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.

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. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to our Christmas Offering. For more information, see The Weekly.

COMMUNION MUSIC

617 I Come with Joy
209 Blessed Be the God of Israel
207 Prepare the Way of the Lord

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Live Into Hope

See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Grady Basler and Terry Cornwell in celebration of their 40th year together and their 5th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists: Rev. Cathy Stone, Dr. Brad King, and Carl McClendon
Advent Candlelighters: Tom and Becky Stradwitz and Tom, Will, and Henry
Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

DECEMBER 1, 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


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
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
Of the Father’s Love Begotten
Divinum Mysterium
Of the Father’s love begotten,
ehe Alpha and Omega,
h the source, the ending he
of the things that are,
that have been
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.
Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be:

honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory, evermore. Amen.

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius
Translation by John Mason Neale and Henry W. Baker

CALL TO WORSHIP
Hope is gravity for the broken,
pulling us up.
Hope is manna in the wilderness,
when we want to give up.
Hope is seeing stars in the city,
when we forget the sky is there.
Hope is the anthem of faith,
and the reason we are here.
So come to this place with your hopes and your fears,
for the God of new life is drawing near.

Let us worship God.

HYMN 196   Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting,
the watching,
the hoping,
the longing,
the sorrow,
the sighing,
the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming.

AMEN.

SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON
Hope: God’s Promised Day Can’t Wait

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 and place it in the offering plate, go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps, or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God,
you paint a picture of a better world—
a world of peace and joy, of equality and grace.
But we turn our heads and close our eyes,
afraid that you might want us to help.
You ask us to be brave,
and we are complacent.
You ask us to speak out,
but instead we stay quiet.
You ask us to listen,
and we assume we are the experts.
You lead with love,
and we wait on the sidelines.

Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you.
Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress.

Gratefully we pray,
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The One who started this work in you
will stay with you to complete it.