Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2015

Meditation before Worship

Love is not just tolerance.
It is not just distant appreciation.
It's a warm sense of,
I am enjoying the fact that you are.

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE — Ray Staroscik, Organist

WELCOME — Dr. Melrose

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT HYMN # 322 "*Spirit of the Living God"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP[1] — Beth Brown

Let us praise God.
Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings.
Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy.
Sorrows befall us;
Troubles besiege us;
The prophets of God disturb us, yet we live supported by God's love. Amen.

*HYMN # 482 *(PH)* *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION[2] — Beth Brown

God of all creation, Ruler of all peoples, you know us completely, how mean we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made and the good we have neglected, the promises we have broken and the duties we have refused. Let the power and joy of your love become a mighty force in our lives. Help us to develop the good that is in us, and not be afraid to use it. Fortify our decision to live with honesty, integrity, joy, and unselfishness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE # 574 HYMN
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Dr. Melrose

*RESPONSE IN SONG "*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*"
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
We on earth are all thy children, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*SHARING THE PEACE — Beth Brown

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

THE WORD

PSALTER READING # 111 PSALM — Beth Brown

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.
Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the Lord, whose righteousness endures forever.
Gracious and full of compassion is the Lord, whose marvelous works are to be remembered.
The Lord gives food to the God-fearing, ever mindful of the covenant.
The Lord has shown the chosen people works of power in giving them the lands of the nations.
The hands of the Lord work faithfulness and justice; all the commandments of the Lord are sure.
They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
The Lord sent redemption to the chosen people, commanding the covenant forever; holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures forever.

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN — Dr. Melrose

ANTHEM

"Still Away" — *-arr. Brazeal Dennard*
The Male Ensemble
Carmen Cavallaro, pianist

SECOND GOSPEL READING — 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
(*p.160 in pew Bibles*)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON — **"Knowledge Puffs, Love Builds"** — Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

WE RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (United Church of Canada)

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.

*HYMN # 335 *(PH)* *"Though I May Speak"*

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 GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *"Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name"* *-arr. Brazeal Dennard*
The Male Ensemble
Carmen Cavallaro, pianist

*OFFERING RESPONSE # 428 HYMN (vs.1)

We give thee but thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Follow God's Word into the World

*HYMN # 442 *(PH)* *"The Church's One Foundation"*

*CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION # 587 *(PH)* *"Amen"* Dr. Melrose
(*Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience)*

POSTLUDE Ray Staroscik
Organist

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**Please stand, if able*

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Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Pam Sharrow Kate Callas
Reception Coordinator	Community Fellowship

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!

- Join others for refreshments in the Great Hall after the worship service.
- Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- 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 to direct you.
- CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered thru the church secretary @ $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.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door**;** Edward Kingins, Music Director; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; LaMonica Harris, Temp. Bookkeeper, 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

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Prayer List for the month of January 2015

Pete/Margie, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Bobbie Edwards/family, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dana Marshall/family, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Joan Szwed family, Cathy Topping.

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, Capt. Katy Spicer Hess, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

Fort Street News

Week of February 1, 2015

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.*

Annual Reports

Attention Committee Members, Committee Chairperson's and Staff, all annual reports are due in the church office by **Sunday, February 8, 2015.** Contact the Secretary, If you have more questions. 313-961-4533.

Save the date Feb. 22, 2015

for our annual congregational meeting.

Join the Worship Choir starting at 9:15 am. 2nd and 4th Sundays in the sanctuary balcony. All are welcome.

1st Sunday Luncheon Group

Fortstreeters and friends,

Join us as will dine out following service **today, Sunday, Feb.1.** We will have lunch at Sindbad's located at 100 St. Clair St. in Detroit (off Jefferson Ave to your right), Tel. 313.8222.8000. See Hedi Mulford following service in the narthex.

All are welcome to join us.

THURSDAYS MEAL PROGRAM 9AM-11AM

This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9am, women 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. Guests 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.

Fortstreeters and friends,
Calls and cards are welcome for:

Don Lorimer
8350 Plumbrook Rd.
#230 Pine Ridge
Sterling Hts, MI 48313

Harrison Coleman
43000 12 Oaks Crescent #5033
Novi MI 48377

Hertha Gast
Evergreen Health
19933 W. 13 Mile Rd
Southfield MI 48076

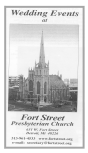
Robert Sale
University of MI Hospital
1500E. Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor MI 48109

Attendance for:

January 25, 2015: 68
January 26, 2014: 86

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, February 3 at 12:00 pm.

MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2015?



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 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.

Committee Meeting

The Session will hold its next meeting on **Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:00p.m.**

He will command his angels concerning you, and on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. -Matt.4:6

MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES PLEASE!

Has your address, cell phone number, email address or family unit changed? The secretary is asking for updated home and telephone information from our members and visitors. Please get any changes to the secretary at secretary@forstreet.org or 313-961-4533. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY

dust thou art, and unto dust thou shall return

Wednesday, February 18

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.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

In an effort to report correct statistical information, we are requesting the following:

- **Red and White Attendance Card**– Please fill out each and every ***Sunday*** indicating all **names** of people attending with you. In addition, update the card with any address, telephone, fax or E-mail updates and note that it is a change. **Visitors** – Please indicate if you are a first, second, third time, or regular visitor. Place cards in offering plate or drop off in the front office.

- **Purple Prayer Request Card** Place in offering plate.

- **White Request for Custodial Services forms** are available in the front church office, for non-emergency requests. Place it in the Secretary's mailbox in the front office.

- **Congregational Giving&/or other giving envelopes** - Always put your **name** & **amount** of giving on the envelope.

- **Blue** - Envelopes are available from ushers if you forget your regular envelopes.

The above information will enable our staff to give reports on attendance and church giving more accurately.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **11 a.m. Worship** 6:30 p.m. NA	**2** **Church Offices Closed** 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	**3** 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	**4** 1:30 Staff mtg **7:00 Session mtg**	**5** 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	**6** 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	**7** 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
8 **11 a.m. Worship (Communion)** 6:30 p.m. NA **Annual Reports Due**	**9** **Church Offices Closed** 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	**10** 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	**11** **Meetings to be determined**	**12** 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	**13** 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	**14** 5:30 pm AA 8:00 Al-Non
15 **11a.m. Worship,** 6:30 p.m. NA	**16** **Church Offices Closed** 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	**17** 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	**18** 1:30 Staff mtg **6:00 Ash Wednesday Service**	**19** 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	**20** 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	**21** 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
22 **11a.m. Worship** 6:30 p.m. NA	**23** **Church Offices Closed** 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	**24** 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	**25** 6:00 Personnel mtg 7:00 Deacons mtg	**26** 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	**27** 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	**28** 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non **Welcome Vanderbilt Univ Stds 28-7**

February 2015
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