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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 10, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head

Traditional

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:
You shall worship the Lord your God alone

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
Your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin.
Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your spirit,
that as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our
redeemer, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Listen, so that you may live:
the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

(p.518-19 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

Song of Petition

James Biery

All are welcome to join the choir in singing the refrain:

All:

Have com - pas - sion on us, keep us safe in your
care, give us cour-age and strength all our days.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

(p.57 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

The Leader We Want

Rev. Eric Lange

***HYMN 728**

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

LITANY

Some journeys add color to our lives,
Through new memories, friends, or experiences.
But others take away the color
As we say goodbyes and discover hard truths.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

The journey of Lent brings loss.
Each step towards the end
Means more is taken away.
But at the end of the journey,
We will find the One who is with us
And so we pray:
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

Traditional, arr. Hopson

The text may be found in the hymnal, number 693

*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

Epilogue

John Lee

Liturgist

Bryan Wadlington

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

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

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### **Table Setters Workshop - Saturday March 16**

Come explore the power of table fellowship to cross the lines of racial divide, hosted by the multicultural ministry team. The workshop takes place from 10 am - 2 pm. Please RSVP by Monday March 11. \$5 Lunch will be served.

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Tasty Treats - March 24

Music at Fort Street presents "Tasty Treats" featuring love songs, dramatic songs, silly songs, and hilarious songs, as well as the Neue Liebeslieder Waltzes of Johannes Brahms with Marilyn and James Biery at the piano and our own Leslie Mason, Erika Thompson and Dorothy Duensing, soloists. The concert begins at 3 pm in Great Hall. Donations are accepted.

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### **Who is our Neighbor? Conversation - March 24**

The Self Study team of Fort Street will be hosting a conversation in Keely Commons following worship, on the question, "Who is Fort Street's Neighbor?" or who are the people outside of the church who Fort Street is called to serve?

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5th Sunday Potluck - March 31

On Sunday March 31, 201 we will hold service, then there will be a Potluck following service. There will be a sign-up sheet available for volunteers to help out with this event. Please bring a dish to share.

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### **Fort Street's Additional Support Services through Open Door**

Fort Street offers additional services to the community through our Open Door Program.

#### **Advantage Health at Fort Street - March 21**

On March 21, at 8:30 am - 11:30 am Advantage Health Centers will be extending their services here at Fort Street with physicians and nurse practitioners volunteering to get to know the community we serve, building trust with those who may be homeless or uninsured.

#### **Career Closet - Every Tuesday at 12 pm - 2 pm**

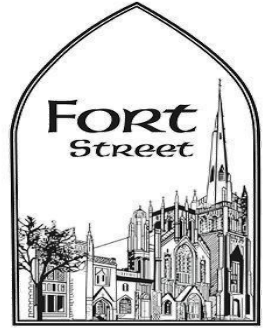
We offer a unique opportunity for those entering the workforce and may need assistance with work-appropriate clothing. With a referral, people are invited to receive clothing to assist in preparing individuals.

#### **Soup and Sharing - Every Wednesday at 11 am - 1 pm**

Participants and volunteers from our Open Door program meet once a week to commune and converse 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.

## 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

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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

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