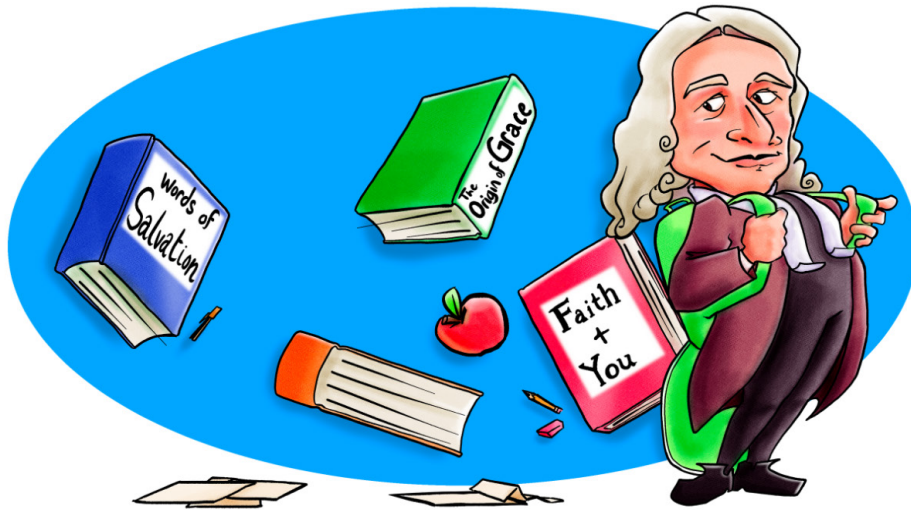




Packed with Grace

Wesleyan Theology
for Your Everyday Life

August 30, 2026
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 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

We Will Worship You, Lord

We will worship you, Lord, with all of our might,
we will praise you with a psalm;
we will worship you, Lord, with all of our might,
we will praise you all day long.

For thou, O Lord, art glorious,
and thy name is greatly to be praised;
may our hearts be pure and holy in thy sight
as we worship you with all of our might.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

We long for living faith
and so we come to worship
hoping that our time together, our time with God
will help to unclench our fists
will slowly soften our hearts
will quiet our voices and open our ears.

Revive our faith, O God
that we might serve you with glad and joyful hearts.

Joanna Harader

* HYMN

For the Fruits of All Creation

1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God;
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done;
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

for the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 in our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*, Welsh Melody

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM AND WELCOME

Martin Fitzroy “Fitz” McVey

In baptism,

God names us as God’s own beloved children;

God promises to be our God and welcomes us into the family of Christ;

God makes Christ’s death and resurrection for us present to us and at work in us.

The baptism of believers’ children

especially makes visible the prevenient nature of grace—

that God reaches out to, and accepts, us

before we reach out to, and accept, God.

At the same time, in baptism,

we acknowledge for ourselves and our children

the gift and claim of God’s grace,

and we commit ourselves and our children

to live out of God’s grace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,

of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Martin Fitzroy McVey was recently baptized into the family of Christ

at a church where his family has walked in faith for generations.

Today, as members together with all Christians in the family of Christ,

we celebrate and recognize that baptism,

and we, too, commit to nurture him

as he journeys in faith as a member of this congregation.

Members of the household of God,

I commend to your love and care this child,

whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God.

Will you nurture this child in the Christian faith and life,

praying for him, teaching him, and leading him

in acts of service and mission?

With God’s help we will proclaim the good news

and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Fitz

with a community of love and forgiveness,

that he may grow in his trust of God,

and be found faithful in his service to others.

We will pray for him,

that he may be a true disciple

who walks in the way that leads to life.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in their life.

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Martin Fitzroy,

we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!

We rejoice to welcome you as our sibling
in the family of Christ.

Our story is now your story:

you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
you have passed through the sea with Moses;
Christ's death and resurrection for you are at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.

Grow with us in grace,
confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his royal priesthood.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love,
as we hear your Word today,
quiet the many voices
that compete for our attention.

Open our hearts,
renew our minds,
and shape us more fully into the likeness of Christ.

May your Spirit speak through the scriptures,
and may we have the courage to respond.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

James 2:14-17

HYMN

When the Poor Ones (Cuando El Pobre)
Stanza 1 sung as children come forward

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

When the Poor Ones (Cuando El Pobre)
Stanza 2 sung as children return to their seats

SERMON

The Extracurriculars Aren't Extra

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 Sunday, September 13, 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

Simply Trusting

Simply trusting every day,
trusting through a stormy way,
even when my faith is small,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly does his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine,
while he leads, I cannot fall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Singing if my way is clear,
praying if the path be drear,
in his name, I pray, I call,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings 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

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1. The church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or
2. True faith will o - pen up the door and step in - to the
3. True love will not sit i - dly by when jus - tice is de -
4. If what we have we free - ly share to meet our neigh - bor's
5. The church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or

stone. Where char - i - ty and love are found, there can the church be known.
street. True ser - vice will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
nied. True mer - cy hears the home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
need, then we ex - tend the Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
stone. Where char - i - ty and love are found, there can the church be known.

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Music: *Winchester Old*, Est's The Whole Booke of Psalmes

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Mary John Coats and Kristi Kevern in loving memory of John and Theresa Coats and Kendra Kevern.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend John Hathaway

Music: Scott Davis

WORSHIP BULLETIN GRAPHIC

Colin Day, *First Church member and recent UT graduate*