

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

210 All Earth is Waiting

614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Hymn Magnificat

* Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat,
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.
Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free.

Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat,
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma - me - a!
Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum. (My soul magnifies the Lord.)

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier

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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 Christmas Offering in support of the Lydia Patterson Institute. For more information, see the insert.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery,
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world,
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
Reverend Michael Mumme
Kennedy Schuelke
Advent Wreath
Karen, Ben, and Wally Hattaway
Cantor
Michael Carrillo
Handbell Duet
Suzanne Barnard and Michael Carillo
Pianist
Susannah Willms



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017
9:00 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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* 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 join the second time.

TIME OF SHARING FROM LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE

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

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

Musical score for "In the Bleak Mid Winter" by Gustav Holst, arranged by Cathy Mocklebust. The score is in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heaven-ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds 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

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.**