



## **First Merchants Corporation Announces Cash Dividend**

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MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 07, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- First Merchants Corporation (NASDAQ: FRME) declared a cash dividend on November 7, 2018 of \$0.22 per share. The dividend is payable on December 21, 2018, to shareholders of record as of December 7, 2018. For purposes of broker trading, the ex-date of the cash dividend is December 6, 2018.

About First Merchants Corporation:

First Merchants Corporation is a financial holding company headquartered in Muncie, Indiana. The Corporation has one full-service bank charter, First Merchants Bank. The Bank also operates as Lafayette Bank & Trust and First Merchants Private Wealth Advisors (each as a division of First Merchants Bank).

First Merchants Corporation's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market System under the symbol FRME. Quotations are carried in daily newspapers and can be found on the company's Internet web page ( <http://www.firstmerchants.com>).

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