



REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 26, 2017

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 26, 2017

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Give Thanks

James Biery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Jenkins

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ reigns over all the earth,

He is seated at the right hand of God.

The name of Jesus is above every other name

And we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Our hope in Jesus can never be shaken,

He calls us to journey in faith and love.

Let us worship the One who reigns!

*HYMN #369

BLESSING AND HONOR

O QUANTA QUALIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you reign over all creation, and you have told us to put our trust in You. You are our refuge and strength, even when mountains shake, and waters roar and foam, and when nations are in an uproar. Remind us again that You are always with us. Forgive us when we put our trust and hope in things that cannot sustain us. Forgive us for letting fear guide us more than love.

Give us faith to trust that you reign over all things. Enable us to be still and to know that you are God. Guide us to share Your love with a world that is still in turmoil, breaking through divisions, sharing love with all we meet, and finding the peace that only You can provide.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Greg Jenkins

Hear the Good News . . .

. . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! 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. 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 LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Judith Sheldon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Greg Jenkins

LESSON:

Ezekiel 34:11-16
(pp. in Pew Bibles)

Greg Jenkins

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

ANTHEM

A PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

LESSON:

MATTHEW 25:31-46
(pp. in Pew Bibles)

Rev. Blair Buckley

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

SERMON

“THE NOT-SO-LEAST OF THESE”

Rev. Blair Buckley

*HYMN #643

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967 (adapted from Part III)

Greg Jenkins

It is the will of God that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

The church does not see the full picture of the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Amen.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg Jenkins

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.

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

All Praise and Thanks to God

J.S. BACH

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given. The Son, and Spirit blest, who reigns in highest heaven. Eternal Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF THANKS

Pastor Anne

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN # 320

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

WAREHAM

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

GEORG FRIEDRICH KAUFMANN

(The postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer, not a performance. An *Amen* in place of applause would be welcome. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.)

*Please rise in body, mind , or spirit.

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, please join us for fellowship.

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Blair Buckley serves as a Resident Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. Blair is a native of Colorado. She completed her undergraduate degree at Elon University in North Carolina, and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has also served a year as a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). Her passions are education and teaching as well as ministries for young adults and in increasing participation for young families.

Please keep Eric and Anne Lange in your prayers as they are gone this weekend. Eric is being ordained at his home congregation, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The pastors will be back in the office next week.

About the Music: Today's organ music reflects the season of giving thanks. The prelude, in a setting by James Biery, is based on the tune found in our hymnal at number 647 *Give Thanks*. The postlude is based on the tune we sing after the sermon, *Now Thank We All Our God* by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735) a German composer from the Baroque period. The music during the offering is the chorale from a Bach Cantata, No. 129.

Liturgist	Greg Jenkins
Sound Tech	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Beth Brown

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.

Prayer List for the Month of November 2017

Lynne Bieniek, Dajun and family, Bobbie Edwards and family, Cynthia Renee Hodge, The family of Jack Hodge, Lola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Marilyn Moore and family, Kathy Payne and family.

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

(We are seeking to update our Military Roll. Please contact the church office with any changes.)

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

FORT STREET STAFF:

Alison Grosch, Operations Manager; Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; John Glover, Director of Open Door; Marilyn Biery, Music Director/Organist; Arianne Abela, Interim Chorale Conductor, Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building Engineer; Damien Hines, Custodian; Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff.

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**Fort Street
Chorale
Handel's *Messiah*
December 2 and 3 at 3:00 PM**

Don't miss the Fort Street Chorale's 39th annual *Messiah* performance, conducted by Dr. Arianne Abela

Michele Kennedy, soprano
Ashley Dixon, mezzo-soprano
Lonnie Reed, tenor
Jonathan Lasch, baritone



Arianne Abela

Tickets may be purchased in advance by visiting www.fortstreet.org/messiah. General admission tickets are \$20, Patrons \$35 and groups of 10 or more \$15 each. Students with a valid ID \$10. Group rate tickets are available by calling the church office at (313) 961-4533.



Michele Kennedy



Ashley Dixon



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MISSION STATEMENT

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and developing programs 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 Christ Jesus.*

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm Session	2 6:00am Open Door Prep/Cleanup 9:00am Open Door 11:30am Jack Hodge Memorial Service 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	3 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	4 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
5 9:30am Child Care 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	6	7 8:30am Clothes Sort 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	8 6:00pm Worship Arts mtg	9 6:00am Open Door Prep/Cleanup 9:00am Open Door 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	10 Church Offices Closed 4:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00pm GAA	11 3:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 6:00pm Wedding 8:30pm AI-Anon
12 9:30am FS Choir 9:30am Child Care 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	13	14 8:30am Clothes Sort 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	15 6:00pm Fiscal Op mtg	16 6:00am Open Door Prep/Cleanup 9:00am Open Door 11:30am Open Door Committee Mtg 7:00pm Chorale Rehearsal	17 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	18 Presbytery meeting Thanksgiving boxes set-up 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
19 Dedication Sunday Harvest Table Display Pack Thanksgiving boxes Risers go up 9:30am Child Care 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 11:30am PJM meeting 6:30pm NA	20 Families pick up Thanksgiving boxes Secretary out of office 7:00pm Chorale Rehearsal	21 Secretary out of office 8:30am Clothes Sort 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	22 Secretary out of office	23 Church Offices Closed Happy Thanksgiving	24 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	25 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
26 Pastors out of office 9:30am Child Care 9:30am FS Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Church Decorating Party 6:30pm NA	27 7:00pm Chorale Rehearsal	28 8:30am Clothes Sort 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	29 7:00pm Messiah Rehearsal 7:15pm Personnel meeting	30 6:00am Open Door Prep/Cleanup 9:00am Open Door 7:00pm Chorale Rehearsal		

Advent and Epiphany Sharing Opportunities

The Spiritual Life Committee will have the 2018 Fort Street Pictorial Calendar available for sale on **December 3, 10, and 17** during Coffee Hour, for \$12.00, just in time for home desks and holiday gifts.

On Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018, there will be an auction during Coffee Hour of a baby quilt made by Lynn Montgomery.

The proceeds from the calendar sale and the quilt will be given to an infant and mother health program, Detroit WIN Network, through Henry Ford Health System.

We look forward to supporting infant health with you at this meaningful time in our church year.

If you have questions please ask Nancy Jackson or Judith Sheldon.

Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series

Sunday, November 26

Apocrypha, Part II

9:45 a.m.-10:45a.m.,
The Stapleton Chapel

All Are Welcome!

**“There is neither Jew nor Greek,
slave nor free, male nor female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
Galatians 3: 28**

Career Closet



Needs professional looking bags, women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. We also need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, size 18 and up, men's belts, men's cuff links, and men's shoes, all sizes.

MARRIAGE, ANYONE IN 2018?

*Thinking of getting
married?*

**Want to get married at Fort
Street? Contact the
Wedding Coordinator,
Loretta Stanton**

313-549-1015.



Join us for our Church Decorating Party

Christmas Trees and Greens at Fort Street

Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.

Please stay after worship and help swag the Sanctuary, and reforest the Narthex, Great Hall and Stapleton Chapel. The trees will be decorated by everyone in anticipation of the first Sunday of Advent.

