



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2018

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Service for the Lord's Day

September 23, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Allegro and Grave from Concerto in G Major

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

*Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God.

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God.

Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God.

Create in us a clean heart, O God! Place a new and right spirit
within us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is left behind; everything has become fresh and new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE SONG 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle

*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

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 119:17-24
(p.535 in Pew Bibles)

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

Anthem

The Peace of Christ

James Biery

May peace from Christ come dwell in you, may love from God envelop you and bind you close in harmony, true meekness and humility. For you are called God's chosen ones, God's holy and beloved ones. Be clothed anew in loveliness, compassion, patience, gentleness. The peace of Christ which dwells in you will perfectly be seen through you. So let your hearts and voices ring-let grateful songs to God take wing. (I Corinthians 3: 12-17: Text by Marilyn Biery)

New Testament Lesson

Acts 26: 12-18
(pp.138-139 in Pew Bibles)

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

Sermon

"Open Our Eyes!"

Anne Lange

*Hymn 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Les Petites Soeurs

*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

Announcements and Life of the Church

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	<i>Hallelujah, Amen</i>		G. F. Handel	
*Response 606		<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		Old Hundredth
*Prayer of Thanks				

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*Hymn 711

Lord of All Good

Toulon

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Vivace from the Concerto in G Major

J.S. Bach

Sound Tech

Tom Marshall

Worship Coordinator

Beth Brown

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

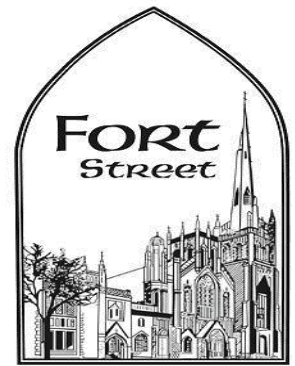
- Hearing-Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating-locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap-Accessible Restroom-use elevator to second floor

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.



Sunday, September 30 - Potluck and Saying Goodbye to Lola

Our next Fifth Sunday potluck will take place on September 30th. Bring a dish to share! We will have jazz music from the Eric Childress Quartet.. On this day, we will also acknowledge Fort Street’s Secretary, Lola Fryer Davidson. Lola is retiring from Fort Street in early October, so join us in celebrating her and saying goodbye!!

Fort Street Staff

Church General Staff		
Alison Grosch		Operations Manager
Lola JF Davidson		Secretary
Jerry Johnson		Building Engineer
Darryl Reynolds Richard Echols Frank Hickey		Parking and Custodians
Music at Fort Street		
Marilyn Biery	Director and Organist	
Mike Mitchell	Interim Chorale Conductor	
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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

Sermons available online!

Missed a sermon? Want to hear one again? You can find them on our website at fortstreet.org/sermons.

This Week's Announcements

Book Study on Race

Monday, 7:00pm

Our ongoing book conversations on race will continue with *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown. After that book has concluded, the discussions will focus on *The Church Enslaved*. Pastor Anne will lead these discussions. Please find copies of the books on your own, and come even if you haven't read!

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Join The Adult Ed classes on Sunday, September 23, from 9:45am to 10:45am. Day Three. EARTH with Genevieve Nowak from the Belle Isle Conservancy. 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).

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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### Music at Fort Street

The first concert of the season will be a chamber music program on Sunday, October 7 at 3 pm, with Stephanie Shapiro, oboe, Leslie Mason, soprano and Marilyn and James Biery on the Hedi Mulford Memorial Steinway. Concert is free. The Fort Street Choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:15 am in the choir loft. New members are always welcome!

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Fort Street Chorale Rehearsals have begun!

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 on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm for a snack with rehearsals starting at 7:30!

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.

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF;

Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Lt. Mark Webster USAF