



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

Fort Street Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 16, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Joyous Light

Haugen

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. 22:20, Isa. 61:1

Charles Lee

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

God sends good news to the oppressed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Charles Lee

Almighty God,

you have made us and all things to serve you.

Now prepare the world for your rule.

Come quickly to save us,

so that wars and violence shall end,

and your children may live in peace,

honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

LaShawn Forest

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in days to come,

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN 100

Canticle of the Turning

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

**God of the future,
 You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
 We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
 For we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
 We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth,
 and refuse your justice and peace.
 In your mercy, forgive us.
 Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
 and to seek things that will endure
 When Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation.
 Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

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.)

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

Listen to the Voice of Gladness

Biery

Listen to the voice of gladness God is calling us to hear. Cast away all pain and sadness, God is with us, always near. Sing of peace and loving kindness, sing of God's unchanging love, sing of strength amid our weakness; trust in God's eternal love. Listen to the voice of power, feel the mighty strength of God. If we truly knew God's power, we would tremble, overawed. Yet this strength, so great and forceful, speaks of love and gentle peace. God will give to us, the people, comfort that will never cease. God will speak to every nation words of love and words of peace. God will turn the sword to plowshare, God will transform hate to love, God will bring an end to warfare; trust in God's eternal love. Text by Marilyn Biery

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

There will be a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 23rd, 2018, immediately following worship to receive the report of the Nominating Committee for the Elder and Deacon nominees for the Class of 2021. No other business may be discussed at the meeting.

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.

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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. 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](http://fortstreet.org), or by emailing Alison Grosch your pledge at [om@fortstreet.org](mailto:om@fortstreet.org).

On **Sunday, December 30th**, we will welcome Michael Barconey as our guest preacher as our pastors are on vacation. There will be no Fifth Sunday potluck that day.

### FSPC Prayer List

Lynne Bieniek, Vicki Crumpton, the Galloway family, Melanie, Jim and Ella Fenton, the family of Mia Hart, Motoko Huthwaite, Alex Kade, Robert Ponder, the family of Marcus Turner, Tom Turner

### Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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

### Advent Home Groups

This Advent season has included opportunities for Fort Streeters to spend time visiting one another in their homes. Join our final gathering taking place next Saturday, at the house of Jim and Willane Woods, on **Sat., Dec 22, at 4:00pm**. It has been wonderful to share this season with dozens of Fort Streeters across the area over the past few weeks!

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Order a Christmas Poinsettia!

Add to the beauty of Fort Street's sanctuary by ordering a poinsettia for Christmas Eve! Order forms can be found in the Great Hall and the Narthex. Each Poinsettia is \$20, and **orders are due today, Sunday, December 16th**.

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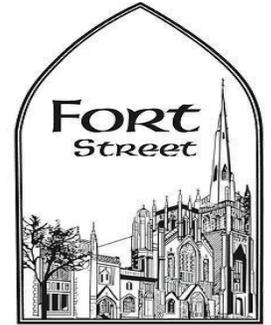
### Christmas Eve at Fort Street

7:00pm - Musical Prelude

7:30pm - Service begins

## 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.



## Fort Street Staff

### Church General Staff

**Alison Grosch** | Operations Manager

**Jerry Johnson** | Building Engineer

*Parking and Custodial Staff*

**Darryl Reynolds**

**Richard Echols**

**Frank Hickey**

### Music at Fort Street

**Marilyn Biery** | Director / Organist

**Mike Mitchell** | Interim Chorale Conductor

### Donlin Center & Christian Education

**Judith Sheldon** | Director

**Karen Wright** | Donlin Staff

**Lakita Wyatt** | Donlin Staff

### Fort Street Open Door

**Trish Hubbell** | Director

**Sheila Williams** | Floor Coordinator

**James Anderson** | Security

**Herman Hall** | Custodian

**Damien Hines** | Custodian

**Jewell Everette** | Cook

*SCSEP Participants*

**Brenda Boykin**

**Gleatus Jones**

**Mary McCray**

### Weddings at Fort Street

**Loretta Stanton** | Coordinator

**Vanessa Carthron** | Assistant

**Austin Brantley** | Assistant

**Darryl Fowler** | Assistant

**Interim Co-Pastors:** Anne and Eric Lange • [pastor@fortstreet.org](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org)

**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

**Music Director Emeritus:** Edward Kingins