



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2018

### WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Adagio" from *Sonata No 14 in C# Minor* Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Craig McLean

CALL TO WORSHIP Craig McLean

We gather in this sacred space,  
to offer thanks to God with all our hearts.  
We gather with this community of faith,  
to follow Jesus, who longs to lead us into life.  
We gather in these moments,  
to learn all we can of grace from the Holy Spirit.

\*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Craig McLean

Though we think we know it all, our lives reflect how little we respect others, how often our words and actions damage those around us. Let us come to our God, with our prayers as well as our hearts, so we may be healed with forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Craig McLean

We come on this holy day, God our God, to speak of how we live. Politicians, celebrities, talk show folks have become our so-called gods. Our choices often cause those around us to trip over our anger and slip on our pride. The words we speak to others show how we really want nothing to do with you.

Forgive us, Holy God, and have mercy on us. May we silence our fears, so words of hope may be spoken. May we give thanks not only with our hearts but with the grace we can share with others. May justice and peace be the tools we use as we serve beside Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

\*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS Rev. Adams, III

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

\*RESPONSE SONG 623 *I've Got Peace like a River* PEACE LIKE A RIVER

\*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE Craig McLean

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.*)

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

## WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Adams, III

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9 Craig McLean  
(p.630 in Pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SOLO *Weepin' Mary* Spiritual, arr. Burleigh

If there's anybody here like weepin' Mary, call upon your Jesus, and he'll draw nigh. O, glory hallelujah! Glory be to my God, who rules on high.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-14 Rev. Adams, III  
(p. 86 in Pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Light" Rev. Dr. William  
(Tres) Adams, III

\*HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Revelation 7 Rev. Adams, III

Before the throne of God is a great multitude that no one can count. It draws from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. All stand before the throne and the Lamb, crying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' Those who have suffered will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun and heat will not scorch for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' Amen.

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Microphone Available

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 GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *It Is Well with My Soul* Bliss, Arr. J. Biery

The text may be found at hymn 840

\*RESPONSE 647 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

\*PRAYER OF THANKS Rev. Adams, III

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

\*HYMN 12            *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*            ST. DENIO  
\*CHARGE AND BLESSING            Rev. Adams, III  
POSTLUDE            "*Jupiter's Theme*" from *The Planets*            Holst arr. Hesford

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

## This Week's Announcements

### Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series

February 4, and 11,  
"Black Panthers,  
Vanguard of the Revolution," PBS.

9:45 a.m.-10:45a.m.,  
The Stapleton Chapel  
All Are Welcome!

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The sanctuary flowers  
were given in loving  
memory of Rick Sale.

The Fort Street Choir is always looking  
for new members! Rehearsals are  
Sundays at 9:30 am. For information  
contact Marilyn Biery, or just visit on  
Sunday morning!

### Open Door Meal Program Thursdays 9am-11am

This program is open to the public.  
Between 7:30am-8:00am women and  
elderly guests may shower. They may  
also receive a hygiene kit and use the  
clothing bank once a month. Between  
9:00am -10:00am men may shower.  
They may also get a hygiene kit and use  
the clothing bank monthly. Guests  
seeking clothing and hygiene kits must  
present valid identification. Between 9  
and 11am a full hot meal is served.  
Volunteers are welcome.

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Open Door Career Closet needs  
professional-looking bags and women's  
dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. They also  
need men's extra-large dress clothes,  
shirts (size 18 and up), belts, cuff links,  
and shoes, all sizes.

We welcome our Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. William (Tres) Adams, III is the Pastor  
of Evangelism and Church Growth at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He  
is a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Fuller Theological  
Seminary (DMin). Dr. Adams and his wife are both from Pittsburgh, PA, and they  
have two little girls.

About the Service: The Adagio movement from Beethoven's Sonata No 14, played  
for the prelude, is one of the most famous of his compositions, nicknamed the  
"Moonlight Sonata" six years after his death by a German poet and music critic who  
wrote that it sounded like moonlight shining on Lake Lucerne.

Liturgist	Craig McLean
Soloist	Leslie Douglass Mason
Sound Tech	Tom Marshall
Worship Coordinator	Beth Brown

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were adapted from  
lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com. The bulletin cover photo is by Mario Purisic  
from Unsplash.

### FSPC Prayer List

Lynne Bieniek, Bobbie Edwards and family, the family of Lynn Grunst, Iola  
Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Kathy Payne and  
family, Kerri Rowland, the family of Gil Simon, and Teresa Sherwood.

### Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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

*(Please contact the church office with any changes so that we can keep our lists current.)*

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

**FSPC Mission Statement**

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and programs are developed 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 Jesus Christ.



**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.

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

**Fort Street Staff**

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		Gleatus Jones	
Arianne Abela	Interim Chorale Conductor	<b>Weddings at Fort Street</b>	
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Pastors: Anne and Eric Lange  
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 Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins