

## 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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

219 What Child Is This

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 246 Joy to the World

## CLOSING MUSIC

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Randy and Ann Teich in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

### Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Kennedy Schuelke

### Cantor

Roxie Garza

### Piano

Susannah Willms

### Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

## 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 AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 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

Christ is born.

**Praise the Lord!**

God has come to claim us as God's own children.

**Praise the Lord!**

Love has given us this glorious gift.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* **HYMN 238** Angels We Have Heard on High

### OPENING PRAYER

## 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 2:25-40

NEW Testament, page 55

**SERMON** Simeon

## 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

Angels' Carol

John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices

ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?

Have you seen the star shining out so brightly

as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven

to the humble shepherds who have waited long?

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,

like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;

he is come in joy like the sun at morning

filling all the world with radiance and with light.

He is come in love as the child of Mary;

in a simple stable we have seen his birth;

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing,

"Peace on Earth."

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,

like a bright star shining in the skies above;

he will bring new hope to the waiting nations

when he comes to reign in purity and love.

Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming;

let the heavens answer with the joyful morn.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing,

"Christ is born."

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### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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 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.*