



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2017

*"A vision we give to others of who and what they could become
has power when it echoes what the spirit
has already spoken into their souls."*

-Larry Crabb

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2017

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Solemn Prelude on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* Gerald Near

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lora Townsend

CALL TO WORSHIP Lora Townsend

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to your name, O Most High.
To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
And to proclaim your faithfulness by night.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your works;
At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

*HYMN # 620 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (V.1-3)* LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY Rev. Dr. Louis Prues

Almighty God, we come to you in humility, since we do not always respond to the greatness of your love. It is so easy to feel we are the masters of life, thinking we control our destinies and imagining our power is greater than yours. It is too tempting to only listen to the voices surrounding us, calling us to conform to the values and expectations of others.
Help us to stand apart, so we might consider and respond to your expectations of us. Enable us to recognize our weakness, so we may learn to appreciate your strength. Fill us with your grace, so we might truly become your children. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News

. . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 620 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (V.4)* LAUDA ANIMA

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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. Dr. Louis Prues

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Louis Prues

O God, by your Spirit feed us with what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior.

SOLO

If With All Your Hearts

Felix Mendelssohn

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God. Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12 (selected verses)
(p. 9 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"A NEW TIME, A NEW VISION"

Rev. Dr. Louis Prues

*HYMN # 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sisters and brothers, co-workers with God,
Let us accept God's challenge to feed others, hungry in body and spirit.

**We will go where God sends us,
For we have been fed and equipped for service.**

Let us love God and obey the commandments God has given;
Let us point out the way of life we have discovered.

**We will lead others to seek God with their whole heart,
For in our seeking, we are finding God's truth.**

Let us serve with righteousness and faithfulness,
Offering reconciliation in Christ to friend and foe.

**God is gracious and merciful and righteous.
Our good works will give glory to God. Amen.**

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

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 PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

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

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*PRAYER OF THANKS

Lora Townsend

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN # 546

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

(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.)

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**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: The solo today is from the oratorio *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), a German composer, organist, and conductor who was born into a prominent Jewish family and baptized a Christian at the age of seven. *Elijah* premiered in 1846 and depicts the events of the life of the prophet Elijah. Mendelssohn wrote a small number of organ compositions, which includes three preludes and fugues and six sonatas. Z. Randall Stroope is an American conductor and composer, who is Director of Choral and Vocal Studies at Oklahoma State University.

Guest Preacher	Rev. Dr. Louis Prues
Soloist	Dane Carten
Liturgist	Lora Townsend
Sound Tech	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Kalu Uduma

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Hearing Assist 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. or Nancy Jackson at 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. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

Prayer List for the Month of October 2017

The Bardwell family, Lynne Bieniek, Bobbie Edwards and family, Cynthia Renee Hodge, Lola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, The Kettelhut family, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Marilyn Moore and family, Kathy Payne and family.

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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Fort Street News

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.*

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

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

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\$5.00 children 12 and under**

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Just west of the start-finish line)**

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| 2 Australia | 23 Israel | 44 Philippines |
| 3 Belgium | 24 Italy | 45 Poland |
| 4 Bolivia | 25 Ivory Coast | 46 Portugal |
| 5 Brazil | 26 Jamaica | 47 Russia |
| 6 Cameroon | 27 Japan | 48 Scotland |
| 7 Canada | 28 Jordon | 49 Senegal |
| 8 Chile | 29 Kenya | 50 Solomon Islands |
| 9 Columbia | 30 Kuwait | 51 South Africa |
| 10 Cuba | 31 Lesotho | 52 South Korea |
| 11 Czech Republic | 32 United Nations | 53 Spain |
| 12 Denmark | 33 Liberia | 54 Sudan |
| 13 Ecuador | 34 Lithuania | 55 Sweden |
| 14 Finland | 35 Mexico | 56 Taiwan |
| 15 France | 36 Nepal | 57 Thailand |
| 16 Germany | 37 Netherlands | 58 Turkey |
| 17 Greece | 38 New Zealand | 59 Ukraine |
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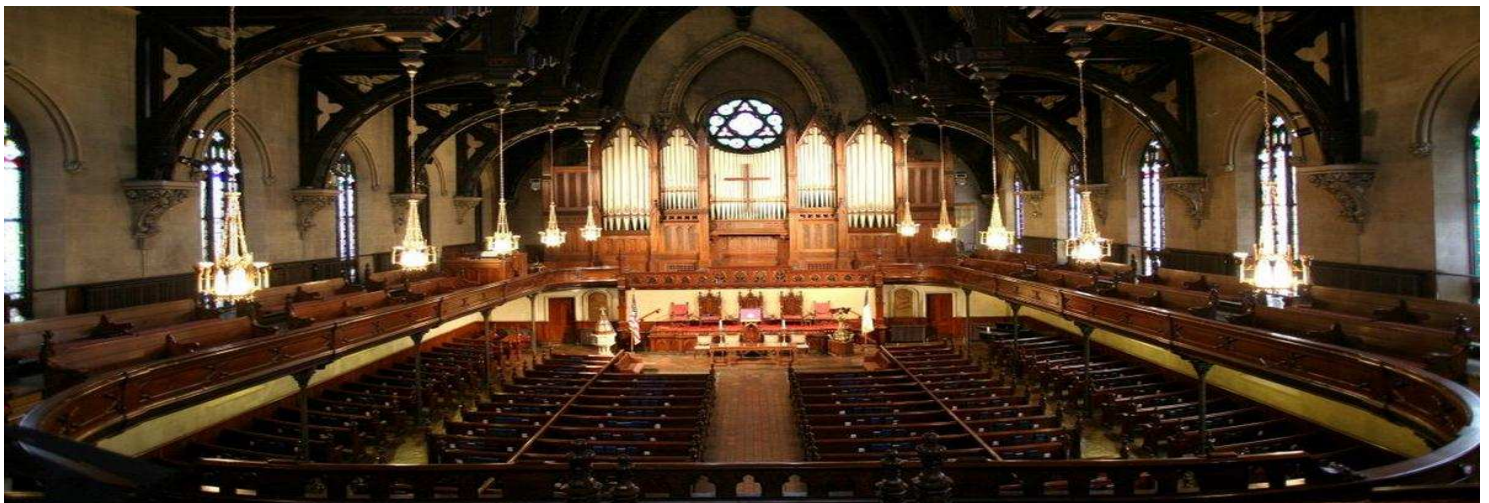
World Flags

Fort Street hangs part of its collection of flags from around the world during the month of October. This is the month in which we celebrate World Communion with our brothers and sisters around the globe. Some flags in our collection are more than 50 years old, others were recently acquired. The list goes counter-clockwise from the left, front of the sanctuary.



October 2017

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



I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalms 9:1