

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 10, 2019

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 10, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual, arr. Garrett

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behind the energy of the storm,
behind the heat of a million suns.

God is the power behind all things.

behind the ability to think and reason,
behind all understanding of the truth.

God is the power behind all minds.

behind the weakness, the torture, and the death,
behind unconquerable love.

God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ:

Eternal God, we worship and adore you. Amen.

*HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes
and our happiness than to your will.**

We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.

We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

**We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions
than according to your commands.**

**Within your church we have been slow
to practice love of our neighbors.**

And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.

**Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness,
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
Hear the good news of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 51:4-6

(p. 640 in Pew Bibles)

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

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual, arr Burleigh

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:12-26

(p.185 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Confidence Lost"

Rev. Eric Lange

***HYMN 834**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

There is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional, arr Smith

*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 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Little Prelude in C Major

Krebs

Soloists

Erika Thompson; Ashton Williams; Dorothy Duensing

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

About the music: Marques L.A. Garrett is Director of Choral Activities at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He received a DMA in conducting at Florida State University. He also proudly lists himself as a former server at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store along with his extensive training and education in music.

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

February 24, 2019, after worship

The Session of Fort Street Presbyterian Church has called for the Annual Meeting and of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 immediately following the 11:00 AM worship for the purpose of: receiving reports from all boards, officers, and committees; review of the 2017 budget; reviewing the pastors' terms of call, and electing congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee.

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.

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### **Community Conversations: Supporting the Homeless**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019 7:00pm**

Join First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak - and Open Door's Director, Trish Hubbell - for a discussion about how to increase awareness and action to better support the homeless. First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak is located at 529 Hendrie Blvd, Royal Oak, MI, 48067

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Healing and Wholeness Service

Wednesday, February 20, 6:00pm

Join Pastor Anne for a worship service planned around God's healing power. Through shared liturgy, prayer, and music, participants will be surrounded by love, prayer, and peace. A Soup dinner will be available starting at 5:30pm and the service will begin at 6:00pm. Children are welcome!

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

Letter from the Pastors

We have important update about the life of the congregation to share.

Marilyn Biery has notified the pastors and Personnel committee that she is resigning from her position as Music Director, effective July 1, 2019.

Marilyn has shared her music gifts and leadership abilities in a way that has transformed the worship experience at Fort Street. The quality of music has improved dramatically. She also improved the quality and care of the church's instruments, most notably the Hedi Mulford Memorial Piano. The Fort Street Choir's worship is at a standard far above the norm for a church our size. The church accepts her resignation with regret while acknowledging that Fort Street is stronger than when she arrived. We are grateful Marilyn has given time to both say goodbye to her well, and to prepare for the next steps for Fort Street.

Under the guidance of the Session, the church will enter into a time of discernment about the direction of the music program. Session determined the best next step is to gather information about Fort Streeter's thoughts and hopes for the direction of the music program. We will provide a number of opportunities to share your input:

- A listening sessions will be held following worship on March 3.
- A Congregational Survey will be distributed from February 17 - March 3, with both paper copies and an online form.
- Meetings will be scheduled with various groups to hear their input, including the Fort Street Choir, the church staff, and the Chorale.

We invite you to share openly and honestly, and even dream, about what possibilities may emerge. The information gathered will help Session decide how to set the future direction of the music program and direct Personnel to conduct a search for what the church needs.

Please continue to pray for discernment and expectancy for what God will bring to Fort Street.

- Pastors Anne and Eric.

Soup and Sharing at Open Door
Every Wednesday, 11:00 am - 1 pm

A small group of people have been communing and conversing on Wednesdays over hot soup at Fort Street. The Soup and Sharing gathering is designed to provide guests with peer support, faith sharing, and good conversations.

During a recent session, the group at the table prayed over a visitor who was anxious about an upcoming knee surgery. She was moved to tears by the camaraderie she felt in the company of the others at the table.

A young man currently sleeping in a homeless shelter said he really appreciates the conversation at the soup table because he often goes for days with little or no interaction with others.

Hot soup (meat and vegetarian options), coffee, tea, bread or crackers, and a variety of other side items are offered on Soup and Sharing Wednesdays, 11 am - 1 pm. But, the real offering is a shelter for each other. **Join us! Everyone is welcome at the table.**

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

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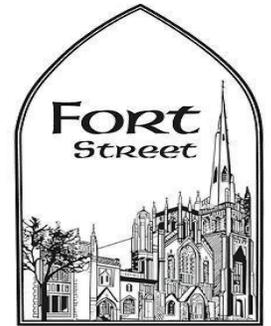
**Food Boxes at Open Door**

Many guests who stop in at Open Door have homes and jobs but cannot quite make ends meet. They are what is called "food insecure". The working poor sometimes don't make enough money to pay rent, utilities, monthly bills -- and buy groceries.

Open Door recently began a food box program for local individuals and families in need of an extra hand. If you, or someone you know in the downtown Detroit neighborhood needs assistance with food, please email [opendoor@fortstreet.org](mailto:opendoor@fortstreet.org).

## 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 from Today's Sermon:

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 can confidence in status, wealth, and privilege,  
**But** we lose confidence in those things when compared to Christ  
**Therefore**, we can truly value what it is to know Christ,  
with clarity of mind and purpose.  
**Because** this knowledge is Christ's gift to us, a gift of faith.

## 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

**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