

Greeting Responsive, led by Candy Wolfe

Lord, we thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, **but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you.**

Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity.

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.

Help us to walk together,

pray together,

sing together,

and live together.

Amen.

~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*** Opening Hymn** "This Is My Song" All

(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Candy Wolfe

Glorious God, source of love and justice, joy and gladness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Guide us in this hour, that we may know the joy of your presence here and now, and the power of your love in our lives away from this moment and this place, into the week and world beyond. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Children's Time Rev. Dr. Lynn Barton

After Children's Time, children are invited to go to Sunday school class.

9:00 am: *Preschool - 5th Grade in Room 103*

11:00 am: *Preschool - 3rd Grade in Room 103*

4th and 5th Grade in Room 119

Prayers of the People Shelley Walters

The Prayer of Jesus All, led by Shelley Walters

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.

Song for Illumination Chancel Choir

"Amazing Abundance"

Amazing abundance poured out on this land, the mark of your gracious and generous hand.

Your blessing is richest on those who will give with joy and thanksgiving so others may live.

Praise God for the nations, O help us to see the whole world is yours, Lord, and yearns to be free!

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Words of Life John 2: 1-11 Candy Wolfe

Message for Today Rev. Dr. Lynn Barton

"An Abundance of Signs"

*** Response** "Fill My Cup, Lord" All

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Candy Wolfe

God of water and wine, sustenance and celebration, you have created us for yourself, that we may labor for your new creation, and live to your glory. Now we offer ourselves and our gifts to you, so that the hungry may be fed, the lonely welcomed, and the lost found; that you may take delight in us, and rejoice in the abundant provision for all. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Offertory "Abundant Life" Chancel Choir

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing.

For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,

That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating

A future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating.

That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,

That all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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*** Song of Thanks** All

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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*** Our Mission** All, led by Shelley Walters

*** We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Shelley Walters

*** Sending Hymn** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" All

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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Shelley Walters

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ** Shelley Walters

*** Postlude** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Ed Snouffer, piano

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** You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by the Marchbanks family in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers for Sundays throughout the year, please email Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

Ways to Give

We offer many ways to give to support Saint John's.

1. Text "SJUMC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit stjohnsaustin.org/giving to make an online donation using a credit/debit card, or bank draft.
3. Church members may log on to their mySaintJohn's account via the web or by the Realm Connect app.
4. Leave a donation in the offering plates as they are passed or in the offering box located in the Gallery, or mail a check.

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor
Rev. Randy Knighten, Outreach Ministries Pastor
Rev. Dr. Lynn Barton, Preacher
Cina Crisara, Director of Music
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Laura Schwarcz, Associate Director of Faith Development
Ed Snouffer, Pianist
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Qiu Li Tovo-Hurt, Projections Intern
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections
Candy Wolfe, Liturgist

Connect Team

Tricia Hallock (9:00)
Kathleen Harrington (11:00)



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For more information about classes and activities at Saint John's, see our newsletter at stjohnsaustin.org/newsletter.

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page.

Church Office Closed MLK Day, Monday, January 20

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the church office will be closed on tomorrow, Monday, January 20. The office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21.

LGBTQ+ and Allies Meeting, Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m.

The LGBTQ+ Siblings and Allies group will meet on Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m. in the back classroom of 5900 Wynona. Our goal is to get better acquainted, support each other, and explore expanding ministry to and with LGBTQ+ folks. There will be a time to share and reflect, and to offer ideas on how to move forward.

Saint John's 101, Sundays, January 26 and February 2

Are you new to Saint John's and interested in learning more? Are you a member of Saint John's but want to understand more about our background, beliefs, baptism, and how to get involved? Pastor Hilary will lead both classes in the Chapel on Sundays, January 26 and February 2, 10-10:50 a.m. Register at bit.ly/sj101winter2025.

Council Meeting and Charge Conference, January 28

Church Council will meet Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall where we will also hold Charge Conference to approve clergy salaries. The meetings are open to all church members, and church members may vote at the Charge Conference.

Companions in Christ Pt. 4: Responding to Our Call

On Thursdays, January 30 through February 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m., the Companions in Christ group will meet both in person and online to cover Part 4 of its course, *Responding to Our Call*. You need not have attended the previous parts to register for this one. To register, visit bit.ly/companionsinchrist4. Questions? Contact Shelley Walters at shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Southern Civil Rights Trail Tour, November 11-16

On November 11-16, Cathy and Lynn Barton will lead a tour of sites that shaped our understanding of civil rights including those in Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham. This tour is designed by Educational Opportunities. The estimated cost of the trip is \$2,548.00, from Austin. For more information or to express interest, contact Lynn at lynnbarton1@gmail.com or 512.924.6983.

Volunteers Needed to Provide Snacks and Flowers

Saint John's Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide Sunday morning snacks. There are also openings to provide flowers in honor or memory of loved ones and to beautify the sanctuary at the same time. If you would like to sign up for one of these hospitality opportunities, contact Director of Connections, Rebecca Witte, at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

Saint John's United Methodist Church

*At Saint John's United Methodist Church
we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth,
and we welcome everyone,
without exception, to participate fully
in the church's life and ministry.*



Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 19, 2025

Difficulty hearing in the Sanctuary? Please ask an usher for a listening device or see the pew card for information about using the AudioEverywhere phone app.

Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

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Welcome

Shelley Walters

Introit

"When Love Is Found"

Chancel Choir

When love is found and hope comes home,
sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky
praise God and share our maker's joy.
When love has flowered in trust and care,
build both each day, that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive for truth and right.

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