

First Sunday In Lent

February 22, 2015

Meditation before Worship

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ you know the tests and trials we face. Walk with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME (Call to Congregational Meeting)

Dr. Melrose

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Chorale

Kate Callas

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Tracy Lemus

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you.

Let none who trust in you be put to shame; let the evil be disappointed in all their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me to follow in your paths.

You guide the humble in doing right, O God, and all your ways are love and faithfulness.

*HYMN # 22 (GTG)

"God of the Sparrow"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION² (read in unison)

Tracy Lemus

Covenant-making God,

As heirs of your covenant, which was sealed for us in baptism, we have been promised your grace and forgiveness, and been called to live as your holy people. But we have taken your promises for granted, neglecting the way of life to which you have called us.

Melt us, mold us, and saturate us anew with your Holy Spirit. Empower us to embrace the way of the cross, that we may be faithful to our calling, as disciples of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE IN SONG # 695 (GTG)

"Change My Heart, O God"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Melrose

*RESPONSE IN MUSIC

"Lord of the Dance"
David Lewis, Trombone

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9: 8 - 17
(p.7 in pew Bibles)

Tracy Lemus

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

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Melrose

ANTHEM

"What Wondrous Love Is This"
The Worship Choir
Edward Kingins, Music Director

-America Folk Hymn

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 9 - 15
(p.33 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Never Again"

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 # 166 (GTG)

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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

*RESPONSE IN MUSIC # 607 *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tracy Lemus

*HYMN # 39 (GTG) *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Commissioning of Gabriella Abrego

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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Liturgist

Tracy Lemus

Sound Technician

Valerie Edwards

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Worship Coordinator

Loretta Stanton

Reception Coordinator

The Petrie family

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 February 2015

Pete/Margie, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Jason Drakeford, Bobbie Edwards/family, 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/ family, 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, Joan Szwed 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 February 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.*

Call to the Annual Report

The Session of Fort Street Presbyterian Church has called the Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 22, 2015 immediately following 11:00 AM worship for the purpose of: Receiving reports from all boards, officers, and committees; review of the 2015 budget; election of four congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee from among the active membership of the congregation; and the following changes in the bylaws:

Motion to change the bylaws relating to qualification so Treasurer

Motion: The Session recommends to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 22, 2015 that the bylaws be amended in SECTION 7 eliminating the phrase "who is currently serving on Session" and substitute the word "are" for "is" so that it reads:

SECTION 7: The session at its first meeting in January shall elect an elder to serve as clerk and shall form such committees as necessary to carry out

its work. They annually shall elect a treasurer ~~who is currently serving on Session~~ and an assistant treasurer ~~who is are on~~ the active roll, and the officers of the corporation.

Second Proposal eliminate the limitation on successive terms of office by Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Motion: The Session recommends to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 22, 2015 that the bylaws be amended in SECTION 7 eliminating the sentence: "An elder who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year."; and in SECTION 8 eliminating the sentence: "A deacon who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year" so that it reads:

Section 7. RULING ELDERS

Elders shall serve the term to which they are elected and until their successors have been elected and installed. ~~An elder who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.~~ Section 8.

BOARD OF DEACONS

Deacons shall serve the term to which they are elected and until their successors have been elected and installed. ~~A deacon who has served a full three year term shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.~~

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.



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



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.**

Committee Meeting

The following committees will hold their meetings next week on **Wednesday, February 25, 2015: 6:00 Personnel, 6:30 Fiscal OP., and 7:00 Deacons meeting.**

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.
-Proverbs 3:3-4



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.

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.

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.

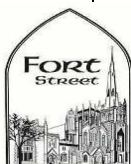
Visitors – Please indicate if you are a first, second, third time, or regular visitor. Place cards in offering plate or drop off in the front office.

- **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

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
11 a.m. Worship 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) 6:30 p.m. NA 12:30 WA mg Annual Reports Due	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	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 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 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service	19 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	20 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	21 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
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The deadline for next week's bulletin is
Tuesday, February 23 at 12:00 pm.



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