

All Saints Day



November 2, 2025
11:00AM

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

Justice. Working to eradicate injustice for the excluded and marginalized. *Bridge-Building.* Nurturing multigenerational friendships and community partnerships. *Storytelling.* Sharing our stories of faith and of growth. *Active Learning.* Pursuing knowledge and understanding of God. *Service.* Seeking mutually empowering service opportunities. *Constructive Disruption.* Disrupting systems of power to create positive change.

OUR FAMILIES

We love children in worship. Activity clipboards and other materials for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is available from 8:45AM-12:15PM for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 102.



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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

GREETING

As you prepare for worship, please greet your neighbors and fill out a Connections Card. You can find the printed version in the pew in front of you or you can use the QR code on the front page of the FUMC Weekly. To let our pastors know about a prayer request for you or someone you love, you can use the printed Connections Card that will be placed in the offering basket when it is passed or you can use the QR code found on the front of the FUMC Weekly.

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

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

This is the day the Lord hath made
that all may see his love displayed,
may feel his resurrection's power
and rise again to fall no more,
in perfect righteousness renewed
and filled with all the life of God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to remember our call:
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,
trying to know how to be just, loving, and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice,
who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.
**With gratitude for saints among us and saints gone before,
with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God.**

* HYMN 711

For All the Saints

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God,
give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what you have revealed,
and follow where you lead.

Amen.

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in what it means to be a member of First Church? First Steps is an informal gathering where you can meet the pastors and staff, learn about United Methodist beliefs, hear more about our many ministry opportunities, ask questions about this community of faith, and explore whether membership at First Church is your next step in faith. The next First Steps Class is Sunday, November 16, at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. Lunch is provided and childcare is available in EDU Room 102. To sign up, fill out a Connections Card and place it in the offering basket or go online at fumcaustin.org/first-steps.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Requiem: Introit and Kyrie

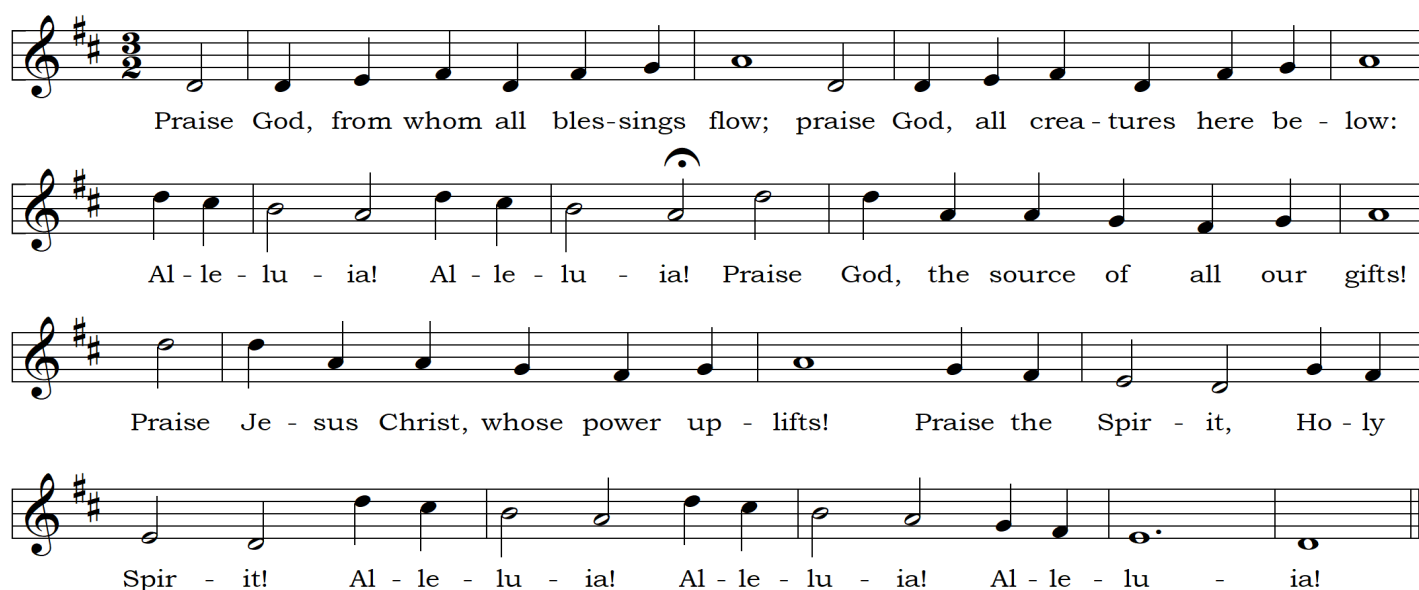
Introit (*Latin*)

Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
A hymn praises you, God, in Zion,
and a vow shall be paid to you in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer, all flesh shall come before you.

Kyrie (*Greek*)

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low:

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly

Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

God of All,

we come before you now to remember the saints of this congregation
who have died this year.

O Lord,

we continue to grieve as we miss these, our loved ones,
and yet, we thank you for their lives and the love you shared with us in them.

Call to our minds and hearts the witness of their lives,

may it inspire our faith and renew in us the hope in your redemption of the world.

Amen.

As a family member presents a candle to be placed on the altar, the congregation will be prompted:

For the life of...

we give you thanks, O Lord.

Colleen Lantzy

Ransom Duke

Mary Rogerson

Chris Higgs

O God,

in whose hands are life, death, and eternal life,
we thank you for all the saints,
all those who have been baptized in the spirit
and whom you have justified by grace through faith.

We rejoice that their faithfulness

has paved the way for our lives to follow.

Thank you for the saints

who have given us love and care and challenge,
those we hold in our hearts
and those we name aloud now...

(We pause to name the saints in our lives.)

O God,

**we give thanks that all these beloved saints
now live with you in eternal life.**

**Grant us the courage to live out the fullness of our days
in light of the eternity of yours.**

All this we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and everywhere,
 to give thanks to you, Almighty God,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 God of Abraham and Sarah,
 God of Miriam and Moses,
 God of Joshua and Deborah,
 God of Ruth and David,
 God of the priests and the prophets,
 God of Mary and Joseph,
 God of the apostles and the martyrs,
 God of our mothers and our fathers,
 God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and God of might.
 Heav'n and earth your glo - ry fills: Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord:
 Ho - san - na in the high - est! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

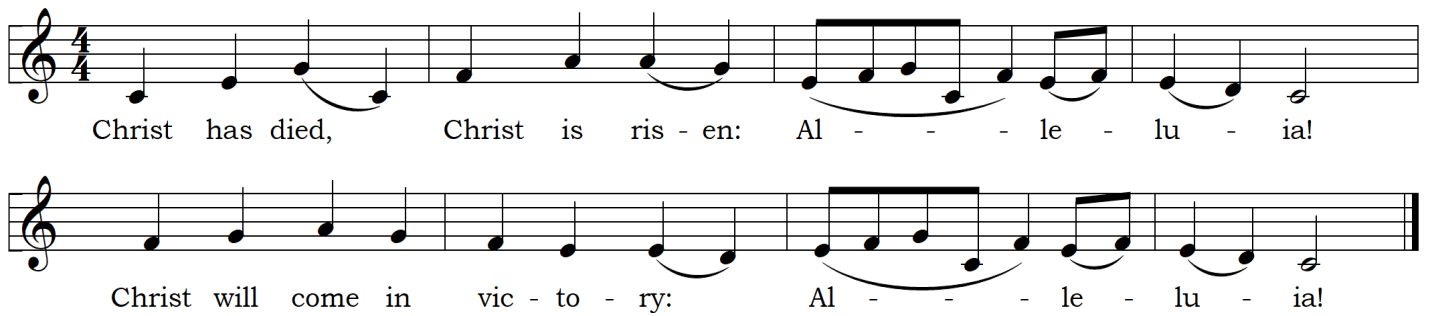
Please be seated.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which you gave yourself up for us,
 you took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread,
 gave it to your disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over,
 you took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to your disciples, and said,
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
 that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
 redeemed by His blood.

Resurrecting God,
 bless those who mourn,
 that they may be comforted.
 Bless the poor in spirit,
 that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven.
 Bless the pure in heart,
 that they may see you.
 Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence,
 that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom.
 Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation,
 that they may enter the joy of their reward.
 Where your children feel all is lost,
 meet them in their fear,
 touch them in their loneliness,
 and raise them by your mercy,
 so that on the last day,
 when you bring a new heaven and a new earth,
 they may discover you as an infinite circle
 whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere,
 and be changed from glory into glory,
 with and by you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

Anthem

Requiem: Pie Jesu (*Latin*)

Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest,
grant them eternal rest.

707 Hymn of Promise

630 Become to Us the Living Bread

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Send us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

*** HYMN 709** Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above

Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

VOLUNTARY Symphonie V: Toccata

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Dave Snow and Rosemary Elliott-Snow in loving memory of Ruel and Azalee Snow and Don Snow and Debra Carman.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Music: Scott Davis and Lewis Worthington

Pie Jesu: Linda VanHorne

Toccata: Tim Wilborn

WORSHIP MUSIC

Fanfare

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This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: *Sussex Carol*, Traditional English Melody; Arr. and Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Requiem: Introit and Kyrie

Words: Graduale Romanum, trans. English Language Liturgical Consultation

Music: Maurice Duruflé, Op. 9 © 1948 Durand & Cie

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken; Adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

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Music: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, Geistliche Kirchengesänge; Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Requiem: Pie Jesu

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Symphonie V: Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor Op. 42, No. 1

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

Words: English Language Liturgical Consultation, alt.

Music: *Easter Hymn*, Lyra Davidica

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