

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 7, 2016

Thought for Individual Meditation

*God does not make the mountains to be inhabited.
We ascend the heights to catch a broader vision of our earthly surroundings.
But we do not tarry there. The streams take their rise in these uplands,
but quickly descend to gladden the fields and valleys below.*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Boyce

Come to the mountaintop to pray. "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."
(John 4:24)

Let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For the Lord is our God and we are the people of God's pasture. (Psalm 95:6-7a)

Come to the light of God's revelation, to the light that shines, giving knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus.

We come as God's covenant people, strengthen through visions of glory and through service to others.

*HYMN # 1 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"* Vs. 1, 3 & 4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruth Boyce

Gracious God, sometimes we complain when you seem distant, but also fear your all-seeing, all-knowing presence. We long for you and hide from you. When we neglect the spiritual disciplines that enhance our relationship with you and revitalize life, have mercy on us. When visions or high points in our faith become historical records rather than moments which animate and radiate our daily decisions and actions, have mercy on us. Open us now to the mountain top of your life-giving presence, that we may serve as Christ served in the valleys of human need.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 616 *"Our God Is an Awesome God"*

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Ruth Boyce

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 291

"Spirit"

***Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 34:29-35

Ruth Boyce

(p.78 in pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

"Steal Away"

-African American

The Fort Street Chorale

Spiritual

Edward Kingins, Music Director

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 9:28-37

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p.65 in pew Bibles)

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

EPISTLE LESSON

II Corinthians 3:12-18

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p. 169 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"One Moment In Time"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray." (Luke 9:28)*

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 191

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles' Creed-Traditional English Version)

Ruth Boyce

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.

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 *“How Firm a Foundation”* -Dale Wood

*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 Ruth Boyce

*HYMN # 192 *“Shine, Jesus Shine”*

*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!

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| Organist | Ray Staroscik |
| Music Director | Edward Kingins |
| Choir | The Fort Street Chorale |
| Liturgist | Ruth Boyce |
| Sound Technician | Nancy Jackson |
| Videographer | Randy Commissaris |
| Worship Coordinator | Pam Sharrow |
| Coffee Hour Host | Personnel Committee |
| Open Door Representative | Elizabeth Kershaw |

The session issues a call for the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation, to be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 14**, immediately following the worship service to hear and receive annual reports.

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, 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 EGINEER, Donna Bryant, Damien Hines, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, and Elizabeth Kershaw, Open Door Staff.

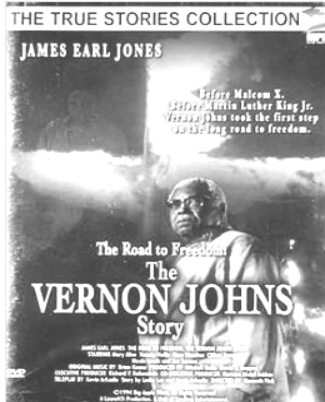
Temporary Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew
pastor@fortstreet.org

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.*



Peace, Justice & Mission Committee

Presents

February 14, 2016

Loving Our History

The Vernon Johns Story

The Road to Freedom

Movie and a Meal

12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Stapleton Chapel

Full-length adult movie starring James Earl Jones; intermission with discussion and soul food. Free-will offering. Please sign up on bulletin board by the Great Hall.



1st Sunday Luncheon Group

Fortstreeters and friends,

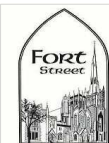
Join us as will dine out following service today, Sunday, Feb. 7. We will have lunch at Selden Standard St. in Detroit (on Second Ave.) See Hedi Mulford following service in the narthex.

All are welcome to join us.

Attendance for:

January 31, 2016: 42

February 1, 2015: 50



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Annual Reports

Feb. 14, 2016 for our annual congregational meeting immediately following service.

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.



Wednesday, February 10

6:00pm Soup & Crackers Supper and service.

Join your Fort Street family for Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten Journey.

The evening begins with a simple meal of soup, crackers, and bread.

Please consider a donation in the amount that you might pay for a simple meal out. Donations beyond the cost of the meal will go to the Fort Street Open Door Program.

A service following the meal will include bible study, introduction of prayer partners for the Lenten season, and the imposition of ashes.

Sun	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session	9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	Church Offices Closed 4:00-5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	4:00pm Wed- ding/Reception 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
7 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	8 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	9 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	10 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00 Ash Wednes- day Service	11 9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	12 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	13 9:30-3:30pm Officer Training 8:00pm AI-Non
14 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship, (Communion) 12:15-2:00 The Vernon Johns Story 6:30pm NA	15 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	16 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	17 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op. mtg	18 9-11am Open Dr. 11:30am Open Dr. mtg 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	19 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	20 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday,
February 2 at 12:00 pm via email at secretary@fortstreet.org



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.**

ALL are welcome!

Want to become a member of Fort Street?

Contact Pastor Bob at the church.
313-961-4533, ext 104
or pastor@fortstreet.org

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.**



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 First Annual Anniversary Party

Come Celebrate your Anniversary with US!

Fort Street turns 167

**Sunday, February 21, 2016
12:30p- 3:00pm**

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

Mark your calendars

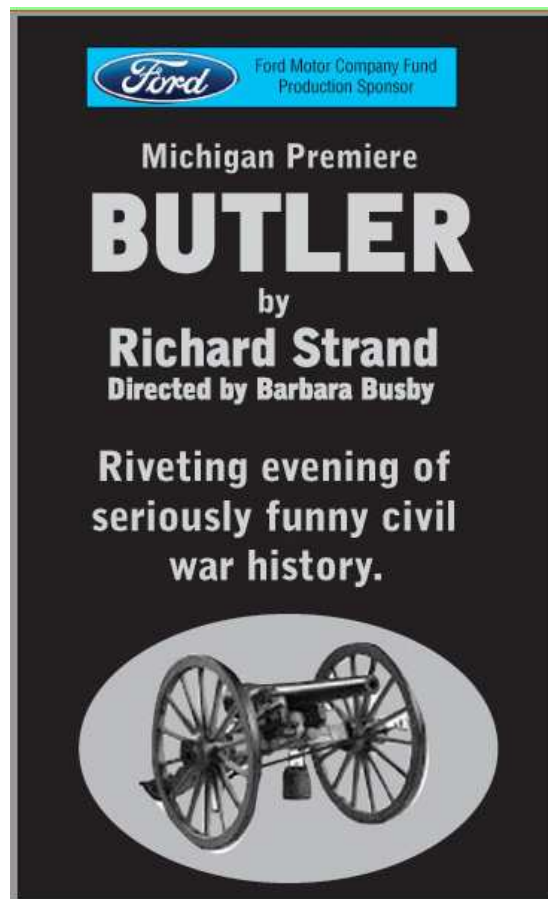
Please join the **Fort Street Chorale** for a lovely evening
at the

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Friday, February 26, 2016

7:30 p.m. Champagne & Hors d'oeuvres

8:30 p.m. Performance Begins



Uproariously funny, witty and very moving, **Butler** is written by the author of last season's hit comedy, **Buzz**. Based on actual events that changed the lives of 10,000 slaves, **Butler** is set at the beginning of the Civil War and follows Major General Benjamin Butler, who has just been given command of Fort Monroe in Virginia.

The inexperienced but shrewd Butler meets his match when an equally shrewd runaway slave enters the fort and asks for asylum.

Free, safe parking. Tickets: \$20.00 per person

To purchase Tickets, please contact a Chorale member or call the Church Secretary at 313.961.4533.

Detroit Repertory Theatre 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit, Michigan USA 48238