ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY
November 3, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Today we celebrate the saints of every time and place — those through whom God’s light has shone.

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

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
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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad song, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs: Alleluia!
Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song: Alleluia!
O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia!

John Athelstan Laurie Riley

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

**God is making all things new.**
Sing for joy, sisters and brothers in Christ.

**God bathes us in the well of salvation.**
Dance with delight, heirs of the Spirit.

**God has turned our sorrow into laughter.**
Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

**God is making all things new.**

B.J. Beu

*HYMN 711* For All the Saints
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 READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-16

SERMON

When You Are Grieving

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, November 17, at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate, go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps, or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings
(A German Requiem Op. 45)

How lovely are thy dwellings,
O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul desireth and longeth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body sing with joy unto the living God.
Blest are they who in thy house are dwelling;
they praise thy name evermore.

Johannes Brahms
**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

As a family member presents a candle to be placed on the altar, the congregation will be prompted:

For the life of...

we give you thanks, O Lord.

Gene Lyerly  
Andrea Peck  
Nancy Lewis  
Bruce Venno  
Jack Miller  
Mary Cannaliato  
Carolyn Thanheiser  
Patricia Burns  
Curtis Higgs  
Gussie Fallin  
Weldon Wink

O God, in whose hands are life, death and eternal life,  
we thank you for all the saints,  
all those who have been baptized in the spirit  
and whom you have justified by grace and faith.  
We rejoice that their faithfulness  
has paved the way for our lives to follow.  
Thank you for the small and large saints  
who have given us love and care and challenge,  
those we hold in our hearts and those we name aloud now...

(We pause to name the saints in our lives.)

Thank you for the saints, great and small,  
now live with you in eternal life.  
Grant us the courage to live out the fullness of our days  
in light of the eternity of yours.  
All this we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.
FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God.

Creator of heaven and earth,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which you gave yourself up for us, you took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to your disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, you took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to your disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we have named before you and in our hearts. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.
THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread 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.

MUSIC WHILE RECEIVING AND REMEMBERING
614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken
707 Hymn of Promise
634 Now Let Us from This Table Rise

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 Eve Breakfast for the Homeless. For more information, see the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness insert.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 702 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

CLOSING MUSIC

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by Dave Snow and Rosemary Elliott-Snow in loving memory of Ruel and Azalee Snow and Don Snow and Debra Carman.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists: Reverend Cathy Stone, Dr. Brad King, and Jan Higgs
Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis
Associate Conductor: Mario Contreras

COMMUNION MUSIC
Words: Traditional
Music: EASTER HYMN - Lyra Davidica
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.