

3rd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

Thought for Individual Meditation

*“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.”*

Isaiah 55:1-2

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Sharrow

MOMENTS OF HISTORY

Bob Ponder

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 55:1-7

Pam Sharrow

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

*HYMN # 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pam Sharrow

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pam Sharrow

Hear the Good News: Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ. God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

Thanks be to God who saves us!

*RESPONSE SONG # 447

We Are Forgiven"

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Pam Sharrow

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 607 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pam Sharrow

*HYMN # 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

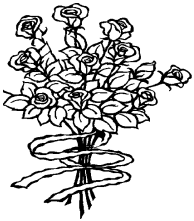
*POSTLUDE

(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!



Flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Elena Callas.

Guest Preacher

Rev. Neeta Nichols

Organist

Ray Staroscik

Music Director

Edward Kingins

Liturgist

Pam Sharrow

Song Leader

Nancy Combs

Sound Technician

Twiler French

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

Deacon on Duty

Jessie Uduma

Coffee Hour Host

The Petrie Family

Open Door Representative

Elizabeth Kershaw

Church Hours

The church offices are open Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Church offices are closed on Fridays. Alison Grosch, Operations Manager, can be reached at the church or by email OM@ fortstreet.org.

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.
- * 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 February 2016

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton and family, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, The Curtis Family, Jack Hodge, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Rosy Latimore and family, Meschelle Lewis, Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Cheryl Myers, Leigh Mosley, Kathy Payne and family, Suzanne Ruland, David Shillito, The Spicer family, Richard and Suellen Sale, Nancy Woodke, and Raquel Villaluz.

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:

Alison Grosch, Operations Manager, Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Rev. Neeta Nichols, Interim Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Director of Music; Ray Staroscik, Organist; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building Engineer, Donna Bryant, Damien Hines, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, and 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

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 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
		8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:30pm Personnel 7:00 Deacons mtg	9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	Church Offices Closed	Welcome Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp 5-12 5:30pm AA 8:00pm Al-Non
6 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA World Sabbath Sunday Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp	7 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp	8 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp	9 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 2:00 Church Tour 7:00pm Session Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp	10 9-11am Open Dr. 6:30 Chorale Council mtg 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp	11 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp	12 5:30pm AA 8:00pm Al-Non Vanderbilt Univ. Mission Grp Departs.
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Meaning in a Moment 2016 Christian Adult Education, Stapleton Chapel 10 – 10:45 a.m.

At last. . . everything you want to know about

MYSTICISM

levitation, legacies, poets, protestors, prophets, mothers, monks, manifestations

but are afraid to ask.


Quakers, Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians practicing the art and discipline of being with God

Lenten focus on Christian Mystics February 14 - March 13, 2016

Spiritual Life Committee invites you to **"Be Still and Know that I am God."** Psalm 46:10

EXPLORE FAITH, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN.

Save the Date!



**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
World Sabbath
of Religious
Reconciliation**


An Interfaith Experience of
Music, Dance and Prayer:
Seeking to build a world of tolerance,
justice, faithfulness, and peace.

Sunday, March 6, 2016
Service 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Afterglow to follow


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Celebrate our "children of peace" and
the religious diversity of Metro Detroit

**2016
World Sabbath
Peacemaker
Awardee**
Faith Fowler,
Author,
Executive Director,
Case Community
Social Services
Detroit



PARKING:
There is street parking, three (3)
FREE lots and \$5 paid parking in
the Free Press lot across the street.




For answers to your questions and find out how youth from your house of worship can be involved
are a clergy or a Religious Leader planning to attend, please visit: www.worldsabbath.org or
Gail Katz, World Sabbath Chair: gailkatz@comcast.net 248-978-8884


Wedding Events
at



MARRIAGE ANYONE, 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.

 **Attendance for:**
2-21-16: 87
2-22-15: 61

 **Calling all Singers**
All are invited!
Join the Worship Choir. The choir will sing/rehearse in the sanctuary on the **2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am for the 11:00am service.**

 **Career Closet**
Need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, suits, size 18 and up, men's belts, and men's cuff links.

 **THURSDAYS OPEN DOOR MEAL PROGRAM 9AM-11AM**

This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9m, woman and elderly guests may shower. They may also receive a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank once a month.

Between 9 and 11am, men may shower. They may also get a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank monthly. Guest seeking clothing and hygiene kits must present valid identification.


Between 9 and 11am, a full hot meal is served. Guests may get a haircut, and consult with a social worker. Volunteers are welcome.

 **Fort Street's Mission Committee hosts group during March 2016**

Many people will find a warm place to stay at Fort Street. Alternative Break programs, Students from :

- Vanderbilt University March 5-12,
- Iowa State University from March 13-19

... So Fortstreeters welcome them, ask them to tell you their stories and share your Fort Street experience with them.

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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.



Easter Flower Order Form



In preparation for Easter Sunday, **March 27, 2016**, you are invited to order flowers In Memory or In Honor of loved ones or other special designations. Please complete this form and mail or bring it to the church office with your payment enclosed by no later than **Sunday, March 20, 2016**. Make checks payable to, Fort Street Presbyterian Church with a memo stating it is for Easter Flowers.

Following Easter Worship you may take your flowers home after the service. Flowers remaining will be used by our Board of Deacons for Shut-Ins. Thank you for helping us celebrate the Resurrection.

Indicate what you would like printed in the Easter Bulletin.
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Given by: _____

In loving memory of:

In honor of:

___ Pot (s) Spring Flower @ \$18.00ea.= _____

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Place forms in secretary's mail box in the front office or in the offering plate.