

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

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

Hymn As With Gladness Men of Old See Insert

245 The First Noel

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 2018 Christmas Breakfast for the Homeless.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 248 On This Day Earth Shall Ring

CLOSING MUSIC



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Daviss King

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 7, 2018

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 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Philipp Nicolai

O Morning Star, how fair and bright
thou beamest forth in truth and light,
O Sovereign meek and lowly!
Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
my Lord and Master, thou hast won
my heart to serve thee solely!
Thou art holy, fair and glorious,
all victorious, rich in blessing,
rule and might o'er all possessing.
Philipp Nicolai; trans. Catherine Winkworth

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine!
Your light has come.
The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.
Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.
Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look around.
The glory of the Lord is all around.
Arise, shine!
Your light has come.

* **HYMN 254** We Three Kings

OPENING PRAYER

God of starlight,
disperse the darkness of our lives,
that we may behold the light of your love
shining in every corner of our world.
Guide our footsteps in the paths of righteousness,
that justice may flourish and peace may abound.
Help us follow the kings of old,
that through our own journeys of faith,
we may behold the mystery made known
through the coming of your glory in the infant Jesus.
Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light,
by your Word, you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
that our hearts and minds may be opened
to know your truth and your way.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 New Testament, page 1

SERMON Scandal Already!

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 or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org. The next class is February 4 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
following only a star in the sky,
kings of old left their families and their lands
to find a child whose birth was so profound
it was proclaimed in the heavens above.
Far too often,
we would rather sit comfortably in our homes
than make spiritual pilgrimages of our own;
our hearts are shut to those in need,
and in our greed we withhold your gifts.
At this season of light,
help us shine your light in the darkness
to honor the King of kings.
Let not the ancient gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh
be the last gifts offered to the one
who brings light into our lives.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:
the power that brought light and salvation
to the kings of old is at work in the world today,
granting eternal life to those who turn to God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God!
Amen.

OFFERING Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness Johann Crüger

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
there with joy thy praises render
unto Christ, whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded.
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.
Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth;
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.
Jesus, bread of life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
by thy love with love requited.
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Johann Franck, trans. Catherine Winkworth

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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