



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2017

Dr. Dwayne Dyer wrote, *"How do you distinguish between a flower that is alive and one that is dead? The one that is growing is alive. The only evidence of life is growth."* So it is with the Christian life. In the words of II Peter 3:18, we are encouraged to *"grow in the grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."*

Fort Street Presbyterian Church

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

“Andante Pastorale”
Marilyn Biery, Music Director /Organist

Charles E. Stephens

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Woods

Come, disciples of the Lord, to know again who you are. Return to the One who gives you life.

We seek a closer walk with God in Jesus Christ through prayer, worship and study, to open our lives in new ways to His life-giving Spirit.

Those called to be disciples are also commissioned to serve—to proclaim the good news they have received and to reach out in love and compassion to those in need.

We come with joy and seek renewal, eager to be channels of God’s blessings.

*HYMN # 297

“In Christ Call to Baptize”

ST.DENIO

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Woods

Gracious God, too many times our faith is secondhand, and our prayer life becomes narrow and confused. It’s hard for us to risk renewal, to adopt new patterns of living and loving, and to commit ourselves to the One whose devotion led to the cross. We reach now for the forgiveness and courage you alone can give. Let today be different, a time when your love reaches us as never before and reunites us with your purpose to be faithful disciples in word and deed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 447

“We Are Forgiven”

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*SHARING THE PEACE

Jim Woods

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

(pp. 476-7 in pew Bibles)

Jim Woods

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

SOLO

“Serenity”

Charles Ives

Leslie Douglass Mason, soprano

O, Sabbath rest of Galilee! O, calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity interpreted by love. Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease, take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 4: 18-23

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p.3 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

“An Extra-Large Vision”

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *“And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”*

(Matthew 4:19)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

Jim Woods

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

INSTALLATION OF ELDER AND DEACONS

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.

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 January 2017

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Kimbrough, The Lorimer family, 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.

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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.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
22 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship, 6:30pm NA	23	24 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	25 2:00pm Staff meeting 6:00 Deacons mtg 6:30 Personnel	26 9-11am Open Door	27 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	28 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm AI-Non	
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12 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship, (Communion) 6:30pm NA Celebration Sunday	13	14 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	15 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00 Fiscal Op. mtg	16 9-11am Open Door 11:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	17 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	18 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm AI-Non	
19 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship 12:15 PJ & M mtg 6:30pm NA	20	21 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	JAN/FEB. 2017				

The Fort Street Chorale Songs of Hope and Promise

Rehearsals will start for the Spring Concert 2017 season on **Thursday, February 2, 7:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.** The Chorale's spring performance will be **Sunday, May 7th at 3pm.** Online registration will begin next week and the form will be emailed out to Chorale members; interested new singers can also request a registration form by calling Marilyn Biery at the church office or emailing her at musicdirector@fortstreet.org.

