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

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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 January.
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 604 Praise and Thanksgiving

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in memory of and thanksgiving for the life of Helen Mae Fender Arend (1920-2005) by her daughter, Elizabeth Arend Lerner.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgists
Dr. Brad King
Victoria Grogan

Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

Handbell Director
Shirley Derryberry

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THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020
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
Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and praise thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.
Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.
Tobias Clausnitzer, trans. Catherine Winkworth

CALL TO WORSHIP
Through the waters of baptism,
God calls us to wade into the way of the Sacred.
In community,
we are claimed as beloved and invited into new life.
The waters are sometimes calm, flowing slowly and easily.
They remind us of who we are, together.
The waters are sometimes moving swiftly.
They lead us in the direction of justice,
with urgency and peace.
The waters are sometimes raging.
They beckon us to live courageously,
to choose practices of radical Love even as evil looms.
Through all of life’s changes and challenges,
the promises of God uphold us.
We are claimed, eternally, as kin in Christ.

HYMN
Down by the Jordan

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM
The Baptism of Christ

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.
(Today Jesus returned to the Jordan.)
When Jesus Christ baptised was,
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father’s voice was heard in this place:
"Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende."
("This is my Son, listen to him.")
There were three Persons and one Lord,
The Son baptised with one accord,
The Father said this blessed word:
"Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende."
Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptised in from Jordan,
at our last end we pray thee, say then:
"Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende."

Hearing God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
God, source of all light,
by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that our hearts and minds may be opened.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 3:13-17

HYMN
611 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN
611 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated

SERMON
You Belong

RESPONDING IN FAITH

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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 PLC 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

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING
As we sing the following, those with birthdays in January are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams