



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 19, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Fugue in C (Jig)

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church,

to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.

**Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.**

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

Remove the obstacles preventing us

from being your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness,
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

*RESPONSE 590

Hallelujah

CORONATION

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we too should forgive one another. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 2:9-13
(p.657 in Pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC SELECTION

Aria

Gordon Young

SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:16-32
(p.129 in Pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Idol Talk

Eric Lange

*HYMN 479

Ho, All Who Thirst

JACOB'S WELL

*LITANY FOR THE JOURNEY

We are a Spirit-directed community:

**Led to unfamiliar places,
encountering new faces,
discovering the Holy Spirit is with us for every step.**

We are called by God to respond and answer the living God:

**In every circumstance of life we face,
We nurture among us the gifts of the Spirit
and speak as prophets to our community
proclaiming God's ways, God's love, God's peace.**

And in the journey we discover our true shared life:

**We, ourselves, are challenged by the message the Spirit gives us,
we are led in new and surprising directions,
taking steps that are both thrilling and frightening
As we seek to listen and follow the living God. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

Now is the Cool of the Day

J. Ritchie

*RESPONSE 606

*Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKS

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu a la Couperin

Gordon Young

About the Music: We are grateful to Jack Ellis for providing our music today. The postlude by Gordon Young (1919-1998) is composed in the style of Couperin, a French composer of the Baroque. Gordon Young was a prolific composer who was organist at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, which now houses the Ecumenical Theological Seminary.

Guest Organist	Jack Ellis
Sound Tech	Twiler French
Worship Coordinator	Craig McLean

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

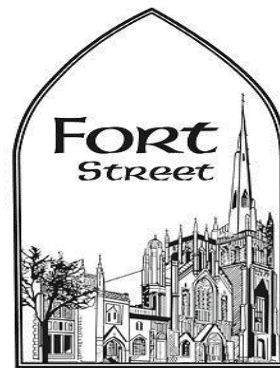
- Hearing-Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap-Accessible Restroom--use elevator to second floor

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.

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.



Fort Street Staff

Church General Staff	
Alison Grosch	Operations Manager
Monika McKay-Polly	Temporary Office Professional
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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

CAT Survey Live Now!

This week a reminder email was sent with a link to the online survey to gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church.. We ask you to click on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers. All answers are strictly anonymous.

Paper copies are also available in the narthex with a self-addressed stamped return envelope with instructions. Surveys can be dropped in the "Cat Box" in the Great Hall.

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### Welcome Back Alison

Allison Grouch, our Operations Manager is due back in the office on **Monday, August 20, 9:00-4:00pm**. We also want to extend our thanks to Monika McKay Polly for her services, overseeing the Operation Manager's duties. We are grateful for Monika, and was happy to have her as part of the family of Fort Street. We wish her the best.

### Fort Street Music

The Fort Street Choir will resume its weekly schedule on **Sunday, September 9 at 9:15 am** in the choir loft. New members are always welcome! Guest instrumentalists of all ages and all abilities are also welcome! For more information contact Marilyn Biery at [musicdirector@fortstreet.org](mailto:musicdirector@fortstreet.org) or talk to her after church.

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Open Door Career Closet needs extra-large women's pants, sizes 20 & up. They also need men's extra-large dress shirts (size 18 and up).

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### Sermons available online!

Missed a sermon? Want to hear one again? You can find them on our website at [fortstreet.org/sermons](http://fortstreet.org/sermons).

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Have a love for Chicken?

We have lots of frozen whole chickens courtesy of Forgotten Harvest. Please see Jerry.

FSPC Prayer List

Betty, Carl, Eleanor, Gilbert, Gabrielle Abrego, Lynne Bieniek, Patricia Brown and family, The Cooke family, Bobbie Edwards and family, The Falzone family, The Goodman family, Mia Hart, Kevin Henderson and family, Motoko Huthwaite, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Joe Lile, Milfordean Luster, Andrew Nichols, Kathy Payne and family, Ben Stutel, Ronald Pryor, Diane Rothe, Margaret Thomson, and family.

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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