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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 18, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

Marques L.A. Garrett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Anne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Robb Sharrow

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

For where he is, we would be also.

*HYMN 163

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ABERYSTWYTH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Anne

Merciful God, forgive us. Unlike the psalmist, we are afraid to lie down in green pastures or rest beside still waters. Unlike Matthew the evangelist, we forget the words of Jesus and insist on carrying heavy burdens. Unlike Paul the apostle, we are not always sure that nothing can separate us from your love. Forgive us when we are too fragile to believe that our brokenness is stronger than your grace. Help us, O God. Pour out your Spirit upon us once more, so that the story we are so used to telling becomes the story we really, truly, fully and completely, trust. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Song of Petition

James Biery

The Choir sings three petitions, after each all respond:

All:

Have com - pas - sion on us, keep us safe in your
care, give us cour-age and strength all our days.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor Anne

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.

Through the waters of baptism,

we have died with Christ and are raised with him.

With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ. Amen.

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Pastor Anne

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 HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Pastor Eric
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Robb Sharrow
EPISTLE LESSON	1 Peter 3:18-22 (p. 220 in pew Bibles) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Robb Sharrow
SOLO	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Spiritual arr. Burleigh
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 1:9-15 (p. 33 in pew Bibles) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Pastor Eric
SERMON	"THE FIRST STEPS OF A HARD JOURNEY"	Pastor Eric Lange
*HYMN 775	<i>I Want Jesus® to Walk With Me</i>	WALK WITH ME
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Pastor Eric

**For each of us, the work of Jesus
creates a personal crisis, and a present hope.
Through of this confrontation
the Spirit brings forgiveness,
moves us to deeper faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.
We hold God's message of reconciliation
and share in God's work
of healing the brokenness that divides us
from God and from each other.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing, in life or in death,
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS
Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Eric
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 Spiritual, arr. M. Biery
I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray
In the valley, on my knees, with my burden, and my Savior, Lord, I couldn't hear nobody pray. Chilly waters, in the Jordan, crossing over, into Canaan, Lord, I couldn't hear nobody pray. Trouble's over, in the kingdom, with my Jesus, and I couldn't hear nobody pray.

*RESPONSE 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKS Pastor Eric

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 833

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Eric

CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN MEDITATION

My Heart Is Filled With Longing

Brahms

(During Lent our organ postlude provides spaces for personal meditation and prayer. You may use the prompts below to guide your reflection.)

- When have I felt blessed, but receiving that blessing “tore” at how my life was structured? How did I respond?
- Who do I know right now who is stretched beyond their ability to endure, and how can I serve them in the midst of their struggle?
- What good news do I have to share, and how does fear keep me from speaking up?

About the Service

Today’s Music: The *Song of Petition* is from the *Liturgy of Grace*, text by Marilyn Biery and music by James Biery, © 2012 and used with permission. The Choral Amen is from the anthem *Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee* by Johannes Brahms, whose setting of the Passion Chorale we hear in the postlude. The composer of the prelude, Marques L.A. Garrett is a conductor, composer and baritone currently working on a doctorate in music at Florida State University.

Liturgist	Robb Sharrow
Soloist	Erika Thompson
Sound Tech	Twiler French
Worship Coordinator	Pam Sharrow

Crucial Confrontations: During Lent, our sermon series will explore how Jesus’ journey to the Passion creates confrontations: against mistreatment and injustice, and what keeps us trapped. During this season, our bulletin covers are paintings from African-American artists. Today’s Bulletin Cover is “Dahomey” by Lois Mailou Jones, painted in 1971, a Gift to Howard University, Courtesy of Lois Mailou Jones Pierre-Noel Trust. Each picture has been selected as an illustration of the themes and topic on the day’s scripture reading and sermon. Each picture has been selected as an illustration of the themes and topic on the day’s scripture reading and sermon.

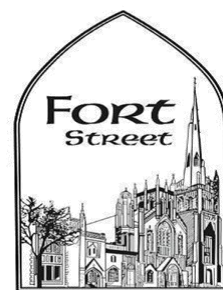
Today’s Liturgy: The Call to Worship is from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, and the Prayer of Confession is from NextChurch’s 2017 National Gathering. Today’s Affirmation of Faith combines elements from the Confession of 1967, A Brief Statement of Faith, and the Confession of Belhar.

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.

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.



Sing with the Fort Street Chorale!

Rehearsals begin Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., to sing Mozart's *Requiem* with the Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, Director Dr. Arianne Abela. Singers are welcome to join. Additional rehearsals will follow each Thursday (except 3/29) in advance of the Sunday, May 6, 2018, 3 p.m. performance.

Congregational Meeting

The Session of Fort Street Presbyterian Church has called the Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 25, 2018 immediately following 11:00 AM worship for the purpose of: receiving the Annual Report; receiving the 2018 budget approved by Session as information; electing four congregational representatives to the 2018 Nominating Committee; receiving information on the pastors' terms of call; and other business that may be properly discussed.

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
- Large-Print Bulletins are available in the narthex.

Fort Street Staff

Church General Staff		Open Door	
Alison Grosch	Operations Manager	John Glover	Director
Lola JF Davidson	Secretary	Shelia Williams	Floor Coordinator
Jerry Johnson	Building Engineer	James Anderson	Security
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		Jewell Everette	Kitchen Aide / Cook
		Reginald Byrd	
		Deborah Jones	SCSEP
		Gleatus Jones	
Music at Fort Street		Weddings at Fort Street	
Marilyn Biery	Director and Organist	Loretta Stanton	Coordinator
Arianne Abela	Interim Chorale Conductor	Vanessa Carthron	
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Pastors: Anne and Eric Lange • pastor@fortstreet.org

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins

This Week's Announcements

Tasty Treats

Join us for a fun concert (with tasty treats!) of love songs, dramatic songs and just plain silly songs on February 18 at 3 pm in the sanctuary. Guest soloists from the Detroit Opera Theater and our own Leslie Douglass Mason, with Marilyn and James Biery on the Hedi Mulford Memorial Steinway. Suggested donation: \$10.00.

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### Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series

Feb 18, 25, March 4, and 11:  
**"The Ever-changing Bible"**  
facilitated by Tim Moran

9:45 a.m.-10:45a.m.,  
The Stapleton Chapel

All Are Welcome!

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

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

Meditation Mondays: Yoga at Fort Street!

Starting on February 5, The Community Fellowship Committee is hosting yoga classes at Fort Street in the Great Hall on Monday evenings at 5:00pm. An instructor from Live Cycle Delight, a Detroit yoga studio, will lead the sessions. Voluntary donations will be accepted. Contact Nancy Jennings with questions.

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### 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.

FSPC Prayer List

Lynne Bieniek, Kevin Donley and family, Bobbie Edwards and family, Eunice Finch, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Kathy Neuman, Kathy Payne and family, 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.

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There will be wedding bells sounding off on March 23, 2018, for Shanell Howard and Phillip Jones. Their wedding will take place in Virginia before Phillip deploys to Afghanistan. Shanell is the daughter of Kevin and Rochelle Pearson.