



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 2019

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata No. 1, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, behold the works of the Living God! Listen for what God would say to us.

We await God's Word for our church and for the times in which we live.

God beckons us to remember the support and promptings of the Spirit.

We have received comfort and assurance, and our eyes have been opened to God's challenges.

God does not let us escape the world's pain when we come to this place apart.

Some of the pain is our own, and we seek relief. Much is borne by others, whom we want to help.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

We open ourselves to God's healing and offer ourselves for further service.

Amen. **Amen.**

*HYMN 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Powerful and Merciful God, you have blessed us abundantly, and we have complained. You have linked our lives with others, and we have abused their trust. We have despised our birthright and misused your blessing. We have left undone many of the tasks you set before us, while pursuing passions and pleasures that have become our gods. We have strayed so far from the truth that we find truth hard to recognize. We are sinners with no place to turn except to your compassion and salvation; pleading for forgiveness and strength to lead a new life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

While we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us. In our weakness God offers strength. In our alienation from God, Jesus is the reconciler who draws us back to eternal verities. The life of Christ invites us into the streams of salvation, where healing waters flow. Our thirst is quenched and there is plenty of water to share. God equips us, as forgiven sinners, to labor in fields ripe for harvest. Praise God!

*RESPONSE SONG 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

***SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.
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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON ONE

Isaiah 55:1-7
(p. 644 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

Be Thou Faithful Unto Death
St. Paul, Op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn

LESSON TWO

Matthew 9:35-38
(p. 9 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

The Harvest Awaits

Rev. Kevin Johnson

*HYMN 680

Soft Rains of Spring Flow

PCOCS

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

Sing Ye Praise...He Counteth All Your Sorrows
Hymn of Praise, Op. 52

Felix Mendelssohn

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

ALLEGRO FROM SONATA NO. 2, OP. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Liturgist

Jack Callas

Sound Tech

Twiler French

Soloist

Bill Roberts

Organist

David Enos

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 Pastor Anne at pastor@fortstreet.org
- 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

Church office closed - Labor Day

On Monday, September 2, the church will be closed in observance of Labor Day. The church will resume during its regular office hours on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Film Series - September 8 & 15

We are doing a special showing of "The Prince of Egypt," which is the story of Moses, in the Stapleton Chapel after worship on Sunday, September 8.

On Sunday, September 15, we will show our regularly scheduled film series, showcasing the movie "One Night with the King." Contact Cassandra Turner if you have questions.

Adult Sunday School Resumes September 8

Adult Sunday School School will resume Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Movie Premiere - Flint: The Poisoning of a City

Fort Streeters, we are heading to Flint to attend the premiere of *Flint: The poisoning of a City*, on September 12, 2019 at the Capitol Theatre. If you would like to go, there is a sign-up sheet for this event in Tisha's office. Contact Pastor Anne for more information.

Chorale Rehearsal - September 19, 2019

Rehearsals for the Fall 2019 performances of Messiah will start on Thursday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at 6 p.m. for a Welcome Potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share and spend some time getting to know your fellow singers and our new interim Director Alex Sutton. The registration fee for the Fall season is \$30 (forms will be available at the door). Those who prefer may register for both the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 seasons for \$50. Fee is payable by cash or check.

"Make it Stop" Human Trafficking Information Session

There will be an information session about human trafficking held at Fort Street on September 21, 2019. There is a \$10 donation to attend the event.

Tablesetters - September 28, 2019

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28. Table Setters returns here at Fort Street!

Coffee Hour

Thanks to those who have volunteered to host coffee hour:

Today: Jessie Uduma

9/8: Renee Danyo

9/15: Volunteer needed

If you would like to sign up to host coffee hour, you can go to Tisha's office to sign up!

1,000 Paper Cranes

Join us each Sunday during coffee hour to make paper cranes for peace.

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

Shatisha Costner | Admin. Assistant

Jerry Johnson | Building Engineer

Parking and Custodial Staff

Darryl Reynolds

Richard Echols

Frank Hickey

Sonny Washington

Music at Fort Street

Dorothy Duensing | Interim Music
Coordinator

Alex Sutton | Interim Chorale Conductor

Donlin Center & Christian Education

Karen Wright | Donlin Staff

Lakita Wyatt | Donlin Staff

Fort Street Open Door

Trish Hubbell | Director

Shelia Williams | Floor Coordinator

James Anderson | Security

Herman Hall | Custodian

Damien Hines | Custodian

Jewell Everette | Cook

SCSEP Participants

Brenda Boykin

Cebra McGee

Andre Haynes

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

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins

FSPC Prayer List

The family of Lorianne Coleman, Henry Sale, Suellen Sale, Lynne Bieniek & Gracie, Annette Bishop, Renee Carter, Beth Henderson. Bruce and Cindy Leonard, the Staten family, John Thomson, Rick & Margaret Tripp, Calvin Turner, Tom Turner

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Lt. Mark Webster USAF