

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ the King Sunday November 25, 2018

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#### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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#### GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Allegro and Adagio from Concerto in B Minor

Walther

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Revelation 1)

Marie

God loves us and freed us from sin

God has made us part of his kingdom! Hallelujah!

God called us to serve and worship

To God be the glory forever and ever, Amen!

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last

Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty!

We are part of the reign of God!

We are the body of Christ! Hallelujah! Amen!

\*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

\*Prayer of Confession

Marie

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, we come to You confessing that we have tried to close off Your reign. We have put up walls to keep others out: we wanted to keep out those who loved different than us. We wanted to keep out those who loved different than us. We wanted to keep out those who lived in different places and spoke different languages. Jesus our Savior, You continue to break down the walls we build up. You continue to open doors where we think the gates are locked shut. Forgive us when we err on the side of exclusion instead of the side of love. Call us into Your reign here on earth, so that we might pursue the path of justice and mercy that leads to Your reign beyond this world. In the name of our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

#### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Jesus lays down his life for us. Jesus calls out to us and we hear his voice. There is one flock, one Shepherd, who calls to us, and we are part of that flock forever. When you are lost, the Good Shepherd looks for you and will not stop until he has found you. You are forgiven. You are loved. 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 97

(p. 521 in Pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Solo Ride On, King Jesus arr. Hall Johnson

New Testament Lesson Colossians 1:15-20

(pp. 188-189 in Pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "All We Need Is Jesus" Pastor Anne Lange

\*Hymn 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! Assurance

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world— which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust:

## Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

Our world belongs to him!

God is King! Let the earth be glad!

Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!

The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

#### 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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Wood

The text may be found in Hymn 394.

\*Response 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

\*Hymn 630 Fairest Lord Jesus Crusaders' Hymn

\*Charge and Blessing

Postlude Allegro from Concerto in B Minor

Walther

Liturgist Marie

Soloist Leslie Douglass Mason

Sound Tech Nancy Jackson Worship Coordinator Beth Brown

**About the music:** The organ music today is J.G. Walther's *Concerto in D Minor*. Walther (1684-1748) was a German Baroque composer and theorist, cousin to the great J.S. Bach. He wrote many concertos in three movements, in the pattern *fast-slow-fast*, which we hear today. Dale Wood (1934-2003) was an American organist and composer from California, who wrote many works for the church.

### 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

### Join the Chorale for the 40th Performance of Messiah!

Chorale rehearsals are underway for *Messiah*, which will take place December 1 and 2, at 3:00pm at Fort Street. You can now purchase tickets at the door or online at www.fortstreet.org/messiah.

### Fair Trade Sale Today!

After worship today, head to the Great Hall to purchase Fair Trade items and finish some of your Christmas shopping early! Proceeds support the work of the Peace, Justice, and Mission committee.

## Decorate the Sanctuary today after worship!

Come help set up the 'signs of the season' at Fort Street! Stay after worship today to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent Season. Contact Pam Sharrow if you have any questions, at sharrow13@gmail.com.

### **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, 6:00pm - Bloodworths (NW Detroit)

Sun., Dec. 9, time TBD, Diana Hocking (Shelby Twp.)

Dec. 13 or Dec. 14 (TBD) Jennings Family (Farmington Hills)

Fri., Dec 14, 6:00pm, Callas Family (Grosse Pointe Park)

Sat., Dec 15, 6:00pm - Jacksons (Allen Park)

Sign-up sheets are in the Great Hall, and more gatherings are being finalized - stay tuned!

### 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.

### 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. Pledge cards are available in the narthex, and you can drop your pledge card in the offering plate during worship. You can pledge on the church website, fortstreet.org, or by emailing Alison Grosch at om@fortstreet.org.

### **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.

#### Christmas Eve at Fort Street

7:00pm Musical Prelude 7:30pm Service

#### **Fort Street Staff**

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Brenda Boykin

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