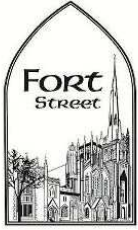


And then join us for our indoor egg hunt. The egg hunt and animal encounter will happen AFTER a great breakfast in the Great Hall and BEFORE service in the sanctuary and the balloon release outside.



Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015



Gather at 10:00 a.m. in the Great Hall for prayer, percussion and palm leaves, followed by the outdoor procession, and the triumphant entry into the sanctuary and a sea of waving palms.

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2015 6pm



Simple Meal / Worship / Communion

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Good Things
are
happening
at Fort Street
Presbyterian
Church

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 2015
12:30 pm

A service in the Chapel will include scripture readings and music.

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Downtowners: exit @ People Mover Fort Street Station and walk two blocks west to the Church, free secure parking is next to the Church

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

9:00 Easter Breakfast
10:00 Egg Hunt/Petting Zoo
11:00am Worship

Balloon Release At 12:15 p.m.
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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.

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.



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

Attendance for: March 15, 2015: 69
March 16, 2014: 58

The deadline for next week's bulletin is
Tuesday, March 24 at 12:00 pm.