

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

* 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.
If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that, or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.
Gluten-free wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side station.
As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Anthem Within Our Hearts Be Born Michael Joncas

- O ancient love, processing through the ages:
 - O hidden love, revealed in human form:
 - O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
 - O living Love, within our hearts be born,
 - O living Love, within our hearts be borne.
- O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger:
 - O lowly love, that knows the mighty's scorn:
 - O hungry love, that lay within a manger:
 - O living Love, within our hearts be born,
 - O living Love, within our hearts be borne.
- O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow:
 - O tender love, that comforts those forlorn:
 - O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:
 - O living Love, within our hearts be born,
 - O living Love, within our hearts be borne.
- O suffering love, that bears our human weakness:
 - O boundless love, that rises with the morn:
 - O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:
 - O living Love, within our hearts be born,
 - O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

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Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

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COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way,
called us to turn,
and fed us with your body and blood.
Now send us forth
to live your way in word and deed,
and so help make the world ready
for your final coming. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
Reverend Michael Mumme
Brooks Schuelke
Kennedy Schuelke
Communion Servers
Brooks, Heather, Kennedy, and Ryan Schuelke
Cantor
Michael Carrillo
Quartet
Jan Morris
Linda Murdock
Tom Richardson
Dan Wood
Piano
Susannah Willms
Violin
Evelyn Gullatt

COMMUNION MUSIC

Words: Traditional, alt. and Liturgy of St. James
Music: PICARDY - French Carol



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2016

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Because we believe that every human being is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL persons, *without exception*, to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at fumcaustin.org.

FAMILY ROOM

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY PARKING

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church.

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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

OPENING MUSIC

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to register attendance on the Communication Card as a way of offering our presence to God.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare the way;

The way for Christ –

the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –

to enter our world,

to enter our hearts.

We cry out together in the wilderness:

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

We come to be part of the light–

the light that shines in the darkness.

Joanna Harader

* HYMN 210 All Earth is Waiting

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader 1:

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

Reader 2:

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Reader 1:

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Reader 2:

Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage.

All:

We light these candles

as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

HYMN RESPONSE

211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanza 5

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-12

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SERMON I Wonder If I Can Really Change...

RESPONDING IN FAITH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even so, come, all you who love Jesus.

Come, give thanks.

Come, receive him.

Come, get ready.

Turn from sinful ways.

Turn to God.

And make peace with one another.

CONFESSION

God who has come and is coming,

we stop.

We turn.

We wait for you, God.

We've sinned.

We've relied on our reputations,

or our accomplishments

as cover.

Uncover what we've hidden, Lord.

We've said we're sorry,

but then we didn't change a thing.

Help us truly repent, Lord.

We want to bear good fruit,

to be a church that longs for your coming,

ready for you.

Cleanse our hearts, Holy Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news.

The axe is laid at the foot of the tree.

The winnowing fork is at hand.

God cuts down sin's power in our lives,

and sweeps away our guilt.

We are forgiven!

We are forgiven!

Glory to God!

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. All are called by God to give generously in response to God's generosity and to support the work God is doing through the Church. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out a Communication Card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

Prepare the Way

Joseph Martin

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord.

Prepare, prepare, prepare the way of the Lord,

Make straight in the desert a royal way;

gather the people to sing and pray;

lift up, your voices with joyful praise,

prepare the way of the Lord.

Let all creation with song rejoice;

sing every nation with heart and voice.

Sharing the promise with joyful noise,

prepare the way of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Keep awake, be ready, dawn will soon be here.

Light will shine upon us, grace will dry each tear.

Hope, peace, and love will fall from heaven above!

Joy will come with morning.

Prepare, the time is near.

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord,

prepare the way of the Lord.

Prepare, prepare, prepare the way of the Lord of Lords,

prepare the way of the Lord, prepare!

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* 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: Thomas Ken, alt.; 9th century Latin

Music: VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL - plainsong, Mode 1