

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

In gratitude,
in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Send us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* CAROL 251 Go, Tell it on the Mountain

VOLUNTARY

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Dr. Brad King

Liturgist

Reverend Cathy Stone

Pianist

Susannah Willms

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.

HOLIDAY SEASON SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sunday School classes for every age group *will not* meet today.

Start the new year with a birthday party for Jesus on Sunday, January 8, at 10:00AM in the Family Life Center.

BEGINNING IN 2023
10:00-10:45AM

ADULTS | Beginning January 8

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 | Beginning January 15

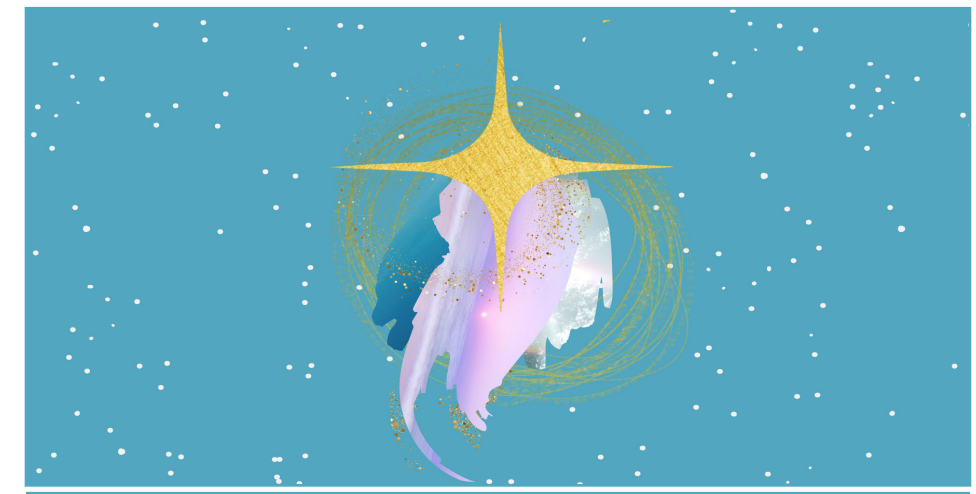
Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN | Beginning January 15

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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 1, 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.



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!”

Psalm 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT On This Day Earth Shall Ring Arr. Gustav Holst

On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Therefore, glory to God in the highest!

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, trans. Jane M. Joseph

Music: *Piae Cantiones: Personent Hodie*, arr. Gustav Holst

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, friends,
and hear the Spirit’s whisper.

**We hear the Spirit’s promises
of joy and life and love!**

The Beloved has thrown open the doors
and set a place for all.

**The table is set;
the feast is prepared!**

Our God calls to us
and delights in our response.

Let us raise our voices to the Lord, our God!

* **CAROL** 238 Angels We Have Heard on High Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shine into our hearts, Beloved.

**Open the eyes of our mind
to the light of your wisdom.**

**Lead us into encounter with your eternal truths,
and send us out,
alight with your love,
to seek you out even as we bear you forth.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:5–11 New Testament, page 185

SERMON Emptying Christ

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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. 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 De Tierra Lejana Venimos Puerto Rican Carol
(From a Distant Home)

* **PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** 94

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING See Insert

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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

242 Love Came Down at Christmas Stanza 3: Use Neighbor

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