



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018

Fort Street Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 30, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Pastorale

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Craig McLean

OPENING SENTENCES

Craig McLean

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart;

Many: Let us tell of all God's wonderful deeds.

One: We will be glad and exult in you, O Lord;

Many: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

All: Let us worship GOD!

*HYMN SING

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Craig McLean

Merciful God,

We confess that You alone are perfect and we are not. You promise forgiveness to all who believe. You offer new life to those who choose You: we confess that we remain focused on ourselves when You have called us to Love beyond ourselves. Thank you for the perfect gift of Your Son Jesus. Have mercy on us, and help us to be the Church You have called us to be, so that we may be the people You have called us to be, for such a time as this.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Michael Barconey

Sisters and Brothers, hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Michael Barconey

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

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| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | | Michael Barconey |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | | Craig McLean |
| OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | Isaiah 9:6-7 (p. 600 in Pew Bibles) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. | Craig McLean |
| GOSPEL LESSON | John 1:1-4 (p. 86 in Pew Bibles) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. | Michael Barconey |
| SERMON | "A King is Born" | Michael Barconey |

*HYMN SING

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Craig McLean |
| 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.

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| OFFERTORY | <i>Carol of the Birds</i> | CATALAN CAROL |
| *RESPONSE 606 | <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | OLD HUNDREDTH |

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

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| *HYMN SING | | |
| *CHARGE AND BLESSING | | Michael Barconey |

Today's Preacher: Michael Barconey is a recent graduate of The University of Detroit Mercy; he majored in Religious Studies with a minor in African American Studies. Michael is a fifth generation Presbyterian and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington. In addition to serving as the Hands-on-Mission Coordinator for the Presbytery of Detroit, Michael was elected as the Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Today's cover image is by Gareth Cooper on Unsplash.

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| Liturgist | Craig McLean |
| 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.

This Week's Announcements

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on January 13, 2018, for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee's recommendation for for the open slot on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2021. No other business may be discussed at the meeting.

Find New Ways to Get Involved at Fort Street!

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Want to start a new practice? Consider new ways of getting involved in the life and ministry of Fort Street! If you are thinking about a new practice, or want to grow deeper in faith, think about some of the following ideas!

- ✓ Serve as a liturgist, leading the congregation in worship
- ✓ Join the Fort Street Choir - come at 9:15am for rehearsals each Sunday
- ✓ Volunteer at Open Door on a Thursday morning
- ✓ Work with the children in the Donlin Center on Sunday mornings
- ✓ Join a Pastor's Bible Study in the coming year
- ✓ Serve as an usher or greeter on Sunday morning

These are just a few suggestions - contact the pastors if you'd like to talk about ways to get involved! The pastors can be reached pastor@fortstreet.org, or by dropping a card in the offering plate!

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### **The Church Office Will Be Closed**

The church office will be closed on **Monday, December 31**, and **Tuesday, January 1**. Normal hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd. Happy new year!

### **FSPC Prayer List**

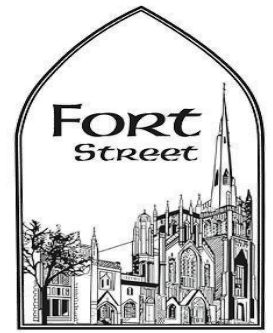
Lynne Bieniek, Vicki Crumpton, the Galloway family, Melanie, Jim and Ella Fenton, the family of Mia Hart, Motoko Huthwaite, Alex Kade, Robert Ponder, the family of Marcus Turner, Tom Turner

### **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 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

**Jerry Johnson** | Building Engineer

*Parking and Custodial Staff*

**Darryl Reynolds**

**Richard Echols**

**Frank Hickey**

**Sonny Washington**

### Music at Fort Street

**Marilyn Biery** | Director / Organist

**Mike Mitchell** | Interim Chorale Conductor

### Donlin Center & Christian Education

**Judith Sheldon** | Director

**Karen Wright** | Donlin Staff

**Lakita Wyatt** | Donlin Staff

### Fort Street Open Door

**Trish Hubbell** | Director

**Sheila Williams** | Floor Coordinator

**James Anderson** | Security

**Herman Hall** | Custodian

**Damien Hines** | Custodian

**Jewell Everette** | Cook

*SCSEP Participants*

**Brenda Boykin**

**Gleatus Jones**

### Weddings at Fort Street

**Loretta Stanton** | Coordinator

**Vanessa Carthron** | Assistant

**Austin Brantley** | Assistant

**Darryl Fowler** | Assistant

**Interim Co-Pastors:** Anne and Eric Lange • [pastor@fortstreet.org](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org)

**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

**Music Director Emeritus:** Edward Kingins