



2nd Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

Thought for Individual Meditation

*When someone says,
"I've never had a moment of probing religious doubt."
I find myself wondering whether that person
has ever had a moment of vital religious conviction.
For if one fact stands out above all others in the history of religion, it is this:
the price of a great faith is a great and continuous struggle to get it,
keep it and to share it.*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Jenkins

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. The Lord is Risen.
(Hebrews 11:1)

He is Risen indeed. Christ calls us to proclaim our faith, to put our trust in a reality as yet unseen.

He stands in our midst to guide and empower us, to dispel doubt and to speak peace. The Lord is Risen.

He is Risen indeed. We believe; help our unbelief so in hope and confidence we may give thanks and praise.

*HYMN # 245

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Greg Jenkins

Loving God, scarcely a week after Easter, after celebrating your triumphant love, we feel our faith fading. What seems sure and certain in the church, in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, too often becomes indistinct and unbelievable in the world. Like the disciples, at times we become discouraged and withdrawn, ruled by doubts and fears. Open the doors of our hearts and minds so we may discover the Risen Christ with us always, even to the close of the age.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG

"Lift High the Cross"

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Verse: Christ has risen. He is Lord and King.
Together forgiven we His praises sing.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Greg Jenkins

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

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" vs.4

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Verse: Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 150 Greg Jenkins
(p.551 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 11:1-48, 14:1-7; 20:24-31 Dr. Bob Agnew
(p.98-99; 102 & 109 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **"THOMAS"** Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."* (John 20:25)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 235 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" Vs. 1-4

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A brief statement of Faith") Greg Jenkins

**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 # 240 *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* vs. 2

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Verse: Spread the good news o’er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Greg Jenkins

*HYMN # 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

*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 |
| Liturgist | Greg Jenkins |
| Song Leader | Nancy Combs |
| Sound Technician | Nancy Jackson |
| Worship Coordinator | Pam Sharrow |
| Deacon on Duty | Pam Sharrow |
| Coffee Hour Host | Communication and Church
Growth Committee |

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.
- * 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 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, Cheryl Myers, Leigh Mosley, Simisola Onayemi and family, Kathy Payne and family, Suzanne Ruland, David Shillito, Richard and Suellen Sale, Wally and Leonore Triplett 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.

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
April 2016					Church Offices Closed 2:55 Church Tour	3:00 Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
3 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	4 10:00 Open Dr. Task Force mtg 11:00 Funeral for Fay Mandeville	5 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	6 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00 Session	7 9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	8 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	9 Officers Retreat 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
10 9:30 Worship Choir 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship, (Communion) 6:30pm NA	11	12 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	13 2:00pm Staff mtg	14 9-11am Open Dr. 11:30am Open Dr. mtg 6:30 Chorale Council mtg 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	15 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	16 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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**Adult Education
Meaning in a Moment
resumes April 10**
Stapleton Chapel 10:00 a.m.
Film and discussion
about Hinduism



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:
3-27-16: 250 (Easter)
3-29-15: 74

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SAVE THE DATE

Peace Camp

Children's Summer Peace Camp

July 11-22, 2016

Contact MS Judith Sheldon at

313/962-2924

Music at Fort Street

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

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General Admission tickets \$20.00 each

Patron tickets \$35

Group Tickets \$15

The Fort Street Chorale

Edward Kingins, Director of Music
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