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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 25, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Melody; Elegy* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Eric

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Jesus calls us to be his disciples.
We take up the cross to follow him.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 631

In the Presence of Your People

CELEBRATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric

God Almighty – we have failed to serve you faithfully. Our lives are anything but blameless. You invite us to see with a new vision, but we continue in our old ways. You call us to set aside our own desires so that we may embrace *your* desires, but we are stubborn and refuse to let go. Lord, rebuke our shameful ways. Guide us to find our place, directly behind Christ. Teach us to take up our crosses and follow wherever you lead, we pray.

*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 Eric

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 Eric

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR SHANE ALLEN

Pastor Eric

I believe 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Eric

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31
(p. 474 in pew Bibles)

Pastor Eric

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

SOLO

Steal Away

Spiritual, arr. Burleigh

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

(p.41 in pew Bibles)

Pastor Anne

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

GOSPEL LESSON

“The Truth will Change You”

Pastor Anne

*HYMN 742

We Will Walk with God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Anne

For each of us, the work of Jesus
creates a personal crisis, and a present hope.
Through 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

Pastor Anne

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Anne

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

There is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual, arr. Smith

*RESPONSE 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKS

Pastor Anne

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Anne

CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN MEDITATION

*God's left hand is under my head
and right hand doth embrace me*

Marcel Dupré

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

- When have I been changed by an encounter with Jesus?
- This Lent, what cross might Jesus be inviting me to pick up?
- Who do you say Jesus is?

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. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was an English composer who was so well known in his time he was called the African Mahler. His cantata *Hiawatha's Wedding-feast* was performed throughout England and rivaled only by Handel's *Messiah* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Soloists	Kevin Thompson, Nancy Combs
Sound Tech	Tom Marshall
Worship Coordinator	Beth Brown

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. 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 Prayer of Confession was written by Amy Loving. 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.

This Week's Announcements

Peace Activities

There are two upcoming events promoting peace, justice, and interfaith cooperation:

- The **World Sabbath** will be held on Sunday, March 11, at 4:00pm, at Christ Church Cranbrook (470 Church Rd, Bloomfield Hills). Pastor Anne will be participating.
- The Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network will be hosting an **Interfaith Coffee Concert** at Fort Street on Sunday, March 18, from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance, contact 248-556-6316 or visit www.detroitinterfaith.org for info.

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### Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series

March 4, 2018

#### "The Conquering 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!

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, The Parkland Florida Community, Teresa Sherwood and Vanessa Washington.

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### Prayers for Military Loved Ones

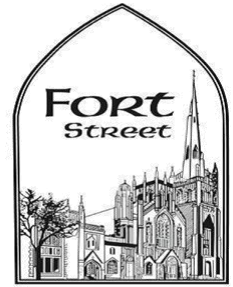
Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

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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.

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.



Congregational Meeting

The Session of Fort Street Presbyterian Church has called the Annual Meeting of the congregation for today, 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
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Jerry Johnson	Building Engineer	James Anderson	Security
Darryl Reynolds	Parking and Custodian	Herman Hall	Custodians
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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		
Arianne Abela	Interim Chorale Conductor		
Donlin Center and Christian Education		Loretta Stanton	Coordinator
Judith Sheldon	Director	Vanessa Carthron	
Karen Wright	Donlin Staff	Austin Brantley	Wedding Assistants
Lakita Wyatt			

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Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins