

GOING OUT TO SERVE

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:
**God, our gracious Creator,
we give you thanks for the gift of life
to these who celebrate their birthdays in November.
Grant that they may make this new year in their lives
an offering that will enrich your world and give you glory.
Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace
and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 437 This Is My Song

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in honor and most joyful celebration of the election of Reverend Laura Merrill as a bishop in the United Methodist Church by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Merrill, granddaughter of our beloved Reverend Bruno Schmidt, will serve as the resident episcopal leader of the Arkansas Annual Conference beginning January 1, 2023.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgists: Reverend Cathy Stone and Dr. Brad King
Scripture Reader: Becca Edwards
Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis
Music Associate: Mario Contreras

SUNDAY PARKING

The church parking lot is reserved for mobility-impaired individuals. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking available on Sundays in the Texas Trial Lawyers Association garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets or at open meters around the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45AM

CHILDREN

Sunday School for children ages three through 5th grade begins at 9:45AM. Preschoolers meet in EDU Room 102 while older children gather in Wesley Hall and then move to grade-level classrooms where they can be picked up at 10:45AM. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

10:00-10:45AM

YOUTH

Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God’s word through fellowship and study. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

ADULTS

Sunday School is the place where people learn about Christian faith in a loving, supportive environment. Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Many classes are meeting in person and online. To find class contact information, visit fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

GIVING

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We offer three convenient ways to give online: (1) through the FUMC App on your smart phone; (2) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving; and/or (3) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.



November 13, 2022
11:00AM

OUR INVITATION

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to participate fully in the life of this church.

OUR MISSION

First United Methodist Church exists to build a community where all people are invited to know God’s love and sent to join God in transforming the world.

OUR VALUES

Justice. Working to eradicate injustice for the excluded and marginalized. *Bridge-Building.* Nurturing multigenerational friendships and community partnerships. *Storytelling.* Sharing our stories of faith and of growth. *Active Learning.* Pursuing knowledge and understanding of God. *Service.* Seeking mutually empowering service opportunities. *Constructive Disruption.* Disrupting systems of power to create positive change.

OUR FAMILIES

We love children in worship. Activity clipboards and other materials for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is available from 8:45AM-12:15PM for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 104.



LEARN MORE AT
www.fumcaustin.org

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Connections Card included in your bulletin.

Response: I was glad when they said to me,
“**Let us go to the house of the Lord!**”

Psalms 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT Come, Great God of All the Ages

Scott Davis

Come, great god of all the ages,
make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person,
let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment,
give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building,
dedicate us to the task.
Come, O come, in celebration,
household of the one true God,
in commitment and rejoicing
let us go where Christ has trod.
As we act in faith and reverence,
let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant,
now and for eternity.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come people of God;
come and celebrate
God’s gift of salvation.
We come without fear.
We come trusting in God.

Come people of God;
hear God’s promises
and witness God’s mighty deeds.
In hearing the promises,
in witnessing the mighty deeds of God,
we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.

Come, let us worship and praise God
by shouting aloud and singing for joy,
for God truly is in our midst.

* HYMN 428 For the Healing of the Nations

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

Let Us Pray for Peace

Thomas Keesecker

Let us pray for peace,
for the healing of creation.
May God’s truth and justice mend every breach;
may we learn to live as one.
Let us pray for love,
for the grace to offer mercy.
May compassion guide our way in the world;
may forgiveness heal division.
We pray for peace;
we pray for understanding.
Pray that hatred cease,
and God’s reign is known on earth.
Hear our prayer for peace.
Hear our prayer for love.
Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray.
May your will be done,
here on earth as in heaven.
May your reign of love be known in our lives;
may your will be done among us.
May we do you will. Amen.

Words: Nancy Kraft

Music: Thomas Keesecker

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord,
into a quietness that heals and listens.
Open wounded hearts
to the balm of your Word.
Speak to us in clear tones
so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy
and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 10-14

Old Testament, page 692

* HYMN 494

Kum Ba Yah

Sung seated as the children come forward.

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord.
2. We are praying, Lord.
3. We need you, Lord.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN 494

Kum Ba Yah

Sung seated as the children return to their seats.

4. We are singing, Lord.
5. We praise you, Lord.

REFLECTIONS: BEGIN AGAIN WITH HOPE

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining First Church? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. Lunch will be provided. The next class is Sunday, December 11, at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate; go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps; or email Amy Wink at amy@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING We’ve Come This Far By Faith

Albert A. Goodson

Arr. Mary McDonald

We’ve come this far by faith,
leaning on the Lord,
trusting in God’s holy word.
God’s never failed us yet.
Oh, can’t turn around,
we’ve come this far by faith.
Don’t be discouraged with trouble in your life.
God bears your burdens
and moves all discord and strife!
Just remember the good things God has done,
things that seemed impossible.
Oh, praise God for the victories now won.

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