

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

Meditation before Worship

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch...he had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

(Acts 8:26-31)

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME Tom Edwards

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Edwards
(from Psalm 148)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise God in the heights!

**Many: Praise the Lord! Young men and women alike,
Old and young together.**

One: Praise the Lord! God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven!

Many: Praise the Lord!

One: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN # 482 (PH) *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION Tom Edwards

God of mercy, through your Holy Spirit, Christ is present among us, leading us ever closer to you. We confess our reluctant discipleship. When you call us to follow, we go our own way. When you call us to step off the beaten path, we have a hard time fully trusting you. When you call us to share your good news with the world, we often choose to say nothing. Grant us courage to go where your Spirit leads and the boldness to proclaim the saving grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE IN SONG # 341 (PH) *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (v.1)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Ryan

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 341 (PH) *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (v.2 and 3)*

*SHARING THE PEACE Tom Edwards

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

THE WORD

FIRST GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

Tom Edwards

(p.103 in pew Bibles)

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

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Judith Sheldon

ANTHEM

Ray Staroscik

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Acts 8:26-40

Rev. Ryan

(p.119 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Page Turner"

Rev. Breanne Ryan

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Tom Edwards

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN # 398 *(PH)*

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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 # 591

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Tom Edwards

*HYMN # 430 (PH)

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Ryan

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*

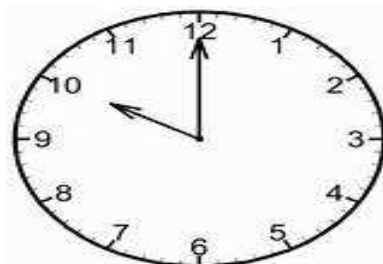
Fort Street welcome Rev. Breanne Ryan, who is a pastor at-large in the Presbytery of Detroit. She serves on the Committee on Ministry. Bre, her husband Dan, and their 8 month old son Daniel live in Ruby, Michigan.

If you need assistance while the church is going through a transition, please contact the secretary at the church, and she will put you in touch with Jean Loup, Presbytery Administrator Commissioner. Also, please contact Lola Fryer Davidson at the church office 313-961-4533, for emergencies. When Lola cannot be reached at her office, please call Lola's personal number which can be found in the church directory. Jim Conley is assigned as Pastoral Care and can be reached by phone at 734-692-4901 or by email at jimconley@ili.net

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 (GTG) 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.

The church returns to its
summer schedule time
change **May 24, 2015,**
10:00am.
Mark your calendar!



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.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; Ray Staroscik, Organist; 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

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Prayer List for the month of May 2015

Laura Anderson, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Jason Drakeford, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Carol Gadye, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Irene/Mark Larson and family, Lemus family, Karen Marcil, Kyla Moran, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, John Neuman, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Margaret Parker, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

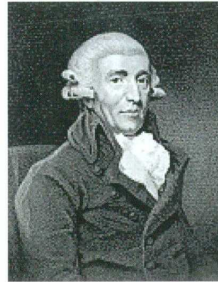
CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, USMC Major Katy Spicer, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

Fort Street Chorale

Edward Kingins, Director

presents

LORD NELSON MASS MASS #11 IN D MINOR



FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

CONCERTO FOR ORGAN IN G MINOR



FRANCIS POULENC

Dr. David Wagner, Organist

Sunday, May 3, 2015 -- 3:00 PM
631 W. Fort Street Detroit, MI 48226

Peggy Dwyer, Soprano Dorothy Duensing, Alto
Pablo Bustos, Tenor Steven Henrikson, Bass
Richard Householder, Conductor

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Visit our website at: www.fortstreet.org/chorale

General Admission Tickets \$20 each
Patron Tickets \$35
Group Tickets \$15 each
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the Fort
Street
CHORALE
& CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Fort Street News

Week of May 3, 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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
<h1 style="margin: 0;">May 2015</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">4-30-15</p>					11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	9-12 Chorale Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
3 10:00 Adult Ed 11 a.m. Worship 3:00 Chorale Spring Concert 6:30 p.m. NA	4 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	5 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	6 7:00 Session mtg	7 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal/Dinner 6:00 Chorale Annual Potluck	8 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	9 Wedding 5:30 pm AA 8:00 AI-Non
10 10:00 Adult Ed 11a.m. Worship, (Communion) 6:30 p.m. NA	11 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	12 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	13 1:30 Staff mtg	14 9-11 Open Door	15 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA	16 3:00 Wedding 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
17 10:00 Adult Ed 11a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. NA	18 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	19 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	20 No meetings scheduled	21 9-11 Open Door	22 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA	23 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
24 10:00 Adult Ed 11a.m. Worship 3:00 Wedding 6:30 p.m. NA	25 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	26 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	27 1:30 Staff mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op. 6:00 Personnel 7:00 Deacons mtg	28 9-11 Open Door 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal	29 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 3:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA	30 3:00 Wedding 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
31 10:00 am Worship 11:30 5th Sunday Potluck 6:30 p.m. NA	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">  </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Career Closet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p> </div> </div>					

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, May 5, at 12:00 pm.

Attendance for:
April 26, 2015: 64
April 31, 2014: 50



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.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Psalms 60:1-2

Short documentaries and informal discussion in the Stapleton Chapel, 10:00 A.M.

Walking by Faith, Not by Sight *Meaning in a Moment*

April 19 JOY

Prayer and Presence in Logan Park

April 26 LINDSAY

Classroom Learning and Loving

May 3 JAMES

Facebook, Family and Faith

May 10 DAWN

Motherhood is an Unexpected Gift

May 17 POR

Fingernails and Faith in Thailand

Christina Living Series hosted by Spiritual Life Committee and Guest Facilitators.
Contact Nancy Jackson or Judith Sheldon with questions or suggestions.

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6: 2