



Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

November 9, 2014

A Meditation before Worship

. . . encourage one another . . .

- I Thessalonians 4: 18

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Gathering the Community

*Our focus during November:
Giving Thanks, Giving Back*

ORGAN PRELUDES

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Janet Bunt

INTROIT

“Praise The Lord, God’s Glory Show”
The Worship Choir
Edward Kingins, Music Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Ruth Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*)

Janet Bunt

One: We are called from the ends of the earth.
Many: **We are called from the dead centers of our lives.**
One: We are called to praise God.
Many: **We are called to serve the Holy One.**
All: God has breathed into us the breath of new life.
Let us worship with joy.

*HYMN # 464 (PH)

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(from Ruth Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*)

Janet Bunt

God of Grace, you are always more ready to forgive our shortcomings than we are willing to admit them. You give us great promise for our living; we laugh at you for we think we are no good. You call us to difficult and inspiring missions; we busy ourselves with other things that we decide are more important. You challenge us to have courage; we shrink back, locking ourselves into the safety of our own homes. Bring us new life, God so that the spirit of Christ may shine in us.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS

(in silence)

RESPONSE IN SONG # 383 (PH)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (v. 1)

THE ASSURANCE

Dr. Sue Melrose

RESPONSE IN SONG # 383 (PH)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (v. 2)

*SHARING THE PEACE

Janet Bunt

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24: 1 - 3a, 14 - 25

(pp. 205-6. in pew Bibles)

Janet Bunt

God’s Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Dr. Melrose

SECOND READING I Thessalonians 4: 13 -18 Dr. Melrose
(p. 193 in pew Bibles)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "We Gather at Your Table Lord" -Walter Ehret
The Worship Choir
Edward Kingins, Music Director

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Making Choices" Dr. Sue Melrose

*HYMN # 392 (PH) "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

THE RESPONSE

*AN AFFIRMATION (in unison) Janet Bunt
(A New Creed, United Church of Canada, 1980, New Century)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 383 (PH) "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (v. 3)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Brittany Foley

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Robb Sharrow

OUR OFFERING TO GOD
(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

*DOXOLOGY # 591(PH)

**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

Janet Bunt

HYMN # 505 (PH)

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Melrose

COMMUNION PRAYERS

ORGAN MEDITATION

Ray Staroscik

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Communion will be received in the pews. Please hold the elements until all have been served. The corn tortillas on the plates are gluten free.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN # 442 (PH)

"The Church's One Foundation"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Melrose

(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, refreshments will be served in the Great Hall. Please join us!

This morning we welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose who recently retired from First Presbyterian of Farmington. She has also served churches in The Bronx and in New Jersey. Ordained 41 years ago by Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, she is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (BA), Union Theological Seminary of New York City (MDiv), and McCormick Theological Seminary (DMin). She is active in the life of the Presbytery of Detroit, most recently as Vice-Chair and Treasurer for the Committee on Local Arrangements for last June's General Assembly meeting here in Detroit. Sue lives in Farmington Hills with her husband Paul. They have two adult children and three grandchildren. She is a "walker" having completed one marathon and four half-marathons.

A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2014, in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

- To act upon the resignation of Dr. Sharon L. Mook as pastor of Fort Street Presbyterian Church
- To act upon the terms of the severance package for Dr. Sharon L. Mook

A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2014, in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

To elect the following officers:

- Five members to serve on Session in the class of 2016
(terms ending on December 31, 2016)
- Five members to serve on the Board of Deacons in the Class of 2016
(terms ending on December 31, 2016)
- One member to serve on the Board of Deacons in the Class of 2015
(term ending on December 31, 2015)

To elect "at large" members to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2015

A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when (*PH*) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue). When (*GG*) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *Glory to God* (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. You will receive *Glory to God* when you enter the sanctuary. Please return this hymnbook to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

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Liturgist

Janet Bunt

Acolyte

Emeka Uduma

Sound Technician

Nancy Jackson

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Reception Coordinator

Valerie Edwards

Worship Coordinator

Pam Sharrow

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

We are delighted that you are here!

- * Visit the information and display tables in the Church House.
- * Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- * Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- * A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Church House 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 November 2014

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Ruth Boyce/family, The Claire family, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Dombrowski family, Bobbie Edwards, FSPC, Rose Grosscup, LaMonica Harris/family, Shannon Howard, Maria Hughley, Marion Jenkins/family, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Kingins family, Leaming family, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Sarah Morgan, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Richard/Suellen Sale family, and the Mook family.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Taylor Hansen USMC, Jonathan Heyler, SSGT Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, USMC Captain Katy Spicer Hess, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Mook, Ph.D.,
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FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; LaMonica Harris, Finance Office Temp.; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Bob Haynes, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

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

Fort Street News

Week of November 9, 2014

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
November 2014 11-5-14						1 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
2 11 a.m. Worship 12:30 1st Sunday Luncheon Group 1:00 Worship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. NA	3 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	4 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	5 7:00 Session mtg	6 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	7 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café Welcome Kalamazoo Univ. 7-9 (cancelled) 8:00-9:00 AA	8 5:30 pm AA 8:00 AI-Non
9 11a.m. Worship, (Communion) 12:30 Children's Fundraiser 6:30 p.m. NA	10 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	11 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	12 5:30 Member Dev.	13 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 6:15 Chorale Council 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	14 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	15 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
16 11a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. NA	17 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	18 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	19 1:30 Staff mtg 5:30 Worship Arts 6:00 Fiscal Op.	20 9-11 Open Door 5:30 Spiritual Life mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	21 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Reh. 8:00-9:00 AA	22 Wedding 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
23 11 a.m. Worship, 6:30 p.m. NA * Risers go up.	24 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal	25 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	26 Meetings to be determined	27 9-11 Open Door Closed Church Offices Closed 3-6 International Students for Thanksgiving (TBD)	28 Church Offices Closed 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	29 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
30 11 a.m. Worship, 1:00 Decorating Church House 6:30 p.m. NA	Want to become a member of Fort Street? Contact Rev. Sharon Mook at the church. 313-961-4533, ext 32. There are 3 ways to become a member: Letter of Transfer, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Profession of Faith. We would be delighted to welcome you as family.					

Career Closet

Need women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. Also need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, size 18 and up, men's belts, men's cuff links, and all sizes.



MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2014?

Thinking of getting married? Want to get married at Fort Street? Contact the Wedding Coordinator, Loretta Stanton's cell phone number, **313-549-1015.**



Calling all Singers



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

Attendance for: November 2, 2014: 76 and November 3, 2013: 97

**Feeding 5000
Fundraiser**

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Helping
Hungry
People**



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Music at Fort Street

2014 Season



"MESSIAH"
G.F. Handel



*The Fort Street Chorale &
the Chamber Orchestra*

Edward Kingins, Music Director

**Saturday, December 6, 2014
at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 7, 2014
at 3:00 p.m.**

General Admission
\$20.00 Patron \$35.00

*Purchase tickets from the
Secretary, 313-961-4533*



DEACONS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Benefiting Harms Elementary and Maybury Elementary schools

Based on feedback from the schools, the Deacons' Thanksgiving baskets will provide food for the longer break as well as a modest meal for Thanksgiving. We are asking Fort Street-ers to help us by donating select items for the baskets. (We'll take care of the turkey!)

ITEMS WE ARE REQUESTING ARE: FOR THE WEEK: (1) cereal, (1) peanut butter, (1)

jelly, (2) pasta,
(1) pasta sauce, (2) mac and cheese, (2) low sodium soup.

FOR THANKSGIVING: (2) boxed stuffing, (3) canned veggies, (2) jello, (1) disposable roasting tin.

If you would like to support an entire family, please pick up a "turkey feather" for our bulletin board. Each feather represents one family's basket of food or a donation of \$25 for the Deacons to purchase the items on the shopping list. Please return one feather with your name on it for every family you are supporting to the offering plate.