

forgiveness

November 16, 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

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.

Words: Charles Wesley

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends,
in love and joy God calls us together.

**And so we meet this day,
as friends, as neighbors,
as siblings in Christ.**

Even with chaos around us,
we are called together to bring our offerings to God:
**We bring our songs, our stories,
our hearts, our prayers,
and our lives.**

In worship,
may our hearts be filled,
our cares received,
our vision redirected,
and our hope restored.

* **HYMN 89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-22

New Testament, page 18

HYMN 408

The Gift of Love

Stanza 1 sung seated as children come forward

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 408

The Gift of Love

Stanzas 2 and 3 sung seated as children return to their seats

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray,
please join in the response:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.

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 today 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 bring it with you to class.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

As the Lyre to the Singer

As the lyre to the singer, as one's thought to spoken word,
as the rose to fragrant odor, so to me is Christ the Lord.
As the mother to the baby, as the traveler to his guide,
as the lake to streaming water, stands the Savior by my side.
As the forest to the pine tree, as its song is to the lark,
as the sky to soaring mountain, as the candle in the dark,
as the meal is to the hungry, as the water in the well,
as the lover is beloved, in the love of Christ I dwell.
As the sun to gladening dayspring, as the oil is to the flame,
as the fish is to the water, so to me is his dear name:
bound to him and by him holden as the flute and breath accord,
his for now, and his forever is my soul to Christ the Lord.

Words: Narayan Vaman Tilak, trans. from the *Marathi* by Nicol McNicol with additional text by Alfred V. Fedak

Music: Alfred V. Fedak

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* 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!

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, bro - ther, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cep - ted and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us make us one!

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VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel
in loving memory of Karen Bruton by her family.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend John Hathaway

Music: Scott Davis

GIFTS MAKE TRANSFORMATION POSSIBLE

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We also have three convenient ways to give online: (1) use your smartphone to scan the QR code provided on the front page of the FUMC Weekly and follow the prompts; (2) use the FUMC App on your smart phone; and/or (3) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45AM

ADULTS

Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Many classes are meeting in person and online. To find class contact information, visit fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

YOUTH

Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade is located on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building. Check in at one of our welcome stations for a name tag and guardian sticker before dropping children off in their classrooms. Childcare is also available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers from 8:45AM-12:15PM. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

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 Peak Parking Garage (owned by the Texas Trial Lawyers Association) at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets or at open meters around the church. The garage is open from 7:00AM-2:30PM.