



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 6, 2019

Fort Street Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 6, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Noel Grand Jeu Et Duo

Louis Claude Daquin

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you wonderfully created,
and yet more wonderfully restored,
the dignity of human nature.
In your mercy,
let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ
who came to share our humanity,
and who now lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is like rain,
like showers that water the earth.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***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 72:1-7, 10-14

(p.170 in Pew Bibles)

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

SOLO

Rise, Up, Shepherd, and Follow!

Spiritual, arr. Hayes

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

(p.141 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Star of Wonder"

Rev. Anne Lange

*HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

OFFERTORY

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Philip Stopford

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Noel Suisse, Grand Jeu, Et Duo

Louis Claude Daquin

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Soloists

Leslie Douglass Mason; Nancy Combs

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.

This Week's Announcements

There will be a congregational meeting 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.

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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### **Adult Education in 2019**

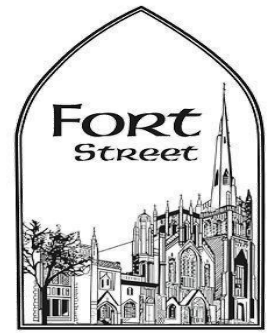
In the spring of 2019, the Adult Sunday School course will be looking at the Four Gospels, looking at the specific perspective each Gospel takes towards the story of Jesus. Pastor Eric is leading next Sunday's lesson, January 13, on "The Gift of Many Angles."

### **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.



### A Note from Judith Sheldon

Dear Fort Street Folks,

It has been a privilege to learn with you, as we have grown together, reaching toward God. I am grateful to be in the ever-extending circle of Fort Street Presbyterian church.

Love Abounds,

Judith

*Judith's last day at Fort Street as Director of Christian Education is today.*

### Fort Street Staff

#### Church General Staff

**Alison Grosch** | Operations Manager

**Jerry Johnson** | Building Engineer

*Parking and Custodial Staff*

**Darryl Reynolds**

**Richard Echols**

**Frank Hickey**

#### 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**

**Mary McCray**

#### 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