



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2018

**Fort Street Presbyterian Church
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Service for the Lord's Day

September 16, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O God, who created us in love,
create us anew in love as we worship you.
O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,
reclaim our hearts as we worship you.
O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,
move within us as we worship you. Amen.

*Hymn 309

Come, Great God of the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.
We have made idols of possessions and people
and used your name for causes
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.
We have permitted our schedules to come first
and have not taken the time to worship you.
We have not always honored those who guided us in life.
We have participated in systems
that take life instead of give it.
We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.
We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have misrepresented others' intentions.
Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways we fall short of your glory.
Help us to learn to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness

The Word which can transform is not some idle
gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with
forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us
forth to love others as God loves us.
**In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we
need to know, gives us what we need in order
to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks
be to God. Amen.**

***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

Lesson One:

Ephesians 3:14-21
(p.182 in Pew Bibles)

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

Anthem

We Are on Holy Ground

David Haas

Lesson Two:

Acts 19:23-34
(p.131 in Pew Bibles)

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

Sermon

"BEING DISTURBED"

Eric Lange

*Hymn 707

Take Thou our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

***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 *Chorale from Cantata 129* J.S. Bach

*Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Thanks

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*Hymn 757 *Today We are Called to be Disciples* Kingsfold

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Allegro from Concerto in D Minor* Bach/Vivaldi

Sound Tech Twiler French
Worship Coordinator Craig McLean

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

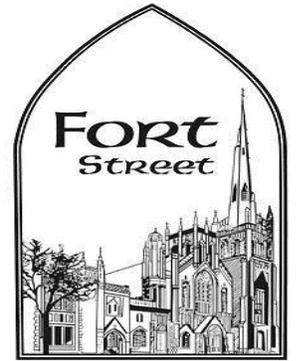
- Hearing-Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap-Accessible Restroom--use elevator to second floor

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.

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.



Flowers Are Welcome

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.

Fort Street Staff

Church General Staff

Alison Grosch	Operations Manager
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Music at Fort Street

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Weddings at Fort Street

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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!

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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Join The Adult Ed classes on Sunday, September 16, from 9:45am to 10:45am. Day Two. WATER with Jack Callas. All are welcome!

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Want to donate items to Open Door?

Our ministry to homeless individuals in downtown Detroit is always in need of donated goods. Right now, we have an immediate need for toothbrushes, as long as they are wrapped individually. We also continue to need specific clothing items, including extra-large women's pants, sizes 20 & up and 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).

### Self-Study Dream Board

In the Great Hall on one of the walls there is now a "Dream Board." There, you can put up a note about your dreams for Fort Street in a variety of areas - worship life, outreach, and others. Stop by and share what dreams you have for the community!

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Fort Street Music

The Fort Street Choir rehearses each Sunday 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 Bieri at musicdirector@fortstreet.org or talk to her after church.

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### Fort Street Chorale Rehearsals begin September 20

The Fort Street Chorale's first rehearsal for the 40th Anniversary of Messiah will take place on September 20th. This year, Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra are excited to work with Dr. Michael A. Mitchell, who will lead and conduct the ensemble in the 2018 performances of Handel's *Messiah* on December 1st and 2nd. Come and join us!

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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

FSPC Prayer List

Betty, Carl, Eleanor, Lynne Bieniek, Patricia Brown and family, The Cooke family, Bobbie Edwards and family, Amber Edmunds, The Falzone family, Mia Hart, Kevin Henderson and family, Motoko Huthwaite, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Alex Kade, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Joe Lile, Milfordean Luster, Andrew Nichols, Kathy Payne and family, Diane Rothe, Donna Stinson, Margaret Thomson, and family.