



16th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2015

Meditation before Worship

*“Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads,
and look, and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”*

(Jeremiah 6:16)

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Bold print indicates congregation's participation)*

Kate Callas

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Now is the time of our life; now is the hour to humble ourselves and to exalt God's name.

Jesus has said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Let us worship with mind, heart, and voice, lifting up glad songs to God, walking as children of the light.

*HYMN # 23 (GTG) *"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"*

This morning all hymns and songs can be found in the purple Glory to God (GTG) hymnals. We have limited copies of Glory to God, so they are given to worshippers as they enter the sanctuary. If you did not receive one, please contact an usher. We would also appreciate if you would return this hymnal (GTG) to the Narthex as you leave worship.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, we confess that too often we have walked in our own way, wasting our days in trivial pursuits, misusing the gifts you have entrusted to us, and closing our hearts and minds to your presence in our midst. We tend to be our own worst enemies failing to seek your kingdom and righteousness. Cleanse us from selfishness that causes us to walk in darkness. Restore us by Christ's redeeming sacrifice, and purify our intentions, making us fit for graceful serving. Hear now our private confessions.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 826 (GTG) *"Lift High the Cross"*

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Kate Callas

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

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 695 (GTG) "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:

Proverbs 3:13-24
(p.553 in pew Bibles)

Kate Callas

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

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Ephesians 5:15-20
(p.183 in pew Bibles)

Dr. Bob Agnew

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

SERMON

"WALK WISELY!"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 5:15-16a

*"Be careful then how you live (walk) not as unwise people but as wise,
making the most of the time...."*

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 738 (GTG) "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (Vs. 1-2)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Kate Callas

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

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believes
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

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, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY # 606 (GTG) *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kate Callas

*HYMN # 634 (GTG) *"To God Be the Glory"*

*COMMISSION

Always, and for everything, give thanks.

We rejoice in the gift of God's spirit as we go out to walk life's pathways.

Let us look carefully how we walk and make wise use of our time.

We look to Christ to deliver us from foolishness and to write a new melody in our hearts.

The Living God sends us forth to serve.

Day by day we will feed on God's Word. Moment by moment we seek to walk in Christ's way.

*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!

Organist	Ray Staroscik
Liturgist	Kate Callas
Song Leader	Nancy Combs
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Loretta Stanton
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw

Church Hours

The church offices are open on Mondays from 8-3, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-5:00pm, Wednesday 8-7:00 p.m. Church offices are closed on Fridays. Sunday worship service will resume its regular service hours on September 6, at 11:00am. Please mark your calendars.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Large Print Blue 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 narthex.
- * During the worship service, child care is provided for children through age 4. Ushers can provide directions.
- * 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 August 2015

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Mark Denard, Tom Edwards and family, Calvin Elam and family, the Finch family, Frank Homme, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Carl Kiehla, Valerie Kimbrough, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Mary Jo and Jerry Naragon, Kathy Payne and family, the Ponder family, Richard and Suellen Sale, Mary Sanders, Ray Staroscik and family, Linda Throm, Patricia Walsh and Nancy Wicke.

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:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Director of Music ; Ray Staroscik, Organist; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Jerry Johnson, Building Support Staff, Donna Bryant, Damien Hines, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Tarpley, 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

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Fort Street News

Week of August 16, 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.*

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.

THE NEW DIRECTORIES 2015 ARE HERE!

The new membership directories are now available in the narthex. Contact an Usher to receive one.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2015						1 3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
2 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	3 Church Open 8-3pm	4 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst (Closed) 8:00-9:00pm AA	5 1:45pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session mtg	6 9-11am Open Door (Closed)	7 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café (Closed) 8:00-9:00pm AA	8 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
9 10:00am Worship (Communion) 11:45am Worship Arts mtg 6:30pm NA	10 Church Open 8-3pm	11 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	12 1:45pm Staff mtg	13 9-11am Open Door 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	14 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 5:00pm Wedding 8:00-9:00pm AA	15 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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Needed

Sunday Worship Sound Techs and Coffee Hour volunteer Host/s needed. Have questions about the duties? Please contact Nancy Jackson at nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com or 313- 418-6756.

Join us for our 5th
**Sunday Potluck
Luncheon**

Sunday, August 30, 2015



Please bring a dish to share

Committee Meeting

The following committee will hold its next meeting on **Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 Fiscal Op.**

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.



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, men's shoes, size 11 and all sizes.

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



VISITORS AND MEMBERS



- **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.
- **Interested in Becoming a Member?** Please fill out a red attendance card and place in the offering basket.

The above information will enable our staff to give reports on attendance and church giving more accurately. If anyone has a complaint, concern, or request, please bring it to the attention of Pastor Bob by phone, fax or E-mail pastor@fortstreet.org

Flowers Reminder

Contact the Worship and Arts Committee to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor of birthday celebrations, anniversaries, or in memory of a loved one... the list is endless for God's grace. Pam Sharrow is the liaison, at sharrow13@gmail.com. Tell her which Sunday in the year and what you **want printed in the bulletin. You pick the color!** Write a check for \$50 and indicate worship and arts. We'll do the rest!

Sacrament of Baptism

If you would like to celebrate The Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or your child, please make an appointment with Pastor Bob at pastor@fortstreet.org or 313-961-4533 ext#32.



Attendance for:
August 9, 2015: 65
August 10 2014: 72

**The deadline for next week's bulletin is
Tuesday, August 18 at 12:00 pm.**