**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.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**
The flowers are placed by Sally Watkins with gratitude to clergy, staff, and fellow members who make Advent and Christmas at FUMC a joy.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Preacher*
Dr. Brad King

*Liturgist*
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Pianist*
Susannah Willms

*Cantors*
Emily Buchanan
Roxie Garza
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

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Praise the Lord from the highest heavens.
Praise God, sun and the moon; sing for joy, you shining stars.
Praise the Lord from the deepest seas.
Praise God, fire and hail; dance in ecstasy, snow and frost.
Praise the Lord from the hearts of the faithful.
Praise God, young and old; laugh with mirth, wise and meek.
Worship the Lord our God.
Pay homage to the ruler of heaven and earth.

* CAROL 220  Angels from the Realms of Glory

OPENING PRAYER

CAROL 237  Sing We Now of Christmas

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Almighty God,
in you are hidden all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge.
Open our eyes
that we may see the wonders of your Word;
and give us grace
that we may clearly understand and freely choose
the way of your wisdom;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.


CAROL 228  He Is Born
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CAROL 228  He Is Born
Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

CAROL 245  The First Noel

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  Still, Still, Still  German Melody

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* CAROL 251  Go, Tell It on the Mountain

CLOSING MUSIC

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