



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 18, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Aidan Burr

Loving God,
we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.
You are greater than we can understand;
**open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.**
You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;
**help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.**
You are wiser than we can know;
**still our minds as we worship you
so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.**
Loving God, in Jesus
you chose to come to the world in humility.
You chose the path the world saw as foolish.
You used what the world considered weak.
We worship and adore you. Amen.

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Aidan Burr

O God of shalom,
we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.
Break down those walls.
Help us to see that the way to your heart
is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.
Bless them and us,
that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ is our peace;
those who are divided he has made one.
He has broken down the barriers of separation
by his death and has built us up
into one body, with God.
To all who repent and believe
he has promised reconciliation.
Hear the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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. 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

Aidan Burr

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 6:32-35
(p. 92 in Pew Bibles)

Aidan Burr

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

ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. J. Biery

The text may be found in Hymn 840

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-10
(p. 613 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Feasting in Sadness and Joy"

Rev. Eric Lange

***HYMN 770**

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Following the apostles, the church is sent—
sent with the gospel of the kingdom
to make disciples of all nations,
to feed the hungry,
and to proclaim the assurance that in the name of Christ
there is forgiveness of sin and new life
for all who repent and believe—
to tell the news that our world belongs to God.
In a world estranged from God,
where millions face confusing choices,
this mission is central to our being,
for we announce the one name that saves.
We repent of leaving this work to a few,
we pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith,
and we rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see
our mission in God’s world.**

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

Let All Things Now Living

arr. K.K. Davis

The text may be found in Hymn 37

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert

Liturgist	Aidan Burr
Sound Tech	Twiler French
Worship Coordinator	Craig McLean

The flowers for Sunday are given by Tom and Cindy Edwards in memory of her mother, Pauline E. Newman.

Elements of today's worship are from the *Worship Sourcebook*.

About the music: Rhosymedre is the name of a hymn tune by the 19th-century Welsh Anglican priest John David Edwards. He named the tune for the village where he was vicar. English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) set the tune, found in many hymnals, in this lovely setting for organ. Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) was a German composer who is most known for this organ setting of the hymn tune we sing to *Now Thank We All Our God*.

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.

This Week's Announcements

Harvest Meal

Stay after worship for a Harvest Meal taking place in the Great Hall. Members of the congregation, guests of Open Door, Chorale Members, and others have been invited.

The Harvest Meal is the culmination of our sermon series focused on 'The Table.'

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### **Pledge for 2019 Stewardship**

Pledges of giving are now being received for the 2019 year. 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!

Pledge cards are available in the narthex, and you can drop your pledge card in the offering plate during worship. You can pledge via email to Alison Grosch at [om@fortstreet.org](mailto:om@fortstreet.org).

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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.

Thank you for your interest in opening your home for this special fellowship. We encourage you to invite your family members, or Chorale friends or Open Door volunteer friends to widen the circle of friendship.

Sun., Dec 2 - 12:30pm - Langes, at FSPC (20 guests maximum).

Sat., Dec 8 - Bloodworth's (NW Detroit)

Sun., Dec 14 - Callas House (Grosse Pointe Park)

More gatherings are being finalized - stay tuned for more!

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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](http://www.fortstreet.org/messiah).

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Longest Night Service

Dec 21, 6:00pm

On the longest night of the year, FSPC is hosting a service that honors people who are feeling 'blue' during the holidays. As we hear the story of Jesus' birth, this space is open for those who struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss, illness or sadness.

FSPC Prayer List

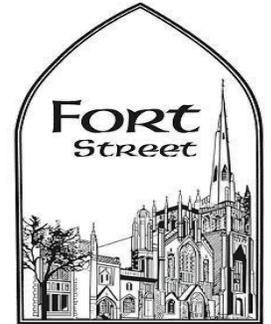
Lynne Bieniek, Vicki Crumpton, Renee and Alyssa Danyo, Amber Edmunds, Mia Hart, the family of Iola Jackson, Kimberlee Ponder, Milfordean Luster, Sandra Marowski, the family of Yodit Nesfin Johnson, the family of Dick Smith.

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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

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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Fort Street Open Door

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Damien Hines | Custodian

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