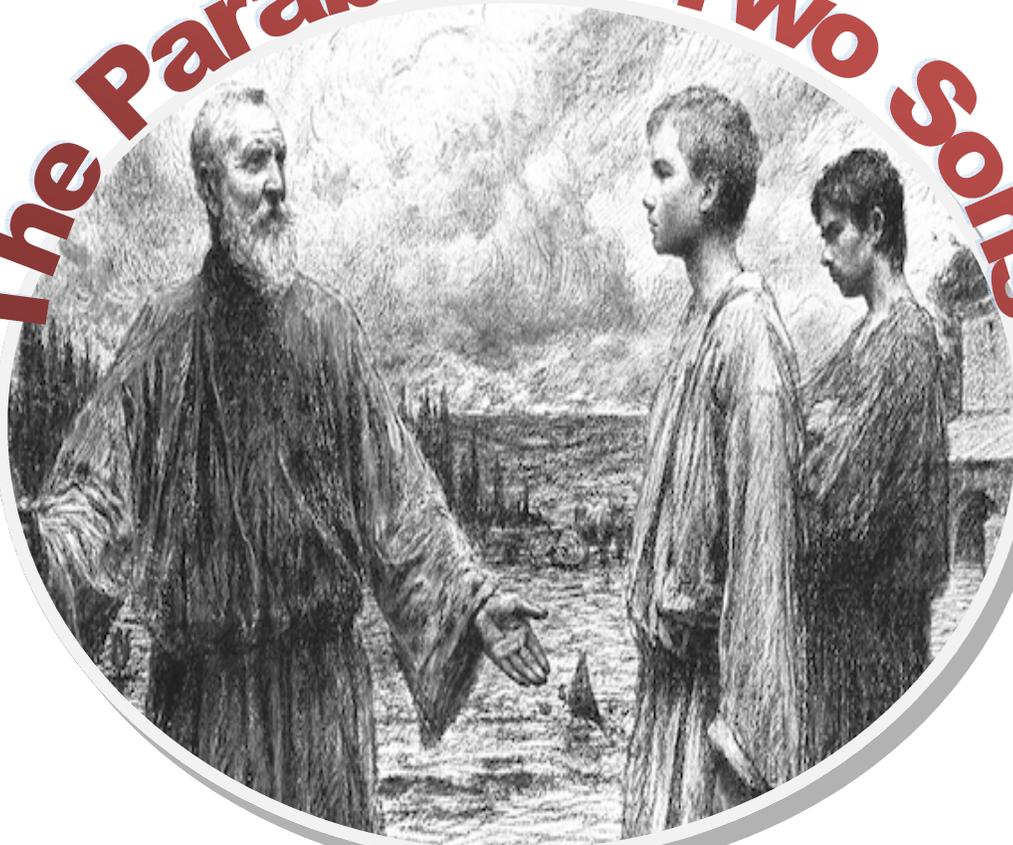


# The Parable of Two Sons



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 1, 2017**

*“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”*

Philippians 2:13

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Tom Turner

CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Turner

Leader: Our God brought the people water from the rock.

**People: May this same fountain soften our hearts and quench our parched souls.**

**All: Come let us Worship God.**

\*HYMN # 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Kevin Piecuch

**Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God.**

**We know the ways in which sin separates us from God.**

**We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives.**

**Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety  
and look closer at what we don't do.**

**For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity  
with what is wrong in the world.**

**We want to love as you commanded, Jesus,**

**but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger,  
poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had.**

**Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs.**

**Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may  
help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world.**

**Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Amen.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION Rev. Kevin Piecuch

\*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS Tom Turner

Hear the Good News . . . .

. . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 447 *We Are Forgiven* WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.**

\*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE Tom Turner

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we too should forgive one another.

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace with those worshipping with you.)*

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Kevin Piecuch

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Kevin Piecuch

Leader: Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the scriptures today.  
Help us to hear them in a new way.

People: **May our meditations and actions be acceptable to God  
and may the peace of Christ be with us.**

All: **In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

(p. 22 in pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

Sally Ann Morris

The text may be found in the hymnal, #766

SERMON

**"WORDS OR DEEDS?"**

Rev. Kevin Piecuch

\*HYMN # 175

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Glover

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*My Eyes for Beauty Pine*

Herbert Howells

**My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.**

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: With your people gathered in every place,  
on this World Communion Sunday we cry out:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN # 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MC KEE

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Symphony V*

Charles-Marie Widor

(The postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer, not a performance. An *Amen* in place of applause would be welcome. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.)

*\*Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

*Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, please join us for fellowship.*

About the Music: Today's postlude is one of the most famous organ pieces in the repertoire. Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) wrote ten organ symphonies, and the Toccata from the Fifth Symphony is played regularly in churches all over the world, frequently at Easter services. Herbert Howells (1892-1983) was a British composer known for his Anglican church music, as well as his *Hymnus Paradisi* for soprano and tenor soloists, mixed chorus and orchestra, commemorating the death of his young son Michael (one of Howell's hymn tunes is also named MICHAEL.) Sally Ann Morris lives and works in North Carolina and writes hymn tunes and hymn anthems.

Guest Preacher	Rev. Kevin Piecuch
Liturgist	Tom Turner
Sound Tech	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Kevin Pearson

**Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:**

Hearing Assistance System  
Wheelchair Access Ramp  
Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary  
Handicap-accessible 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](mailto:firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net) or Nancy Jackson at [nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

**Prayer List for the Month of October 2017**

Lynne Bieniek, Bobbie Edwards and family, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, The Kettelhut family, Valorie Kimbrough, Kathy Payne and family.

Prayers for the Walker and Turner Family upon the passing of the father of Richard Turner's first wife, Dolores Edris Walker Turner (1935-1995). Dolores was a ruling elder at FSPC. The celebration of life service for Mr. Walker was held at Allen Temple AME Church, in Greenville, SC.

**Prayers for Military Loved Ones**

*(We are seeking to update our Military Roll. Please contact the church office with any changes.)*

Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Major Katy Spicer USMC; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

**FORT STREET STAFF:** Alison Grosch, Operations Manager; Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; John Glover, Director of Open Door; Marilyn Biery, Music Director/Organist; Arianne Abela, Interim Chorale Conductor, Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building Engineer; Damien Hines, Custodian; Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff.

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Pastor Neeta R. Nichols  
pastor@fortstreet.org

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**Music Director Emeritus:** Edward Kingins

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## Introducing...



Front (l to r): Jude (age 2.5), Amos (age 4), Beatrice "Bea" (6.5 months)  
Back: Eric, Anne

## **The Lange Family!**

The Interim Pastor Search Committee & Your Session would like to introduce  
Anne and Eric Lange.  
They are our new Interim Co-Pastors.

We look forward to their arrival here and are eager for them to share their energy,  
enthusiasm, insight, and genuine love for God with you.

More details about our new interim co-pastors to follow!

### 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.*

# Fort Street News

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## October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Wedding 6:30pm NA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 2:00pm Circle of Care mtg 8:00pm GAA	<b>4</b> 2:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session	<b>5</b> 9:00am Open Door 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	<b>7</b> 3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
<b>8</b> 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	<b>11</b> 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Worship Arts mtg	<b>12</b> 9:00am Open Door 12:15pm Downtown Disciples Bible Class 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>13</b> Church Offices Closed 4:00pm OD Pasta Dinner for LoveRuns 8:00pm GAA	<b>14</b> 4:00pm OD Pasta Dinner - For Public 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
<b>15</b> DFP Marathon Day 6:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	<b>18</b> 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Fiscal Op mtg	<b>19</b> 9:00am Open Door 11:30am Open Door Committee Mtg 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Church Offices Closed 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00pm GAA	<b>21</b> 2:30pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
<b>22</b> 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Children's Mission Project at Coffee Hour 6:30pm NA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	<b>25</b> 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Deacons mtg 6:30pm Personnel mtg	<b>26</b> 9:00am Open Door 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	<b>27</b> Church Offices Closed 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00pm GAA	<b>28</b> 3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
<b>29</b> 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 12:00pm 5th Jazzy Sunday Potluck 6:30pm NA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA				

# **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Pasta Dinner**

**Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 4 - 8 p.m.**

**Suggested Donation: \$15.00 per person  
\$5.00 children 12 and under**

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