



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 26, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

An die Musik
(In gratitude for the solace of music)

Franz Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!
This house cannot contain your glory;
even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!
Happy are those who find their strength in you.
Hear our prayers this day, Holy God,
as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty One of Israel,
we walk in paths well-trodden
by generations of fellow believers.
We love to claim you as our God
and to be known as your people.
We love to hear the great deeds of the saints
who went before us.
We love to count ourselves
in their mighty company.
Forgive our hesitancy
to build our own monuments
to your importance in our lives.
Forgive our reluctance
to put on our own armor of faith
as we face the powers of sin and death
in our own lives. Amen.

*PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is steadfast in love
and hears the prayers of all who come seeking mercy.
God reaches out to us in Jesus Christ
forgiving our sins
and nourishing us for life without limit.
Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

*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

SOLO

Blessed Assurance

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 18:5-11

(p. 130 in Pew Bibles)

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

*SERMON

SPEAK

Rev. Fernando Rodríguez

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*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

Ave Maria

FRANZ SCHUBERT

*RESPONSE 606

*Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKS

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

About the Music: Duncan W. McMillan, Guest Organist.

About the Service: The **Call to Worship** is from: Amy Loving. Posted on **The Worship Closet** website), the **Prayer of Confession** (Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the **Ministry Matters** website.), and the **Assurance of Forgiveness** (Copyright © 2000 Nathan Nettleton www.laughingbird.net)

We Welcome Our Guest Preacher: Fernando Rodríguez serves as Pastor for Missional Renewal at Kirk in the Hills. He began his work at the Kirk in June 2017. He received his Masters of Divinity in 2008 from Princeton Theological Seminary. Most recently, he served as Innovator for Emergent Ministries at New Castle Presbytery in Middletown, DE. He and his wife, Kecelyn, have two young children, Matías and Sionely.

Liturgist	Carmen Abrego
Sound Tech	Tom Marshall
Worship Coordinator	Pam Sharrow

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

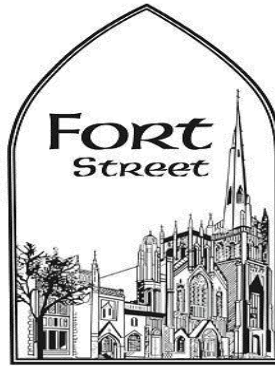
- Hearing-Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap-Accessible Restroom--use elevator to second floor

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

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Alison Grosch	Operations Manager	Trish Hubbell	Director
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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 Great Hall 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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### **Comings and Goings At Fort Street**

Alison Grosh has returned to work at Fort Street after being away several months on family leave. We are grateful for Monika McCay-Polly's diligent service and excellent work as our Temporary Office Professional, which concluded this week.

### **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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### **Vacation**

The pastors are on vacation this Sunday and next Sunday. They will return to the office after Labor Day, on Tuesday, September 4th. Please be in touch with Alison Grosch, who will be in contact with us if an emergency rises.

### **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).

### **FSPC Prayer List**

Betty, Carl, Eleanor, Lynne Bieniek, Patricia Brown and family, The Cooke family, Bobbie Edwards and family, The Falzone 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, 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