



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2017

“Joy is the serious business of heaven.”
C.S. Lewis

“Joy is strength.”
Mother Teresa

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

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Praeludium in G Minor* Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jack Callas

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 16)* Jack Callas

God shows us the path of life.
In God's presence there is fullness of joy.
In God's right hand are pleasures forevermore.
**May we keep the Lord always before us,
especially as we worship together.**

*HYMN # 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, You are a great God, giving us each day. But we get stuck in the mire of tragedy and suffering. Problems and trials overcome us. We become bitter and despondent. Then we wonder about Your goodness and Your love. We forget that joy is Your work and expressing joy is our purpose. Help us to be people who show Your joy. Forgive us when we wander from rejoicing in Your presence. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*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 # 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

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
HYMN # 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

Rev. Dr. Roxie Davis
PEACE LIKE A RIVER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Roxie Davis

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 8: 10
(p. 416 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jack Callas

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4: 4-7
(p.187 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jack Callas

DUET

Amazing Grace Traditional, arr. Lloyd Larson
The text may be found in the hymnal, #649

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15: 9-11
(p.103 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"JOY IS A CHOICE"

Rev. Dr. Roxie Davis

*HYMN # 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

**With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.**

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

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*PRAYER OF THANKS

Jack Callas

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, creating God,

. . . to join in the song of all creation, forever singing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, #552, *Glory to God*
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks, O God, for sending Jesus. . . .

. . . . therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. #553, *Glory to God*
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Remembering his dying and rising,

. . . . we worship you, Gracious God, with songs of endless praise.

Amen, amen, amen. #554, *Glory to God*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER THE SACRAMENT

Let us offer our thanks to God.

At this table, we remember you, O God,
as we join with our brothers and sisters everywhere in your realm.
Around your table, you feed and bless us.
Around your table, you forgive us again,
reconciling us all with each other.
Around your table, you turn our ways into your ways.
At this table, you call us to create a new church.
From this table, O God, we move in the power of your Spirit
to share with all of your children
the taste of your meal which is the taste of hope. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN # 365

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

MARION

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

(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: Today marks the return of our Fort Street Choir for the season. New members are always welcome. The Choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir loft and sings at the 11 a.m. service. For more information, see Marilyn Biery after church or contact her via phone or email. Today's anthem, composed in 1923 by Martin Shaw (1875–1958) is one of the most well-loved anthems in church music. The duet on *Amazing Grace* was arranged by Lloyd Larson, a composer and arranger currently living in Minnesota.

Guest Preacher

Rev. Roxie Davis

Liturgist

Jack Callas

Soloists

Erika Thompson
Kevin Thompson

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

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 or Nancy Jackson at nancymotter-shawjackson@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 September 2017

The Bardwell family, Lynne Bieniek, Bobbie Edwards and family, Lola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, The Kettelhut family, Valorie 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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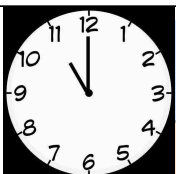
Fort Street News

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.*

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church Offices Closed 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00pm GAA	2 3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
3 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	4 Church Offices Closed Labor Day Holiday	5 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	6 2:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session	7 9:00am Open Door	8 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	9 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
10 9:30am FS Choir 11:00am Worship 5:00pm MI Black Presbyterian Caucus Meeting 6:30pm NA	11	12 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	13 2:00pm Staff Meeting	14 9:00am Open Door 12:15pm Downtown Disciples Bible Class	15 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	16 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
17 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 11:30am PJM meeting 6:30pm NA	18	19 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	20 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Worship & Arts Meeting 6:00pm Fiscal Op mtg	21 9:00am Open Door 11:30am Open Door Committee Mtg	22 Church Offices Closed 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00pm GAA	23 3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon
24 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Parents mtg 6:30pm NA	25	26 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	27 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Deacons mtg 6:30pm Personnel mtg	28 9:00am Open Door 7:00pm Chorale Rehearsal	29 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	30 11:00am Bette Kettlehut Memorial Service 3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal 5:30pm AA 8:30pm Al-Anon



Today, September 10, worship service resumes its regular time at 11:00am. Please mark your calendars.

Career Closet

Needs women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. We also need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, size 18 and up, men's belts, men's cuff links, and men's shoes, all sizes.

MARRIAGE ANYONE 2017?



Thinking of getting married?
Want to get married at Fort Street? Contact the Wedding Coordinator, Loretta Stanton
313-549-1015.

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MEANING IN A MOMENT: ADULT DISCUSSION SERIES

Stapleton Chapel 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Fall 2017

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3: 28

September 17, 24 Reformation, 500th Anniversary

"The Protestant Reformation,"

Resource materials, History Channel, and Presbytery USA

95 Theses; Confession of Belhar

October 1, 8 "Perpetua of Carthage,"

A remarkable story from the journal of an early Christian woman,

Resource materials, National Geographic T.V., written by Dr. Michael Scott.

October 15 **Marathon weekend. Class not held. Please support fund-raising
dinners on October 13 and 14 for our Open Door program.**

For information please call John Glover at 313 961 4533 x 107.

October 22, 29, November 5, 12 "History of the Bible: Making the New
Testament Canon," Resource materials by Dr. Bart D. Elhrman.

November 19, 26 "Apocrypha,"

The Good News Bible, American Bible Society, 1979

December 3, 10, and 17 "Martin Luther," Advent Movie Time, PBS;

The next 500 years? Resource materials, Emory School of Law

Classes resume January 14, 2018

with a

Historical Justice Series in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.