



Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2017

Baptism is more than water because it is the "water of life" which the risen Christ gave to his faithful people as a means of incorporating them into the whole redeeming purpose and action of God. The forgiveness and deliverance which he thus bestows implies salvation here and now, not just in some future world. Accordingly, baptism is not just an event of the past--of childhood, perhaps--but of the present, happening anew each day as the Christian dies to sin and rises to newness of life.

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE *"Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam"* J.S. Bach
(To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord)
Marilyn Biery, Music Director /Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP Camille Cooke
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. (Psalm 29:2)
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. (Psalm 29:3)
The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. (Psalm 29:4)
May the Lord give us strength! May the Lord bless us with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

*HYMN # 488 *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"* Vs. 1 & 2 WATERLIFE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Camille Cooke
Great God above all gods, we, who fail so often and are easily discouraged, return for spiritual refreshment and practical directions. We need your mercy and forgiving grace. We need the awareness of the washing away of our sins, that arising from the waters of forgiveness, we may live anew in obedient service. Take us by the hand and renew in us once more your holy covenant revealed in the Sacrament of Baptism. Send down your Spirit. Infuse us with power and ignite our zeal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 447 *"We Are Forgiven"* WE ARE FORGIVEN

*SHARING THE PEACE Camille Cooke
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:

Isaiah 42:1-9
(p. 630 in pew Bibles)

Camille Cooke

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

SOLO

“At the River”
Emery Stephens, baritone

Aaron Copland

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 3:13-17
(p.3 in pew Bibles)

Dr. Bob Agnew

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

SERMON

“TAKE SERIOUSLY”

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John,
to be baptized by him.”*

(Matthew 3:13)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 482

“Baptized in Water” Vs. 1 & 2

BUNESSAN

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM FOR THE CONGREGATION

SCRIPTURES

QUESTIONS

THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(Traditional English Version)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

ORDINATION AND/OR INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS 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.

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"Honor! Honor!"

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

**King Jesus lit de candle by de waterside.
To see de little chil'en when dey truly baptize.
Honor, honor unto de Dyin' Lamb!**

**Oh, run along chil'en an' be baptize,
Mighty pretty meetin' by de waterside.
Honor, honor unto de Dyin' Lamb!**

**I prayed all day, I prayed all night,
My head got sprinkled with de midnight dew.
Honor, honor unto de Dyin' Lamb!**

*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

Camille Cooke

*HYMN #298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" Vs. 1 & 2

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Allegro from the Concerto in F Major"

J.G. Walther

(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/Music Director	Marilyn Biery
Liturgist	Camille Cooke
Guest Soloist	Emery Stephens
Sound Tech	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Pam Sharrow

About Our Guest:

Baritone Emery Stephens is Assistant Professor of Voice at Wayne State University. He earned music degrees from Gordon College and Boston University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan. Praised for his singing "with ringing suavity and articulate intelligence" (*The Boston Phoenix*), Dr. Stephens has performed with the Windsor Classic Chorale, Abridged Opera of Ontario, Michigan Philharmonic, Michigan Opera Theatre's Community Programs, Detroit Jazz Festival, Arbor Opera Theater, Ann Arbor Symphony, Carolina Ballet, Boston Lyric Opera, Opera New England, Boston Opera Theatre, Handel and Haydn Society, Orchestra Canton, Main Street Opera, Boston Early Music Festival, and the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra.

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.

Temporary Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew
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Martin Luther King. Jr.

A Celebration Service
of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sponsored by:
The Multicultural Ministry Team
of the Detroit Presbytery

Sunday, January 15, 2017
Westminster Presbyterian Church
17567 Hubbell St.
Detroit, MI 48235
4:00 p.m.
Refreshments following



Saturday January 14, 2017

Martin Luther King. Jr.

Intergenerational Service Day

What: Conversations, Lunch, Service project
Where: Fort Street Presbyterian Church
631 W. Fort Street, Detroit MI
When: 9:30-2:00pm (Donlin Center)

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
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 8:30pm 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 9:30am -2:00pm Martin Luther King Program 12:00 Setup for Ed's Retirement Celebration 6:00 AA Annual Celebration 8:30pm 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 8:30pm AI-Non
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 AI-Non
29 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship, 6:30pm NA	30	31 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	JANUARY 2017			



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.