

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2015

Meditation before Worship

*"There will come a time when the one who judges us most
will be the one who loves us most fully."*

Frederick Buechner

*"God's love is...an open-hearted generous love offered to all people.
Those who carefully limit the operation of this love have missed the point."*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bold print indicates congregation's participation)

Loretta Stanton

Let us call on God with praise and thanksgiving. Let us proclaim God's wonderful works.

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

God surprises and provides for us. In all our labors, the love of God surrounds us.

As we open ourselves to the gifts of God and rejoice in God's amazing generosity, so may we expand the boundaries of our love and sharing.

*HYMN # 716 (GTG) *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

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

Loretta Stanton

Gracious Lord, forgive us when we have been more concerned with personal reward than with accomplishing the tasks you have set before us; when we forget your generosity; when we turn away from true partnership with you and one another; and when we fail to work for the common good. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Restore us to fruitful labors and the joy of faith. Let the music of your love and forgiveness reign in our hearts and be revealed in our actions. Open our lips and let our mouths show forth our praise.

*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

Loretta Stanton

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Loretta Stanton

*HYMN # 700 (GTG) *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

COMMISSION

God’s ways are not always our ways, but together we seek God’s truth.

Let God’s word become so much a part of us, that our lives will become worthy of the gospel of Christ.

In Christ Jesus, we have been graciously accepted, forgiven and blessed by God.

Let us go into the world trusting that whatever we offer of work or witness, time or talent, will be received, valued, and multiplied by God’s grace.

*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	Craig McLean
Song Leader	Nancy Combs
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Kalu Uduma
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. 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 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, 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.

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

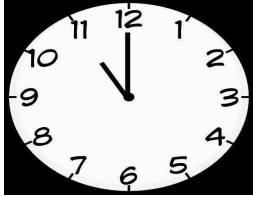
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Fort Street News

Week of September 6, 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 will resume
Its regular service hours on
September 13, 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
			1:45pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session mtg	9-11am Open Door	Church Offices Closed 4:30 Wedding Rehearsal	2:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
6 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	7 Church Offices Closed Labor Day Holiday	8 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	9 1:45pm Staff mtg	10 9-11am Open Door	11 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00pm AA	12 3:30 Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
13 11:00am Worship (Communion) 9:45am Worship Arts mtg 6:30pm NA	14 Church Open 8-4pm	15 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	16 1:45pm Staff mtg 6:00pm Fiscal Op.	17 9-11am Open Door 6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	18 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00pm AA	19 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.
-Psalm 128:1

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.



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 or 313-961-4533 ext#32.



Attendance for:
August 30, 2015: 69
August 31, 2014: 50

**The deadline for next week's bulletin is
Tuesday, September 8 at 12:00 pm.**

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

Will resume its regular singing schedule on **Sunday, September 13, at 9:30am** in the sanctuary for the 11:00am service. We will sing on the 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

All are welcome! Share the News!

Edward Kingins, Music Director

Join the
Adult Discussion for Christian Living
Meaning in a Moment
Fall series begins

September 13, 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. 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.