

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 30, 2015**

**Meditation before Worship**

*This is the beginning of a new day.*

*I can waste it or use it for good.*

*What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.*

*When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever,*

*Leaving in its place something I have traded for it.*

*I want it to be a gain, not a loss;*

*good, not evil;*

*success, not failure—*

*in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it today.*

*Author unknown*

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# Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

The Reverend Mr. James P. Russell

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

Cindy Edwards

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.  
You are greater than we can understand;  
**Open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths  
You have shown to us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than our hearts can fathom;  
**Help us to hear your voice  
so that we learn what you want us to be.**

You are wiser than we can know;  
**Quiet our minds as we worship you;  
Help us understand the things you are saying to us.**

Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility.  
You chose the path that the world saw as foolish.  
**We praise you for coming to us and giving us hope.  
We bring to you our praise and thanks in this hour of worship!**

\*HYMN # 1 (GTG) *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

*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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cindy Edwards

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cindy Edwards

**Our Father in heaven, your own Son bore the thorn of following you, even to death on the cross. You have called us to follow you, to surrender our lives to you, to love you above all else, to love our neighbors more than ourselves; we have sinned. Forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit continue to mold us so that in everything we do, we may surrender our all to you. In our Savior's merciful name we pray. Amen.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jim Russell

\*RESPONSE SONG # 39 (GTG) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Vs.3)

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!  
Great is Thy faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness.  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Cindy Edwards

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Jim Russell

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 465 (GTG) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 113

Cindy Edwards

*(p.532 in pew Bibles)*

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

ANTHEM

"Pie Jesu"

-John Rutter

Rebekah Awood, soprano

Shirley Muench, piano

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 25:14-30

Cindy Edwards

*(p.27 in pew Bibles)*

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

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pastor Jim Russell

*(p.193 in pew Bibles)*

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

SERMON

**"HAVE NO REGRETS"**

The Reverend  
Mr. James P. Russell

SERMON TEXT: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances"*

## THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 643 (GTG)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(The Apostles Creed)*

Cindy Edwards

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, He was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Jim Russell

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

Pastor Jim Russell

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

Cindy Edwards

\*HYMN # 839 (GTG)      *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

\*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

Pastor Jim Russell

\*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!*

Today we welcome Pastor Jim Russell to our pulpit. Pastor Russell is Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Jim has served the Presbytery of Detroit in a variety of capacities. He is a former Chair of the Committee on Ministry and today is co-opted member of the committee and is serving on the Nominating Committee of the Presbytery of Detroit. Pastor Russell has served on the Advisory Committee for Harper Grace Hospital of Detroit. He and his wife, Judith live in Northville and they have two daughters, one daughter who lives in Madison, Wisconsin and another daughter who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. They have five grandchildren.

Organist	Ray Staroscik
Liturgist	Cindy Edwards
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Pam Sharrow
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.

**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, family of Mark Denard, Tom Edwards and family, Calvin Elam and family, the Finch family, Sandy Herron, Dawn and 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

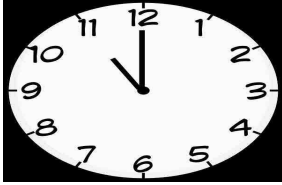
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# Fort Street News

## Week of August 30, 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.*



**Sunday worship service will resume its regular service hours on September 13, at 11:00am. Please mark your calendars.**

### 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue 1	Wed 2 7:00pm Session mtg	Thu 3 9-11am Open Door	Fri 4 4:30 Wedding Rehearsal	Sat 5 2:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
6 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	7 Church Offices Closed	8 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst  8:00-9:00pm AA	9 1:45pm Staff mtg	10 9-11am Open Door	11 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal  8:00-9:00pm AA	12 Wedding  5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
13 11:00am Worship (Communion) 9:30am Worship Arts mtg 6:30pm NA	14 Church Open 8-3pm	15 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	16 1:45pm Staff mtg 6:00pm Fiscal Op.	17 9-11am Open Door  6:30pm Chorale Registration 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	18 Church Offices Closed 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00pm AA	19 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](mailto:nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com) or 313-418-6756.



## Congratulations

Fortstreeters, our own Kyla Moran is getting married to Patrick Maloney on **Saturday, September 5, 2015 at**

**2:00 pm.** You are invited to the wedding and After Glow at Fort Street. Come out and celebrate with Tim and Aimee at the marriage of their daughter.

## Join the Adult Discussion for Christian Living Meaning in a Moment

Fall series begins

September 13, 2015  
10:00 A.M.  
Stapleton Chapel

Join us for our 5th  
Sunday Potluck  
Luncheon

Sunday, August 30, 2015



**We're Back!**

### **The Worship Choir**

Will resume its regular singing schedule on **Sunday, September 13, at 9:30am** in the sanctuary for the 11:00am service. We will sing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**Looking forward to seeing you there.**

**All are welcome! Share the News!**

*Edward Kingius, Music Director*



## 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.

## 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](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org) or 313-961-4533 ext#32.



Attendance for:  
August 23, 2015: 63  
August 24, 2014: 48

## 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](mailto: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!

## Committee Meeting

The Session will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, September 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The deadline for next week's bulletin is  
Tuesday, September 1 at 12:00 pm.**

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

-Psalm 138:1