

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN I Have a Dream

See Insert

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Kim Bowen in honor of her father, Jim Bowen, who will celebrate his 88th birthday on February 1st.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Dr. Brad King

Lara Greene, Director of Children's Ministry

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

10:00-10:45AM

ADULTS

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.

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. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

In 2023, Sunday School will begin at 10:00AM and parents may take their children directly to their classrooms after getting a guardian sticker and their child's name tag from one of our check in stations.

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.



January 29, 2023
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 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 All Glory Be To God On High Nikolaus Decius

All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth from heaven,
and God’s good will unfailingly
be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you,
we raise for you great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

Words: Nikolaus Decius; tr. F. Bland Tucker; para. of Gloria in excelsis

Music: *Allein Gott in der höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius; harm. Hieronymus Praetorius

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has begun.
A fresh start is granted.
Hope wins!

Today you have the opportunity to do something new.
Christ is entering your life in a new way.
Faith wins!

Come, let us worship God,
who is inviting us into life in a new way,
a way that transcends death,
a way of hope and faith.

Love wins!
Let us worship Christ,
who overcame death
to give us new life!

* **HYMN** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT

Immigration Care Team

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God,
you teach us that if we are lacking in wisdom,
we should turn to you and ask for what we need,
because you give to all generously and ungrudgingly.
We know that we have so much to learn about your way;
open wide your word to us and give us wisdom
to understand the things you want to teach us.
We pray in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:15-23 New Testament, page 181

* **HYMN** 347 Spirit Song
Stanza 1 sung seated
as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* **HYMN** 347 Spirit Song
Stanza 2 sung seated
as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Firing the God of Power

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the response:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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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. The next class is Sunday, February 12, at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC Great Hall. 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 My Eternal King Jane M. Marshall

My God, I love thee;
not because I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love thee not
must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus,
thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails and spear,
and manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
should I not love thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven
or of escaping hell;
not with the hope of gaining aught,
not seeking a reward;
but as thyself hast loved me,
O everloving Lord!
E’en so I love thee, and will love,
and in thy praise shall sing;
solely because thou art my God,
and my Eternal King.

Words: Anon. 17th Century Latin

Music: Jane M. Marshall

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