



## **Trinity Sunday**

**May 31, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

### **Meditation before Worship**

“We cannot put ourselves directly in the presence of God if we do not practice internal and external silence. In silence we find new energy and true unity. Silence gives us a new outlook on everything. The essential thing is not what we say but what God says to us and through us. In silence, he will listen to us; there he will speak to our souls, there we will hear his voice.”

—Mother Teresa

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# Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik

Organist

WELCOME

James Lemus

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

James Lemus

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**People: We will lift our voices in praise and declare the Lord's glory, power and steadfast love.**

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

\*HYMN # 139 (PH)

“Come Thou Almighty King”

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

James Lemus

**Eternal and Almighty God, as we enter Your holy presence, we acknowledge that our lips are unclean, our hands are unclean, our hearts are unclean.**

**In Your tender compassion, show us mercy. Purify us with the coals from Your altar. Fill our mouths with Your word, our hands with Your work and our hearts with Your love, according to Your perfect will.**

**Sanctify us by Your grace that we may be holy, even as You are holy: eternal one God with all power and majesty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Estelle Aaron

\*SHARING THE PEACE

James Lemus

Leader: The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE WORD

FIRST GOSPEL READING

Romans 8:12-17

James Lemus

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

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Judith Sheldon

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Ray Staroscik

SECOND GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

The Rev. Aaron

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

SERMON

"Holy Encounter"

The Rev. Estelle Aaron

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

James Lemus

**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 # 138 (PH)

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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 # 592 (PH) *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

James Lemus

\*HYMN # 701 (GTG)

“Lord Prepare Me ”

CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Aaron

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*

### OUR GUEST MINISTER

**The Rev. Estelle Aaron** is an Honorably Retired Clergywoman of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). She is a native Michigander who has been a member of the Presbytery of Detroit for over 50 years. Rev. Aaron is a graduate of Wayne State University and McCormick Theological Seminary.

### 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.

## ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

### 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 the Elevator to the 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](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

Liturgist	James Lemus
Music Director	Edward Kingins
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
	Jeannie Ledermann
Officers on Duty	Marilyn Moore
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Loretta Stanton
Coffee Hour Coordinator	Nancy Jennings

## **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**, 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 News

Week of May 31, 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.*

### Fifth Sunday



Join Us Following Worship

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Plan to Join in Welcoming  
Our Temporary Supply Pastor

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew**

During a Special Coffee Hour Sponsored by Session

Following Worship

Sunday, June 7, 2015

In Support of the Second Mile Center Mission of Detroit

The Justice and Peace Committee of the Presbyterian Women of  
The Presbytery of Detroit is Pleased to Present a Special Dramatic Event

### The Life & Spiritual Times of

**C.S. Lewis**

A Christian Voyage of (Re) Belief

Before *The Lord of the Rings* and the *Harry Potter* stories, *The Chronicles of Narnia* enchanted readers, young and old. Discover how they came to be!



An Original Two-Act Drama

Written by & Featuring

**MARK F. McPHERSON**

As "Professor Lewis"

Also Featuring

Musical Performance by **DANIEL SUSAN**

Presentation by the **Second Mile Center**

**Kids' Mime Group**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31 — 2:00 PM**

Historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church

631 Fort Street (At Third), Detroit

**Free Admission**

[A Free-will Offering Will be Taken at Intermission to

Benefit the Second Mile Center]

A Complimentary English Tea & Treats

Will be Available to Participants

at the Program's End

For Further Information, Call (313) 961-4533

"By re-creating the persona of Professor Lewis, Mark McPherson presents an exciting journey into the 'how?' and 'why?' of Christian faith."

—The Detroit News