

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 FreeStore Austin.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn	What Feast of Love	See Insert
251	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	
245	The First Noel	

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 237 Sing We Now of Christmas

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in joyful recognition of this New Year.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Teresa Welborn, *Superintendent, Capital District*

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

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.

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.

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.

ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at 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.



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 6, 2019

11:00 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.



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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.

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
(Words: Hymn 247)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of God’s goodness and grace
has risen upon you.

**We come like the Magi,
following the star of the Christ child.**

Arise, shine, for your moment has come,
and the glory of God’s love and mercy
flows through you into the world.

**We come like Paul, to share the good news
that Christ lives among us.**

Arise, shine, for you are called to be God’s people,
and to bring good news and great joy
to a world that yearns for wholeness and peace.

Let us worship the God who calls us.

* **HYMN** 254 We Three Kings

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord,
your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
and strength to follow on the path you set before us;
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

SERMON Dreaming of Home

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. The next class is Sunday, February 10, at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

OFFERING What Star Is This? **PUER NOBIS**
Arr. David Ashley White

What star is this, with beams so bright,
more beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King,
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
True spake the prophet from afar
who told the rise of Jacob’s star;
and eastern sages with amaze
upon the wondrous token gaze.
The guiding star above is bright;
within them shines a clearer light,
and leads them on with power benign
to seek the Giver of the sign.

O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek thy face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of the light to use.
To God, our Maker, heavenly Light,
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.

Charles Coffin; trans. John Chandler, alt.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and
angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the
babe, the son of Mary.

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

**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.**