



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 2, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. 22:20, Mk. 13:31

Tom Marshall

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Heaven and earth will pass away,

But the word of God endures forever. (Mk 13:31)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Tom Marshall

Faithful God,

your promises stand unshaken through all generations.

Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert

as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,

our judge and Savior,

who lives and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

FSPC Adult Education

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

As the Lord has promised, in days to come,

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

And their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

Neither shall they learn war any more.

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

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1-4)

VENI EMMANUEL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tom Marshall

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war.

Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people.

Our pardon depends on your coming.

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;

our only hope of doing God's will
is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
our world waits for your peace,
for your pardon, and for your grace.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom.
The people of God will return with joy and singing.
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.)

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Marshall

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10

(p. 475 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

Stir Up Thy Power, O Lord

James Biery

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us, O Lord, and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-33

(p. 80 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"What is This World Coming To?"

Eric Lange

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

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Welsh Melody

The text may be found in the hymnal, number 94.

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for night is flying!

J.S. Bach

Liturgist

Tom Marshall

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Pam Sharrow

About the music: The organ music today features two of J.S. Bach’s most well-known settings of traditional Advent tunes. The prelude is based on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, Hymn 349, and found in Bach’s Cantata BWV 140. The postlude is based on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, Hymn 102. The choir anthem at the Offertory is set to the traditional Welsh tune, *Suo Gân*.

Advent Candle Lighting: This year, we are inviting participants from different programs in the church to light advent candles. In each case, we connect the hope and spirit of these programs to the Advent hope of our faith. Many thanks to members of the Adult Education class for lighting our advent candle this week. Together, they have studied and discussed themes of justice, peacemaking, and good stewardship of creation, and it is in that spirit that they light the candle of Hope this week.

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!

The Fort Street Chorale's performance of *Messiah* is today, December 2nd 3:00pm at Fort Street. Purchase tickets at the door!

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### Paul Winslow To Be Honored at Presbytery Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 8, 8:00am  
Northbrook Presbyterian Church,  
22055 W 14 Mile Rd, Beverly Hills

Come support and recognize Paul Winslow as he receives the George F. Irwin Service Award from the Presbytery. Paul is being recognized for his years of service to Fort Street, to Open Door, and to the Presbytery of Detroit. The breakfast also features a Keynote Speech from John Gallagher from the Detroit Free Press.

Fort Street has arranged for a group of tickets to be purchased. Contact Pastor Eric at [pastor@fortstreet.org](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org) if you have questions.

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Celebrate Ben and Jane's Marriage at Coffee Hour Next Week

Ben Solomons and Jane Tolson were married in September in India, and they are hosting a special coffee hour at FSPC next Sunday, December 9th. Come and celebrate Ben and Jane and wish them the best in their marriage!

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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.

### Advent Home Groups

This Advent season (December 2 – 23) will provide opportunities for Fort Streeters to spend time visiting one another in their homes. Join one (or many) of these gatherings as you are able, taking place around metro Detroit.

**Sun., Dec 2, 12:30pm** - Langes,  
**Sat., Dec 8, 6:00pm** - Bloodworths  
**Sun., Dec. 9, 6:00pm** - Diana Hocking  
**Thurs., Dec. 13, 6:00pm** Jennings  
**Fri., Dec 14, 6:00pm**, Callas Family  
**Sat., Dec 15, 6:00pm** - Jacksons  
**Sat., Dec 22, 4:00pm** - Woods Family

Attend as many gatherings as you wish. Sign-up sheets are in the Great Hall!

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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, or by emailing Alison Grosch at om@fortstreet.org.

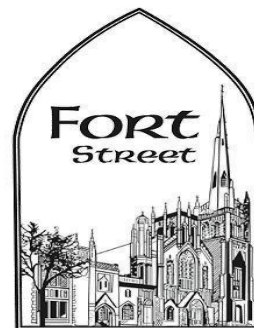
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### Order a Christmas Poinsettia!

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 on Sunday, December 16th.

## 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.



## FSPC Prayer List

Lynne Bieniek, Vicki Crumpton, Amber Edmunds, the family of Mia Hart, the family of Iola Jackson, Sandra Marowski

## Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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

## 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