

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 27, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Mendelssohn

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

*HYMN 403

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.**

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

**You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 46

(pp. 489-490 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels

Michael Joncas

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:27-2:4

(pp. 185-186 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

Side By Side

Rev. Eric Lange

*HYMN 372

O For a World

AZMON

SERVICE OF ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Grant Us Thy Peace

Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, All things in thee possessing. In thee is our hope and safety. Words by Martin Luther.

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Mendelssohn

Sound Tech
Worship Coordinator

Tom Marshall
Pam Sharrow

About the music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was a German composer, pianist, organist and conductor. Born into a prominent Jewish family, his parents gave him Christian baptism when he was seven. He showed great talent at an early age, but his parents declined to promote him as a prodigy. He is known for his love of Bach's music, and was responsible for reintroducing the neglected music of "Old Bach" to the world through his position at the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra.

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 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

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.

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### **Detroit Children's Choir Concert**

**Sunday, February 17, 1:30pm**

Directed by Eric Taylor, the Detroit Children's Choir is committed to developing young leaders who will make a positive change in our city. The concert is free, but you can stay after worship for a luncheon (suggested donation: \$10), and you can pay for the lunch in advance on our website, [www.fortstreet.org/childrens-choir](http://www.fortstreet.org/childrens-choir)

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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. We continue our study next week on Mark 12:13-13:8.

### Today's Kenosis Hymn:

*Following Paul's instruction in Philippians 2:5, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..." the 'hymn' below is inspired by today's sermon and follows the structure of the hymn of Philippians 2:6-11, with the key turns marked in bold.*

**Although** we face intimidation in our life,  
and when intimidated we can isolate ourselves,  
We do not look to our own needs  
**But** instead meet others' needs  
And **Therefore** we discover God shaping a community  
That walks together through life, good times and bad,  
side-by-side,  
**Because** we gather strength from the comfort  
and encouragement that we share amongst ourselves.

### FSPC Prayer List

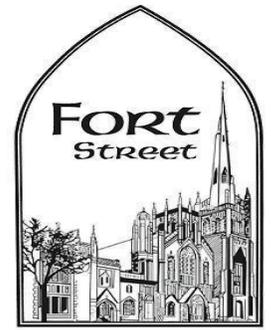
Carmen Abrego, Lynne Bieniek, Motoko Huthwaite, the family of Jeremy Richter, the family of Danielle Mitchell Robison

### 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.



## Fort Street Staff

### Church General Staff

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### Weddings at Fort Street

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