**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**
*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.

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

*BENEDICTION*

*CAROL 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**CLOSING MUSIC**

**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

*Cantor*
Michael Carrillo

*Piano*
Susannah Willms

*Violin*
Evelyn Gullatt

**DECEMBER 29, 2019**

**9:00 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.

**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.

**SCRIPTURE**  
John 1:1-18  
New Testament, page 87

**SERMON**

**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 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

**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.

**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.

**COMMUNION CAROLS**  
228  He Is Born  
245  The First Noel

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**