

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn What Feast of Love

See Insert

216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 209 Blessed Be the God of Israel

## CLOSING MUSIC

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by the family of Curtis Higgs in celebration of his 91st birthday.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

### Liturgists

Reverend Cathy Stone

Teresa Edwards

### Advent Wreath

Max and Catherine Boatright

### Guitar

Tim Deschner

Jeremy Grogan

### Piano

Susannah Willms

### Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

### Singers

Linda Murdock

Victoria Tijerina

Michael Carrillo

Tom Richardson

## 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 Lawyer's Association garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45 A.M.

### ADULTS

Sunday School is the place where people learn about Christian faith in a loving, supportive environment. Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/sundayschool](http://fumcaustin.org/sundayschool).

### YOUTH

Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/youth](http://fumcaustin.org/youth).

### CHILDREN

For children ages 3 through 5th grade, we offer weekly guided Christian education, led by volunteer church members. Children are grouped by age and grade. Children's classes are located on the first floor of the Education Building. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/children](http://fumcaustin.org/children).

## ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at [fumcaustin.org/giving](http://fumcaustin.org/giving) and/or (2) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

9:00 a.m.

### 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 for children are available in the Sanctuary Foyer. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is also available for children through age 5 in EDU Rooms 102-104.



LEARN MORE AT  
[www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org)

## 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 Connections Card.

## ENTERING THE HOLY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of faith,  
prepare for the coming reign of Christ!  
**As we gather to pray and sing and listen,  
a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**  
The days are surely coming, says Our God,  
when justice and righteousness will prevail.  
**May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,  
freeing us to respond joyfully to God's call  
in the days to come.**

\* HYMN 203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

These are fearful days:  
Words of hate  
Acts of terror  
Welcomes withheld  
Truths denied.  
**Anxiety is a constant companion;  
Hope feels like a stranger.**  
We call out in our anxiety:  
**Show us how you work, God;  
school us in your ways.  
Take us by the hand;  
lead us down the path of well-being.  
You are our Savior, aren't you?**  
We remind ourselves of God's ancient promises:  
Justice is coming!  
Love is on the way!  
Lift up your heads and watch for the signs!

**Let us light this first candle of Advent,  
a candle of Hope.**

In its light,  
we look for signs of God at work in our lives  
and in our world right now.

**Let this candle of Advent Hope  
shine in our hearts all week.**

Let it remind us to lift up our heads and open our eyes  
to watch all around us for signs of the Holy One.

**Amen.**

## 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 2:1-5

New Testament, page 55

SERMON Caesar Augustus

## 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 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 during worship and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at [trevor@fumcaustin.org](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org).*

OFFERING When Emmanuel Has Come Nancy Price / Don Besig

All the world is waiting for a savior.  
All the world is waiting for a king.  
Soon we will behold what the prophets have foretold.  
Soon we will receive the gift he brings.  
All the world is waiting for Messiah.  
All the world is waiting for God's Son.  
Soon he will appear for the time is drawing near.  
Soon we all will greet the Promised One.  
There will be joy when Emmanuel has come.  
Heaven will rejoice and praise his name.  
There will be joy when Emmanuel has come,  
and the world will never be the same.  
All the world is waiting for an answer.  
All the world is waiting for a light.  
Soon it will be dawn and the darkness will be gone.  
Soon a king will come to make things right.  
We will never be the same.

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## \* 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 century English melody

## FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

### 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 bread and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive gluten-free.*

### 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. All gifts left on the rail will go to our Christmas Offering, dedicated to Austin Region Justice for Our Neighbors and our apportionments that support the United Methodist Church.*