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.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

BIRTHDAY BLESSING
Let us pray:
God, our gracious Creator, we give you thanks for the gift of life to these who celebrate their birthdays in December. Grant that they may make this new year in their lives an offering that will enrich your world and give you glory. Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 202 People, Look East

CLOSING MUSIC + + +

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by our Downtowners Sunday School Class in celebration of the December birthdays.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists Reverend Cathy Stone
Teresa Edwards
Advent Candlelighters Len Reese and Rebecca Yohe
Cantor Michael Carrillo
Handbell Director Shirley Derryberry
Piano Susannah Willms
Violin Evelyn Gullatt

DECEMBER 8, 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
Prepare the way!
Deck the halls and light the candles.
Prepare the way!
Make space in our hearts for a new kind of love.
Christ is coming.
Prepare the way!

* HYMN 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

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.

SCRIPTURES
Isaiah 11:1-10 Old Testament, page 609

SERMON
Peace: Repentance 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
In Dulci Jubilo
German Carol

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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 MUSIC

210 All Earth Is Waiting Stanzas 1, 2, and 3

207 Prepare the Way of the Lord

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING