



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 11, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 11, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fugue on BACH

Schumann

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carmen Abrego

In the beginning was the Word,

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God

And the word became flesh and lived among us.

As he walked the earth he heard many other words, many other stories.

He heard our stories of joy,

And he our heard stories of lament.

As he heard those stories, he lingered. He stayed close to us. New Life.

And we find our own stories retold in new ways.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carmen Abrego

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

whose face is hidden from us by our sins,

And whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,

that with reverent and humble hearts

we may draw near to you,

confessing our faults,

confiding in your grace,

and finding refuge in you our refuge and strength;

through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone,

A gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

Carmen Abrego

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 11:18-21
(p.162 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

All are welcome to join the choir on the refrain, Hymn 473

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 7:36-50
(p. 62 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Shaped by the Story"

Rev. Eric Lange

HYMN 506Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

COPELAND

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Greg Jenkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

OFFERING THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

A House of Prayer

Alonso

Let this be a house of prayer, shelter of God's love and care, shaped into a house of living stones by the hands of Christ, our cornerstone. Let this be a house of prayer for all people, a font of God's love overflowing, a holy ground where all find welcome, a temple of the Holy Spirit, a table set for friend and stranger, a body taken, blessed and broken, a banquet hall for every hunger. Let this be a house of prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Communion today is served by distribution. Elders will distribute the elements to you in while you are seated in the pews. After all have been served, we will eat the bread and then drink the cup at the same time.

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.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING 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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (*Please join in singing the refrain:*) Biery

Come to the ta-ble, we come to the ta-ble, we
gath - er to - geth-er, to - geth-er as one.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT OUT IN JOY

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor

Joseph Rheinberger

Liturgist

Carmen Abrego

About the music: The music for the communion antiphon, *Come to the Table* is by James Biery, Copyright © 2016, and used with permission. The prelude by Schumann is based on the traditional four-note motif which uses B for B-flat, A, C and H for B-natural, spelling out the name of Bach. Many composers have used this motif in their music, and this piece is from a set of six fugues on the name of BACH.

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

FSPC Prayer List

Lynne Bieniek, Vicki Crumpton, Renee and Alyssa Danyo, Amber Edmunds, Mia Hart, the family of Iola Jackson, Kimberlee Ponder, Milfordean Luster, Sandra Marowski, the family of Yodit Nesfin Johnson, the family of Dick Smith,

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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

This Week's Announcements

Harvest Meal

Mark your calendars! Next weekend, November 17-18 you will have several important ways to volunteer at Fort Street!

→ On Sunday, November 18, Fort Street will celebrate a Harvest Meal following worship. Members of Fort Street, Open Door guests, the Chorale, and others are invited to come! Bring a dish, prepare a meal, serve those in need and celebrate the season together. **You can share how you can be involved using the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall.**

→ The Deacons will be organizing their Gift Baskets for families at Harmes and Mayberry Elementary schools throughout the weekend. Come and help pack baskets of food for families in need!

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### **Pledge for 2019 Stewardship**

We are reflecting on the gifts we have to share in ministry. Please prayerfully consider what gift you have to share in and through Fort Street in the new year. Whether it be a nudging of the Spirit, an idle thought you cannot let go of, or a deep passion you have been yearning to bring into the work of the church, we would like to hear about it!

We will begin receiving pledges on Sunday, November 11th. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and you can make your pledge online at [fortstreet.org](http://fortstreet.org)

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Book Study

The Book Study conversation on race in America is beginning its third book, *The Church Enslaved* by Tony Campolo and Michael Battle. Due to scheduling conflicts, we will meet on the following Mondays in 2018 from 7p.m. – 9p.m.:

November 12

November 19

We will resume the studies in 2019.

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### **Advent Home Groups**

This Advent season (December 2 – 23) will provide opportunities for Fort Streeters to spend time visiting one another in their homes. Meetings will take place across metro Detroit, providing opportunities for fellowship and reflection. More information will be coming soon!

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Join the Chorale for the 40th Performance of Messiah!

Chorale rehearsals have begun for *Messiah*, which will take place December 1 and 2 at Fort Street. You can now purchase tickets online at www.fortstreet.org/messiah.

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### **Adult Education**

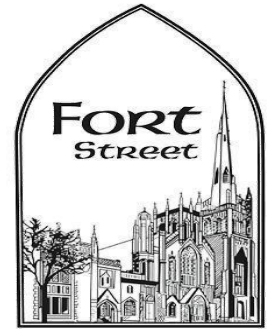
Join us next Sunday at 9:45am as we continue our classes with the theme “Our Continuing Reformation: Social Justice.” Next week we will welcome Trish Hubbell for a session on Hunger and Homelessness and Fort Street’s Open Door.

### **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](mailto:firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net). or Nancy Jackson at [nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

## 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.



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