

HYMN 610 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

See Insert

Brenda Marie Hostler

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERING In the Bleak Mid Winter

Gustav Holst

Arr. Cathy Mocklebust

*** PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in December are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and
 an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the
 babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: Thomas Ken and William C. Dix, alt.

Music: GREENSLEEVES - 16th cen. English melody

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 December.
 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.

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

Reverend Cathy Stone

Colin Day

Advent Wreath

Aaron, Kristen, Colin, and Elliott Day

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Handbell Duet

Suzanne Barnard and Michael Carillo

Pianist

Susannah Willms



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

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 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 fill out the Communication Card.

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 Prepare the Way, O Zion Swedish Folk Tune

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God’s most holy name.

Frans Mikael Franzen

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God interrupts the noise of our lives
with the words of the prophets.
Listen to what God is saying!
Now God arrives at the front door of our lives
with big news:
we are a part of God’s work!
Let us gather in the name of the One
who is coming;
let us worship the One who is making us new!

* **HYMN** 202 People Look East

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader 1

“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid;
for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people.’”

Luke 2:8-10

Reader 2

Today we remember the shepherds,
workers for the common good,
steadfast watchmen isolated and alone,
far from the warmth of home,
doing the job no one wants.
And yet God saw them,
God valued them,
and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People

**Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us,
back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands,
those we overlook or rarely see,
yet rely on for our very survival,
the ones who have much to teach us
about watching for God in the darkness.**

Reader 2

On this second Sunday in Advent,
we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds,
agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

CHORUS 207 Prepare the Way of the Lord

Cantor sings first, all repeat, then trebles and basses sing in canon.

**TIME OF SHARING FROM
LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE**

ANTHEM

Hark! the Glad Sound!
The Savior Comes

Thomas Haweis
Adapt. Samuel Webbe

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.
He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven’s eternal arches ring
with thy beloved Name.

Philip Doddridge

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Holy Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

New Testament, page 54

SERMON

The Doorbell:
Someone’s Coming

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Blessing of the Water