



FORT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Opening hearts and doors together in faith

Invitation to Worship Together
Sunday | October 1, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.



Watch on Facebook

This Sunday's Bulletin

*A note for **Sunday, October 15**, Marathon Sunday. There will be no in person worship. A prerecorded service will be available on Facebook at 11am.

What's Happening at Fort Street

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[World Communion Sunday](#)

One of the most cherished traditions at our church during World Communion Sunday is the display of flags from around the world in our sanctuary. These flags serve as powerful symbols of our shared faith and unity in Christ. They represent different nations, cultures, and people, yet they all stand side by side within our church, just as we do as a congregation.

We invite you to be part of this unique experience. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for this wonderful tradition. It's a time to come together in prayer, reflection, and community. As we partake in the Lord's Supper, we strengthen our bonds not only within our church but also with believers worldwide. We hope to see you there this Sunday at 11am.



Peace & Global Witness Offering: Oct 1

On Sunday, October 1, we will collect a special offering. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



Blessed are the
peacemakers,
for they will
be called the
children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 1, 2023



Congregational Meeting: October 1

The Session of Fort Street calls a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, October 1st after worship in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the nominating committee and approve the Co-Pastors' updated terms of call. All are invited to attend the meeting and members of the congregation may participate in the voting.

A Zoom option is available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3139614533>

Meeting ID: 313 961 4533



Christian Education Schedule

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School has begun! Children (from age 3-13) will begin in the

11:00 worship service and will be dismissed partway through for Sunday School.



**Children's Fall
Sunday School**

September 17
Jesus and the Children - Mark 10

September 24
Bread and Fish – John 6

October 1
Lydia - Acts 16

October 8
The Lost Son – Luke 15

October 15
No Sunday School – Marathon Sunday

October 22
Paul and Silas – Acts 16

October 29
Greatest Commandment – Matthew 22

November 5
Paul & the Philippians – Philippians 1

November 12
Least of These – Matthew 25

November 19
Mary and Martha – Luke 10

Children (from age 3-13) begin in the 11:00 worship service and are dismissed partway through the service for Sunday school.

Contact Pastor Sarah for more information:
pastorsarah@fortstreet.org



Adult Education

Check out the upcoming adult education classes below. All classes meet at 9:45am in Keely Commons and all are welcome.



ADULT EDUCATION

FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES

SEP 24 - OCT 8
9:45 - 10:30 AM

What is your favorite book of the Bible? What stories or passages do you go back to again and again? Join us for a 3-week Adult Education series where we take a deep dive into the parts of the Bible that matter most to us.

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

NOV 5 - NOV 19
9:45 - 10:30 AM

Do faith and national identity work together? Join us for a thoughtful dialogue on the topic of Christian Nationalism as prompted by 3 essays from Diana Butler Bass.

[Fort Street's 175th Anniversary Film: Share your story!](#)

On February 24, 2024 Fort Street Presbyterian Church will turn 175 years old. The oldest church still functioning in the same building in Detroit. To celebrate we are giving Fort Street a gift: A love letter. A love letter in the form of a documentary film. This film will chronicle the ever-changing face of Detroit. Its people, its industries, its culture. As Detroit evolved, so did Fort Street. From a church built for a neighborhood of the affluent and privileged. To a beacon in the heart of a hard-boiled city.

What's your Fort Street Story? We are inviting all of Fort Street's members and friends to tell us their Fort Street story on film. The first opportunity will be Saturday,

September 30, 2023 from 9:30a -

6:00p. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F48ABA922A5FC1-44382240-fort>

While every interview will not include all of our questions here is a sample of some of the type of questions we are interested in:

- Are you currently a Fort Street member?
- How long have you been a Fort Street Member? Or, if you are not a member how long have you been visiting or attending?
- What is your Fort Street story? How did you discover Fort Street?
- What age were you when you first started attending Fort Street? Ballpark is fine.
- Were you Married at Fort Street? Did you raise a family in this church?
- If you raised kids here at Fort Street, what was it like for them? Tell us about what you remember about having kids at Fort Street.
- If you raised kids in the church, do they still attend? If not, do they attend another church?
- The congregation is made up of people from many different zip codes. What is your zip code?
- Why go out of your way to come to Fort Street?
- What makes Fort Street different from other churches?
- What roles have you served here at Fort Street?
- If you were a member of Fort Street but then left, why did you leave?
- Tell me about one of your best memories about Fort Street.
- Tell me about one of your worst memories at Fort Street.
- Do you still feel as passionately about Fort Street as you did in the past?
- Do you like the direction the church is heading? Do you believe it is on the right path?
- If you had the power to change one thing about Fort Street, what would you change?
- Was there a moment during your time here at Fort Street that you thought the church wouldn't survive?
- If you had one hope for the future of this church, what would it be?

Please sign up for the slot that is most convenient for you. If these dates and times do not work for you, stay tuned for the next opportunity to tell your story.

[Marathon Pasta Dinner Returns!](#)

Running the Detroit Free Press Marathon? Fuel up the evening before the race at Fort Street Presbyterian's Pasta Dinner!

Pre-Marathon Pasta Dinner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
4-6:30 PM

FORT STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
631 W. FORT STREET
(NEAR MARATHON START)

SPAGHETTI, SALAD AND BREAD
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO FORT STREET'S OPEN DOOR
PROGRAM, PROVIDING COMMUNITY, FOOD, CLOTHING,
AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR DETROITERS



Volunteers are needed!

Friday, October 13: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM for food prep

Saturday, October 14: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM for prep, 2:30 PM – 7:00 PM for serving
and clean up

Contact Loretta Stanton if you are interested in
volunteering: loretta_stanton@yahoo.com

[20 Year Wedding Program Celebration](#)



FORT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COFFEE HOUR RECEPTION

*Celebrating 20 years
of the Wedding Program*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
FANCY & TASTY APPETIZERS

Following the reception in Kingins Hall, guests are invited to return to the sanctuary for a short concert featuring **Pianist Dr. Marina Stojanovska**, who will be performing the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No.2

[Calling All Singers!](#)

Join us for a special choir Sunday in worship on October 29. No audition required - come and make a joyful noise along with others as we praise God. If you are interested in joining, please sign up at church or email the church office (office@fortstreet.org).

[Open Door Update](#)

Open Door Ministry in collaboration with Holy Spokes brought together a heartwarming blend of community support and practical learning. At this event, a Bicycle Repair Clinic and Ice Cream Social, attendees had the opportunity to not only enjoy a sweet treat but also gain invaluable insights into bicycle maintenance. As part of the effort to empower individuals with mobility and self-sufficiency, guests

were encouraged to bring their bicycles and learn how to ensure their bikes remain safe and functional. This event, a true testament to the spirit of collaboration and outreach, showcased the power of partnership between Open Door Ministry and Holy Spokes in uplifting the community they serve.



[Online Giving](#)

The easiest way to keep up with your tithes and offerings is to give online. It's secure and easy to do - just click the link below! You can donate via credit card or bank transfer and you can even set up recurring donations! Your continued financial support is an important part of our ministry.

[Give Online](#)

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