



10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2015

Meditation before Worship

A young child repeating the Lord's Prayer said,
"And forgive us our debts as we forgive those who are dead against us!"
The first duty of those who stand in the need of forgiveness is to forgive.
Where there is no forgiveness, there is no life.

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

INTROIT:

“Bright Morning Stars”
Susannah Goodman and Nancy Combs

Kentucky Folk Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bold print indicates congregation’s participation)

Ruth Boyce

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the sin of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, so God seeks and saves the lost.

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to them.

(Psalm 103:10)

As far as east is from the west, so far does the Lord remove our transgressions from us.
(Psalm 103:12)

**We gather today to celebrate God’s forgiveness through the saving acts
and presence of Christ who makes us whole.**

*HYMN # 435 (GTG) *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

This morning all hymns and songs can be found in the purple Glory to God (GTG) hymnals. We have limited copies of Glory to God, so they are given to worshippers as they enter the sanctuary. If you did not receive one, please contact an usher. We would also appreciate if you would return this hymnal (GTG) to the Narthex as you leave worship.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruth Boyce

**Gracious God, for times when we have been wayward and wandering sheep,
Lord have mercy. When our love is lacking and our patience short, when we have been
unkind, envious, rude or selfish, Christ have mercy. When we have not forgiven others
as you have forgiven us, Lord have mercy. Reform our will. Create in us clean hearts
and put a new and right spirit within us. Grant us peace and help us to walk in your
ways.**

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 616 (GTG) *“Our God Is an Awesome God”*

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Ruth Boyce

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

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION # 695 (GTG) "Change My Heart O God"

***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 103:1, 8-12, 17-18, 22 Ruth Boyce
(pp.523-524 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "How Can I Keep From Singing?" R. Lowry
Susannah Goodman and Nancy Combs

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Dr. Bob Agnew
(p.183 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "FORGIVENESS" Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 4:32

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you."*

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 445 (GTG) "God, How Can We Forgive"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A Brief Statement of Faith") Ruth Boyce

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks,
and to live holy and joyful lives.

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, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"
Susannah Goodman and Nancy Combs

J. Newton,
trad. English Ballad

*DOXOLOGY # 606 (GTG) *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ruth Boyce

*HYMN # 754 (GTG)

"Help Us Accept Each Other" (Vs. 1 - 3)

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

(If you wish to do so, we invite you to sit quietly and enjoy the postlude as part of your worship.)

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**Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, there will be a coffee hour in the small dining area. Please join us!

Organist	Ray Staroscik
Liturgist	Ruth Boyce
Song Leader	Nancy Combs
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Kalu Uduma
Officers on Duty	Bob Ponder
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw

New Church Hours

Fort Street has new church hours. The church offices will be open on Mondays from 8-3, Tues and Thursdays 8-5:00pm, Wednesday 8-7:00 p.m. Church offices will be closed on Fridays.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Large Print Blue 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!

- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * During the worship service loving child care attendants are provided for children through age 4. Ushers can provide directions.
- * A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Reception Office after worship @ \$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.

Prayer List for the month of August 2015

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Tom Edwards and family, Ben Henderson, Shannon Howard, Melanie Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Mary Jo and Jerry Naragon, Kathy Payne and family, Easter Ponder, Richard and Suellen Sale, Linda Throm, and Ozi Uduma.

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 STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; Ray Staroscik, Organist; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Jerry Johnson, Building Support Staff, Donna Bryant, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Tarpley, Elizabeth Kershaw, Open Door Staff.

Temporary Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew
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Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2015						1 TBD Wedding 5:30p AA 8:00p AI-Non
2 10:00a Worship 6:30p NA	3 Church Open 8-3	4 8:30a. Clothes Sort 12-2p Career Clst (Closed) 8:00-9:00p AA	5 1:45p Staff mtg 7:00p Session mtg	6 9-11a Open Door Closed	7 Church Offices Closed 11-3p Open Door Inspirational Café (Closed) 8:00-9:00p AA	8 5:30p AA 8:00p AI-Non
9 10:00a Worship (Communion) 11:45 Worship Arts mtg 6:30p NA	10 Church Open 8-3	11 8:30a. Clothes Sort 12-2p Career Clst 8:00-9:00p AA	12 1:45p Staff mtg	13 9-11a Open Door 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	14 Church Offices Closed 11-3p Open Door Inspirational Café 5:00p Wedding 6:30p Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00p AA	15 3:00 Wedding 5:30p AA 8:00p AI-Non
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23 10:00a Worship 6:30p NA	24 Church Open 8-3	25 8:30a. Clothes Sort 12-2p Career Clst 8:00-9:00p AA	26 1:45p Staff mtg 6:00p Personnel 7:00p Deacons mtg	27 9-11a Open Door 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	28 Church Offices Closed 11-3p Open Door Inspirational Café 3:00p Wedding 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00p AA	29 TBD Wedding 5:30p AA 8:00p AI-Non
30 10:00a Worship 6:30p NA	31 Church Open 8-3					

Fort Street News

Week of August 2, 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.*

THE NEW DIRECTORIES 2015 ARE HERE!

The new membership directories are now available in the narthex. Contact an Usher to receive one.

Please Use Envelopes for Sunday Check Contributions

The count volunteers who total up the Sunday offering would appreciate it if check writers could fill out a pew envelope and use it to enclose your check. We use these envelopes as documentation to back up details of our deposit record. If you don't fill one out at the time of contribution, a volunteer must write one for you. The envelope also allows you to show precisely how your contribution is to be applied to our various funds. We thank you for your faithful giving and for your help in assuring that it is counted correctly.

Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME

Bid Whist Spades OLD FASHION PICNIC Horse shoes

Saturday, August 8, 2015

Water balloons Noon - 6:00 P.M. Prizes

St. John's Presbyterian Church

1961 E. Lafayette, Detroit

Music Games Bring Lounge Chairs, if Desired Remote controlled cars

<u>Church</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Broadstreet	v Salads, Fry the chicken
Calvary	o Potato Salad
Fort Street	i Water, Pop
Gratiot	e Ice
Hope	y Baked beans
Park United	b Rice Dish
St. John's	a Watermelon, tables/chairs
Trinity	i Paper goods, utensils, table cloths
Trumbull	l Bread, Hot Dog Rolls
Westminster	l Corn on the Cob

Contact Sharon Oglesby 313-608-1099 or Stefanie Lewis 248-505-4727

Cake Bake off Contest



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.

Wedding Events



MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2015/2016?

Thinking of getting married? Want to get married at Fort Street? Contact the Wedding Coordinator, Loretta Stanton's cell phone number, 313-549-1015.

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!

There will be games, food, fellowship and fun for everyone!! (including a cake bake-off -- please bring your prize entry -- horse shoes, card games, racing cars for the kids, checkers/chess, prizes for best...) We are asking each church to donate as follows for at least 60 people.



Attendance for:
July 26, 2015: 67
July 27, 2014: 82