

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 13, 2015**

**Meditation before Worship**

*We often find it hard to get what we want for we do not always want the best.  
God has given us the best in Jesus the Christ but we only accept him piecemeal.*

*Dr. E. Stanley Jones once said that the early Christians  
“out-loved, out-laughed, and out-died the people around them.” Why?  
They knew who Jesus was, and it affected everything about them.*

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# Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Judith Sheldon

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Bold print indicates congregation's participation)*

Tom Turner

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and lived among us. (John 1:1, 14a)

**For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.**

**(I Corinthians 8:6)**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...who emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness...humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

**At the name of Jesus every knee should bend...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-11)**

\*HYMN # 305 (GTG)

*"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"*

*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

Tom Turner

**Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. We say we believe in Jesus Christ but fail to follow him in our daily lives. We want Easter without Good Friday, the empty tomb without the cross, and the fellowship of the family without the discipline of discipleship. Have mercy upon us. Teach us to walk down the narrow way you tread. Let the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the living of our days proclaim Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

\*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

Tom Turner

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

## THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG 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 19

Tom Turner

*(p.472 in pew Bibles)*

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

ANTHEM

*"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*

Dale Wood

The Worship Choir

Edward Kingins, Music Director

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Mark 8:27-28

*(p.41 in pew Bibles)*

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

SERMON

**"ONE WHALE OF AN IDEA!"**

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT:

*"Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)*

## THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 826 (GTG)

*"Lift High the Cross"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(From "A Brief Statement of Faith")*

Tom Turner

**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.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY # 647 (GTG)                   *"Give Thanks"***

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
Give Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Tom Turner

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*( the prayer continues..)*

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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BREAD AND CUP)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP (Bread is gluten free)

*(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to his table. Communion will be received by intinction, with congregants taking a piece of bread to dip into the cup. Please come forward down the center aisle, and return to your seat by walking to the right or the left. If you would like to have the communion elements brought to you, please inform one of the ushers.)*

ORGAN MEDITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, united us in Christ, and have given us a foretaste of the glory to come. Strengthen us now in your service that our daily living may show our thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 634 (GTG)

*"To God Be the Glory"*

\*CHARGE AND 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

Tom Turner

Song Leader

Nancy Combs

Sound Technician

Nancy Jackson

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Worship Coordinator

Loretta Stanton

Open Door Representative

Elizabeth Kershaw

## **New Church Hours**

The church offices are open Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm. 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](mailto:firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net), or Nancy Jackson at [nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com](mailto:nancymottershawjackson@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](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

### **Prayer List for the month of September 2015**

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Christina Beaudrie, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, the Finch family, Sandy Herron, Dawn Homme, Geraldine Adams Jones, Carl Keeha, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, David Lewis, The Lile family, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Kathy Payne and family, Luvenia Ponder, Richard and Suellen Sale, Linda Throm, Patricia Walsh and Nancy Woodkee.

### **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.

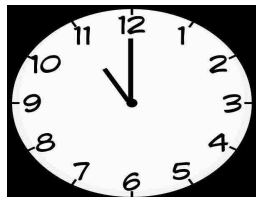
The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, September 15 at 12:00pm.

# Fort Street News

## Week of September 13, 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.*



**Sunday worship service  
has resumed its regular service  
hours at 11:00am.  
Please mark your calendars.**

### **Contact Information**

Has your address, email or phone number changed? Contact the Secretary at 313-961-4533, secretary@fortstreet.org with the updates.

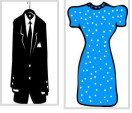
### Please Use Envelopes for Sunday Check Contributions

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
6 <b>10:00am Worship</b> 6:30pm NA	7 <b>Church Offices Closed Labor Day Holiday</b>	8 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst  8:00-9:00pm AA	9 2:00pm Staff mtg	10 9-11am Open Door	11 <b>Church Offices Closed 4:30 Wedding Rehearsal</b>	12 <b>2:00pm Wedding</b> 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
13 <b>9:30 Worship Choir</b> <b>10:00 Adult Ed Class</b> <b>11:00am Worship (Communion)</b> <b>12:45am Worship Arts mtg</b> 6:30pm NA	14 Church Open 8-4pm	15 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	16 <b>9:30 World Sabbath mtg</b> 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00pm Fiscal Op.	17 9-11am Open Door  <b>6:30pm Chorale Registration</b> <b>7:30 Chorale Rehearsal</b>	18 <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café <b>6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal</b>  8:00-9:00pm AA	19 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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## 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](mailto:nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com) or 313-418-6756.



### Career Closet

Is in need of men's clothing, large sizes are needed.

### Sacrament of Baptism

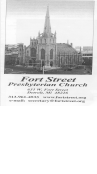
If you would like to celebrate The Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or your child, please make an appointment with Pastor Bob at [pastor@fortstreet.org](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org) or 313-961-4533 ext#32.



Attendance for:  
**September 6, 2015: 69**  
**September 7, 2014: 71**

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Wedding Events

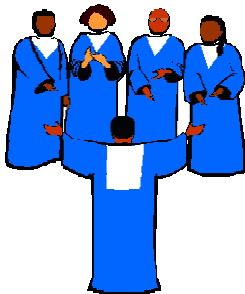


### MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2015/2016?

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

### Want to become a member of Fort Street?

Contact Pastor Bob at the church. 313-961-4533, ext 32. There are 3 ways to become a member: Letter of Transfer, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Profession of Faith. We would be delighted to welcome you as family.



### We're Back! The Worship Choir

Come and sing with the Choir on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9:30am in the sanctuary balcony for the 11:00 am worship service. All are welcome.

**Hope to see you there!**

*Edward Kingins, Music Director*



Good Friends, Good Fellowship, God conversation and some Good coffee.  
See you there!

## Join the Adult Discussion for Christian Living Meaning in a Moment

September 20, 2015  
10:00 A.M.  
Stapleton Chapel

### 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](mailto: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!

### The Chorale is Coming



Detroit's historic Fort Street Chorale welcomes singers as it prepares its 37th annual performances of Handel's *Messiah*,

**Saturday, December 5 and  
Sunday, December 6.**

Rehearsals begin **Thursday,  
September 17 at 7:30 p.m.**  
with registration starting @6:30.

Registration will be open through October 1.  
Chorale membership fee is \$50 for the entire season, and scholarships are available.

**No audition is necessary.**

Fort Street Chorale rehearses at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St. (corner of Fort and Third). Free, secure parking is available in the church parking lot. For information call 313-961-4533.