

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2008

**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**OHIO**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-33653**  
(Commission File Number)

**31-0854434**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Fifth Third Center**

**38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**45263**  
(Zip Code)

**(513) 534-5300**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 21, 2008, Fifth Third Bancorp issued a press release and its quarterly financial supplement announcing its earnings release for the third quarter of 2008. A copy of this press release and its quarterly financial supplement are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively. This information is furnished under both Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition and Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure. The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibits attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

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For the benefit of its investors, Fifth Third Bancorp is furnishing information regarding its trends and certain information regarding its portfolio of loans and leases. Copies of these items are attached as Exhibits 99.3 and 99.4, respectively. The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibits attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated October 21, 2008

Exhibit 99.2 Quarterly Financial Supplement

Exhibit 99.3 Third Quarter 2008 Trends

Exhibit 99.4 Third Quarter 2008 Portfolio Loan and Lease Stratifications

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP**

(Registrant)

October 21, 2008

/s/ Daniel T. Poston

Daniel T. Poston

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer