

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2015

Meditation before Worship

Dr. Henry Russell, famed Princeton University astronomer, once gave a lecture in which he talked of the Milky Way and its millions of stars.

He told of how many of them are far larger than our sun and how the still more distant heavens swarm with stars innumerable.

*When he finished a woman asked him,
"If our world is so little, and the universe so great,
can we believe that God pays any attention to us human beings?"*

*To which he replied,
"That all depends, Madam, on how big a God you believe in!"
--the deeper the faith the greater the confidence."*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bold print indicates congregation's participation)

Hedi Mulford

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation...so that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know...what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

We live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, they have divine power to destroy strongholds. (II Corinthians 10:3-4a)

The God of all grace, who has called you to God's eternal glory in Christ will restore, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen. (I Peter 5:10b-11)

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light...Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. (Romans 13:12b; I Thessalonians 5:8)

*HYMN #307 (GTG)

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (Vs. 1, 4 and 5)

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

Saving God, we confess that battles rage within us as well as without! Our inclination to depend on our own strength can block the help you give. Too often, we underestimate the evil influences at work in the world which erode our values and cause us to be neglectful of spiritual disciplines. Have mercy on us when we lack confidence to face life because of our failure to put our trust in you. Equip us anew with the full armor of Christ, that we may not waver in the fight for goodness, truth, and love. Grant us wisdom and courage this day and every day.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 614 (GTG)

"Great Are You, Lord"

**Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Hedi Mulford

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 626 (GTG) *"As the Deer"*

***As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 84
(p.513 in pew Bibles)

Hedi Mulford

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Ephesians 6:10-20
(p.184 in pew Bibles)

Dr. Bob Agnew

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"SUIT UP"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"Be strong in the Lord in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God..."* (Ephesians 6:10-11a)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 275 (GTG)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Hedi Mulford

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**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

*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

Hedi Mulford

*HYMN #269 (GTG) *"Lead On, O King Eternal!"*

*COMMISSION

Let us be strong and courageous as we face this week. May we keep the charge of God
and walk in God's ways.

With heart and strength, we will seek to walk in faithfulness.

As we face spiritual challenges of each day, let us put on the whole armor of God.

**We will suit up ourselves with truth and righteousness, with faith, salvation, and
peace. We will rededicate ourselves as ambassadors for Christ.**

*BENEDICTION

*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	Hedi Mulford
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Beth Brown
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw

Church Hours

The church offices are open on Mondays from 8-3, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-5:00pm, Wednesday 8-7:00 p.m. Church offices are 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, child care is provided for children through age 4. Ushers can provide directions. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in Sunday School, which follows the Children's Message. A Christian Education staff member will lead the children downstairs. Parents may pick them up after worship. For additional information about our Sunday School program, please contact Judith Sheldon at firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net. or Nancy Jackson at nancymotter-shawjackson@gmail.com.
- * 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, Mark Denard, Tom Edwards and family, Calvin Elam and family, the Finch family, Frank Homme, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Carl Kiehla, Valerie Kimbrough, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Mary Jo and Jerry Naragon, Kathy Payne and family, the Ponder family, Richard and Suellen Sale, Mary Sanders, Ray Staroscik and family, Linda Throm, Patricia Walsh and Nancy Wicke.

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; Major Katy Spicer USMC; Alexander Szelestey USMC; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Director of Music; Ray Staroscik, Organist; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Jerry Johnson, Building Support Staff, Donna Bryant, Damien Hines, 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
pastor@fortstreet.org

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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Fort Street News

Week of August 23, 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.*

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.

THE NEW DIRECTORIES 2015 ARE HERE!

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2015						1 3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
2 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	3 Church Open 8-3pm	4 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst (Closed) 8:00-9:00pm AA	5 1:45pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session mtg	6 9-11am Open Door (Closed)	7 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café (Closed) 8:00-9:00pm AA	8 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
9 10:00am Worship (Communion) 11:45am Worship Arts mtg 6:30pm NA	10 Church Open 8-3pm	11 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	12 1:45pm Staff mtg	13 9-11am Open Door 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	14 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 5:00pm Wedding 8:00-9:00pm AA	15 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
16 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	17 Church Open 8-3pm	18 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	19 1:45pm Staff mtg 6:00pm Fiscal Op.	20 9-11am Open Door	21 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00pm AA	22 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
23 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	24 Church Open 8-3pm	25 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	26 1:45pm Staff mtg 6:00pm Personnel 7:00pm Deacons mtg	27 9-11am Open Door 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	28 Church Offices Closed 11-3p Open Door Inspirational Café 3:00pm Wedding 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00pm AA	29 5:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
30 10:00am Worship 5th Sunday Potluck 6:30pm NA	31 Church Open 8-3pm		<p>Sunday worship service will resume its regular service hours on September 13, at 11:00am.</p> <p>Please mark your calendars.</p>			

Needed

Sunday Worship Sound Techs and Coffee Hour volunteer Host/s needed. Have questions about the duties? Please contact Nancy Jackson at nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com or 313- 418-6756.



Congratulations

Fortstreeters, our own Kyla Moran is getting married to Patrick Maloney on **Saturday, September 5, 2015 at**

2:00 pm. You are invited to the wedding and After Glow at Fort Street. Come out and celebrate with Tim and Aimee at the marriage of their daughter.

Join us for our Annual Fort Street Traditional BIG FAT 5th **Sunday Potluck Luncheon**



Sunday, August 30, 2015

bring a dish to share

Committee Meeting

The Deacons will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00pm.**



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.



Attendance for:
August 16, 2015: 73
August 17, 2014: 62

In an effort to report correct statistical information, we are requesting the following:



VISITORS AND MEMBERS



- **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.
- **Interested in Becoming a Member?** Please fill out a red attendance card and place in the offering basket.

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 Bob by phone, fax or E-mail pastor@fortstreet.org

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, at sharrow13@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!

Sacrament of Baptism

If you would like to celebrate The Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or your child, please make an appointment with Pastor Bob at pastor@fortstreet.org or 313-961-4533 ext#32.

**The deadline for next week's bulletin is
Tuesday, August 25 at 12:00 pm.**