

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow;
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise God a - bove ye heav - - - 'nly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: 9th Century Latin; adapt. Thomas Ken
Music: Veni, Veni, Emmanuel - plainsong, Mode I

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Within Our Hearts Be Born See Insert

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in praise and thanksgiving for God’s grace in our lives.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgist
Dr. Brad King
Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

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 27, 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.



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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!”

Psalm 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer Philipp Nicolai
Arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer,
for he who calls you is no stranger:
awake, God’s own Jerusalem!
Hear, the midnight bells are chiming
the signal for his royal coming:
let voice to voice announce his name!
We feel his footsteps near,
the Bridegroom at the door - alleluia!
The lamps will shine with light divine
as Christ the savior comes to reign.

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Music: Wachet Auf - Philipp Nicolai; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,
open your eyes!
**But it is night,
and it is difficult to see.**
Even in the night,
a light is shining!
**The smallest light
can rekindle our hope.**
Come, Lord Jesus!
Help us see in the night.
**Come, Lord Jesus!
Our longing is for you.**

* HYMN Blest Be the One Whose Coming See Insert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

SUNG RESPONSE

207 Prepare the Way of the Lord

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM See Insert
Mia Kelleen Maluski

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord,
your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive
your truth in faith and love,
and strength to follow
on the path you set before us;
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:36-44 New Testament, page 26

* HYMN The King of Glory Comes
Refrain, Stanza 1, Refrain sung seated
as the children come forward.

Refrain

The King of glo - ry comes the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. Sing then of Da - vid's son, our Sav - ior and bro - ther;

D.C.

He is Em - man - u - el, the prm - ised of a - ges.
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.

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Music: King of Glory - Trad. Israeli folk song

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN The King of Glory Comes
Refrain, Stanza 2, Refrain sung seated
as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Something Is Coming

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 Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth M. Praetorius
Arr. David Willcocks

Come, thou redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.
Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed;
the promised fruit to all displayed.
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness breathe a newer light,
where endless faith shall shine serene,
and twilight never intervene.
All laud, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit evermore.

Words: St. Ambrose; trans. J. M. Neale
Music: Veni, Redemptor gentium - adapt. M. Praetorius arr. David Willcocks
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