



## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 24, 2016**

### **Thought for Individual Meditation**

*“God forgives not capriciously, but with wise, Divine pre-arrangement.  
God forgives on the ground of an atonement  
and on the condition of repentance and faith.”*

*Richard Starrs*

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# Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jack Callas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Ponder

Come let us sing to the Lord a new song for the Lord is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed! He is our good news, our joy and our salvation.**

In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things. Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed! We are called into partnership with Christ who bids us to walk in his light and to carry the message of forgiveness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 246

*"Christ Is Alive!"*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Ponder

**Loving God, we come to you seeking forgiveness, changed lives and new hopes. Have mercy on us when we love the things of this world more than the One who says to us, "Feed my sheep." Save us from poor choices and pardon our waywardness. Let the light of resurrection become a reality within, among and through us so we may walk in your way and proclaim your power over sin and death.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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

Bob Ponder

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

# THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 695     *"Change My Heart, O God"*

***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148

Bob Ponder

*(p.550 in pew Bibles)*

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

ANTHEM

*"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing?"*

Erik Routley

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

John 21:15-19

Dr. Bob Agnew

*(pp.109-110 in pew Bibles)*

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

SERMON

**"THE ROCK OR SINKING SAND"**

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."* *(John 21:15)*

# THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 353

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(From "A Brief Statement of Faith")*

Bob Ponder

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

**Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 # 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

Bob Ponder

\*HYMN # 240

*“Alleluia , Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

\*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 Worship Choir |
| Liturgist           | Bob Ponder        |
| Sound Technician    | Tom Marshall      |
| Worship Coordinator | Craig McLean      |
| Deacon on Duty      | Pam Sharrow       |
| Coffee Hour Host    | The Petrie family |

## **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](mailto:firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net). or Nancy Jackson at [nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

### **Prayer List for the month of April 2016**

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Geraldine Adams Jones, Irene Westmoreland King, Virginia Lorimer, Mandeville family, Karen Marcil, Mpeba family, Cheryl Myers, Leigh Mosley, Simisola Onayemi and family, Kathy Payne and family, Suzanne Ruland, David Shillito, Richard and Suellen Sale, Julia Siwarski, Wally and Leonore Triplett and Raquel Villaluz.

### **Prayers for Military loved ones.**

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

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.

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

**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

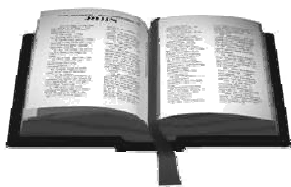
# Fort Street News

## 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	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
<b>April 2016</b>						
<b>3</b> 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	<b>4</b> 10:00 Open Dr. Task Force mtg  11:00 Funeral for Fay Mandeville	<b>5</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>6</b> 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00 Session	<b>7</b> 9-11am Open Dr. 6:30 Chorale Council mtg 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Church Offices Closed  2:55 Church Tour  8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>9</b> Officers Retreat 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
<b>10</b> 9:30am Worship Choir 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship, (Communion ) 6:30pm NA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>13</b> 2:00pm Staff mtg	<b>14</b> 9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Church Offices Closed  8:00-9:00pm AA	<b>16</b> 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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**Adult Education  
Christian Living Discussion  
Meaning in a Moment**



**Bible Study  
with Nancy Combs  
June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2016  
Stapleton Chapel 9:00 A.M.**



### 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!**



### 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.



**Attendance for:**

**4-17-16: 58**

**4-19-15: 54**

**2016 Season**

**Fort Street Chorale  
& Chamber Orchestra presents**

**“Mass in G Major”**

**BWV 236 by J.S. Bach.**

**RICHARD HOUSEHOLDER, CONDUCTOR**  
**Edward Kingins, Director of Music**

**Dr. David Wagner, Organist**  
**Solo Organ works by J.S. Bach**  
**Concerto for Organ and**  
**Orchestra HWV 295**  
**by G. F. Handel**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016-3:00PM**  
**631 W. FORT STREET,**  
**DETROIT MI 48226**

**General Admission tickets \$20.00 each**  
**Patron tickets \$35**  
**Group Tickets \$15**  
**For ticket information call (313) 961-4533**