

“Kenosis,” by Molly DeVoss (www.mollydevos.com)

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 13, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus Christ to Jordan Came

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,
and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,
and be warmed by the fire of love.

*HYMN 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

COPELAND

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,**

For we have done wrong.

**We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.**

**We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins,
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
That we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE SONG 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
The 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 133

(p. 543 in Pew Bibles)

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

SOLO

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Alan Bullard

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:1-11

(p. 185 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

Sharing Faith

Rev. Eric Lange

*HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

I Am Always With You

James Biery

I am always with you, will never leave you. I am present always, within your heart. Morning after morning my love comes dawning; I am within you, within your heart. I am always with you, my love will guard you, I will keep you always within my heart. Moment after moment my love surrounds you; I am within you, within your heart. Through all days unending I will be with you. I will hold you closely within my heart. Timeless and forever, my love enfolds you; I am within you, within your heart.

Text by Marilyn Biery.

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion is served today via intinction: participants are invited to come forward in a line to the communion table. You are invited to take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. The Presbyterian tradition holds that "all who come to the table are offered the bread and cup regardless of their age or understanding" (Book of Order, W-3.0409). In that spirit, we offer communion to children of any age at the parent's discretion.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Three questions:

What are we going to do at this table?

Why do we share bread and juice?

But I wasn't there with Jesus. What should I remember?

Children and family members can return to their seats to take communion with their families.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Christ our Lord to Jordan Came

Johann Pachelbel

Soloist

Dorothy Duensing

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

About the music: the organ music today is based on the chorale *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, a baptism hymn by Martin Luther from 1541. The tune is older than the text and first appeared in a

book dating from 1524 by Johann Walther.

Today's Call To Worship is from *The Worship Sourcebook* and the Prayer of Confession is from the 2018 *Book of Common Worship*.

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 the Pastors at pastor@fortstreet.org 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 today, immediately following worship on January 13, 2019, for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee's recommendation for the open slot on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2021. No other business may be discussed at the meeting.

New Committee Structure for Fort Street

At its most recent meeting, the Session of Fort Street approved changes to the committee structure for the church. This change is intended to simplify the church's structure and to focus on the spiritual purposes of each committee in the life of the church. The new committees are:

- A **Gathering or Invitation Committee**, asking, "How do we invite people to join the life and work at Fort Street?"
- A **Congregational Life Committee**, asking, "How do we grow deeper with God and with one another?"
- An **Outreach and Mission Committee**, asking, "How do we make a tangible difference in our community?"

If you are interested in working with one of these committees, please write a note on the back of the welcome cards and drop it in the offering plate.

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### **Adult Education in 2019**

In the spring of 2019, the Adult Sunday School course will be looking at the Four Gospels, looking at the specific perspective each Gospel takes towards the story of Jesus. Pastor Eric is leading next Sunday's lesson, on the 5th Chapter of Mark, on "Jesus' Messianic Secret."

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Elder Care Planning Workshop - Feb. 3 After Worship

We are pleased to have Sarah Pangborn, an Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorney join us after service on Sunday, February 3, 2019 for a valuable educational seminar. Ms. Pangburn and her law firm, Mall Malisow & Cooney, P.C., specialize in the areas of Estate Planning and Elder Law and are experts in: preparing Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney and in assisting families with protecting their assets from the costs of Nursing Home long-term care. She will give an informal presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

FSPC Prayer List

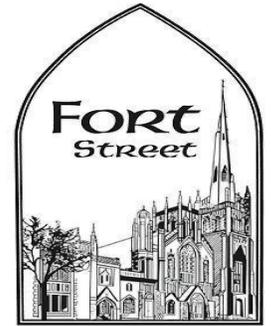
Carmen Abrego, Lynne Bieniek, Motoko Huthwaite, Liam Lillard Sr., the family of Jeremy Richter,
the family of Danielle Mitchell Robison

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.



Today's Kenosis Hymn:

Although Jesus Christ brings freedom,
And we are indeed set free from what hinders us
But the call of God entwines us deeply into the lives of others,
Where their pain becomes our pain, and their joy becomes our joy.
Therefore, we experience the grace of faith
That the love we share overflows its bounds,
Drawing us past the limits of our one life
To share in the grace of Christ, and in the lives of others
Because God's freedom endures not by escape or fleeing the storms of life,
but by sharing the journey of life with one another.

Fort Street Staff

Church General Staff

Alison Grosch | Operations Manager

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Frank Hickey

Sonny Washington

Music at Fort Street

Marilyn Biery | Director / Organist

Mike Mitchell | Interim Chorale Conductor

Donlin Center & Christian Education

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

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Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins