**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.
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
The King Shall Come
John Wyeth
When Morning Dawns
Repository of Sacred Music II

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.

CALL TO WORSHIP
We are courageous when we are vulnerable.
We are courageous when we are honest with ourselves.
We are courageous when we extend words of welcome.
We are courageous when we invite others to sit with us.
We are courageous when we proclaim the love of God to a broken world.
We are courageous when we say that love cannot wait.
So let us be courageous—let us worship God.

HYMN
God Almighty, We Are Waiting
See Insert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

ANTHEM
From Heaven Above
to Earth I Come

From heaven above to earth I come
to bring good news to everyone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all the world, and gladly sing.
To you is born God’s Holy Son
of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
this holy child of lowly birth
shall be the joy of all the earth.
This is the Christ, God’s Son most high,
who hears your sad and lonely cry;
he will himself your Savior be
and from all sin will set you free.
The blessing which our God planned
the Son holds in his infant hand,
that in his kingdom, bright and fair,
you may with us his glory share.
Welcome to earth, O Jesus Christ,
through whom this sinful world is blest!
You turned not from our needs away!
How can our thanks such love repay!

Joachim Neander

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
Mory William Pires Turner

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
Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN
Joseph Heard the Troubling News
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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 2, 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

OFFERING
He Shall Be Called
Susan Naylor Callaway

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
He will rule with perfect justice; he will bring true peace to all the nations of the world; and his kingdom will never end.

Isaiah 9:6,7, alt.