



First Sunday After Christmas Day

January 1, 2017

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry...
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all people,
to make music in the heart."*

Howard Thurman

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE *"Fantasia on "O Sanctissima"* James Biery
Marilyn Biery, Music Director /Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP Diane Agnew

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near—a star shall come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel. (Numbers 24:17)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

And lo, the star, which they had seen in the east went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. (Matthew 2:9-10a)

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

*HYMN # 97 *"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"* ABERYSTWYTH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Diane Agnew

Almighty and most merciful God, who has framed the heavens and fashioned flaming stars to give them light, shine into all darkened hearts and scatter the shadows of sorrow and sin. In this New Year, may we leave behind selfish ambitions, unworthy motives, hurtful pride and unexamined prejudices. Blot out the imperfections of the old year and lead us down right paths. Guide us forward into the light of your will through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 149 *"All Hail to God's Anointed"* vs. 1 ROCKPORT

*SHARING THE PEACE Diane Agnew
The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 145

"What Child Is This" vs. 1

GREENSLEEVES

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 60:1-5a

Diane Agnew

(p. 649 in pew Bibles)

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

ORGAN SOLO

"Das alte Jahr vergangen ist"

J.S. Bach

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

John 1: 1-12

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p.86 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

THE STAR STILL SHINES!"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*

(John 1:5)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 152

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Christmas Affirmation)

We believe in Jesus Christ, and in the beauty of the Gospel that began in Bethlehem, for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and whose birth angels announced to shepherds. We believe in Him whom the kings of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand, whose paths were among the common people, whose welcome came from people of hungry hearts. We believe that only by love expressed shall the earth be purified. We acknowledge the glory of all that is like Christ, the steadfastness of friends, the blessedness of homes, the beauty of compassion and the miracle of many hearts made kind at Christmas. We pray, as those who have seen a great light, that His peace may continue to spread throughout the world. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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.

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

*HYMN # 150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Masters in this Hall"

James Biery

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

Organist/Music Director

Marilyn Biery

Liturgist

Diane Agnew

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

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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!

Church Holiday Hours

The church offices will open on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

Hearing Assist System
Wheelchair Access Ramp
Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
Handicap Restroom--use 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 nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com.
- * 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 December 2016

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Kimbrough, Virginia Lorimer, The Millhench family, Kathy Payne and family, Jane Petrie, Richard and Suellen Sale.

Prayers for Military Loved Ones.

(We are seeking to update our Military Roll. Please contact the church office with any changes.)

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN; Jonathan Heyler USN; SSGT Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Major Katy Spicer USMC; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Alison Grosch, Operations Manager; Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; John Glover, Director of Open Door; Marilyn Biery, Director of Music/Organist; Edward Kingins, Director of Music Emeritus; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building Engineer; Damien Hines, Custodian; Karen Wright, Donlin Center 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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Fort Street News

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.*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA Happy New Year!	2 Church Offices Closed	3 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	4 2:00pm Staff meeting 7:00 Session	5 9-11am Open Door	6 Church Offices Closed	7 9:30 am-12:00noon Officers Training 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
8 10:15am Session mtg 11:00am Worship, (Renewal of Baptism & Ordination and Installation of Officers) 6:30pm NA	9	10 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	11 2:00pm Staff meeting	12 9-11am Open Door	13 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	14 10:30am -2:00pm Martin Luther King Program 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non Auto Show starts
15 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship, 12:00 Ed Kingins Retirement Celebration 6:30pm NA	16 Church Offices Closed (MLK Birthday)	17 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	18 2:00pm Staff meeting 6:00 Fiscal Op	19 9-11am Open Door 11:30 Open Dr. Mtg	20 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	21 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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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!

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.



**May he grant you your heart's desire,
And fulfill all your plans.**

**May we shout for joy over your victory,
And in the name of our God set up our banners,
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.**

Psalm 20:4-5

Happy New Year