

*** Opening Hymn** "I Come with Joy" All

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Prayer of Confession All, led by John McGlothlin

Gracious God, we are grateful for life and all its gifts, and we are grateful for the hope found in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. There are times we turn away from your gifts and seek worldly things, that which does not fulfill us. Increase in us the stuff that makes us whole – faith, hope, and love, but especially love – that we may be made eternally new through Jesus Christ, our loving Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance Responsive, led by John McGlothlin

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
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Children's Time Shelley Walters, Laura Schwarcz,
and Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

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*

Song for Illumination Trinity Singers

"Amazing Abundance"

We pray for communion, all nations so strong
that difference is honored and all might belong.
A tapestry woven by myriad hands,
a banner of freedom the bright braided strands.
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 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 John McGlothlin

Message for Today "Activated" Rev. Marchbanks

*** Response** "Pass It On" All

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Offertory Prayer All, led by John McGlothlin

God, may we love through our words, our deeds, and through the gifts shared today. Bless the gifts we give as an expression of our love for you and for our neighbors. May your blessing and our offering bring your reign of peace and love through Christ closer to fulfillment. Amen.

Offertory "The Gift of Love" Trinity Singers

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

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Holy Communion Sung Responsively, Led by
Rev. Marchbanks and Trinity Singers

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The Prayer of Jesus All, led by Rev. Marchbanks

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.

Communion Rail Offering

The communion rail offering this month goes to CROP Hunger Walk, a community-wide event sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations and groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

Music During Communion Trinity Singers

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We Continue Our Worshipful Work Rev. Marchbanks

*** Sending Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" All

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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Marchbanks

*** Postlude** Ed Snouffer, piano

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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

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Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are given by
the Saint John's staff
in honor of

Laura Schwarcz,

our dedicated work partner who faithfully shared her gifts
in service to children's, family, and senior ministries.

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
Geleeia Brewer, Communion Steward
Cina Crisara, Director of Music
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Jennifer Heath, Livestream Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Gayle Kneupper, Communion Steward
John McGlothlin, Liturgist
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

Connect Team

Paul Mollenhauer (9:00)
Bob Walker (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

This morning's prayers are from *Feasting on the Word*.



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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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Saint John's Values

At Saint John's, we celebrate and strive to model the values of:

- **Connection** – In this place and beyond these walls
- **Inclusion** – All persons are welcome, just as they are
- **Openness** – Knowing that we can and will be changed by God's love
- **Mission** – Showing mercy and solving immediate needs
- **Justice** – Working toward a reality where justice is a given for all peoples

February Events for JOY Senior Adult Ministry

Our senior adult ministry (JOY) has some fun events planned for February! Questions or need help registering? Contact interim JOY Liaison, Katie McKenna, at katie@stjohnsaustin.org.

- **ACL Live Tour and Lunch** On Tuesday, February 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., get a behind-the-scenes tour of the *Austin City Limits* venue, followed by a late lunch. Meet at the church at 10:45 a.m. to carpool. Cost is \$10 per person. Register at bit.ly/joyacltour.
- **Lunch Bunch at Easy Tiger** On Tuesday, February 11, 11:30 a.m., join the group for lunch at Easy Tiger, 3508 S. Lamar. Register at bit.ly/joyeasytiger.
- **Strolling and Rolling at Butler Park** On Tuesday, February 18, 11 a.m.-noon, enjoy time and conversation together as the group strolls and rolls along the paved trails of Butler Park. Make sure to bring a water bottle! Register at bit.ly/joystrollandrollbutlerpark.

Lend Your Voice to The Chancel Choir!

The Chancel Choir, led by Director of Music Cina Crisara, is one of the crowning jewels of the Saint John's experience! The choir rehearses each Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m., and sings during both morning worship services on most Sundays. Interested in joining the choir? Contact Cina at cina@stjohnsaustin.org.

Hope Food Pantry Needs

Hope Food Pantry is a partner of Saint John's. You can help by donating toiletries and shelf-stable items for the pantry by bringing them to the collection area downstairs next to the elevator. Items that are most useful include breakfast cereal and other breakfast items, cartons of shelf-stable milk, cans of vegetables or fruit, cans of tuna, salmon, or chicken, bags of pasta, rice, or beans, hygiene items, diapers, and pet food. Please see the newsletter for more information about what items are most needed and what items cannot be accepted. Questions? Contact Rev. Randy Knighten at randy@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.*



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany February 2, 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 "Pass It On" Ed Snouffer, piano

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Welcome Shelley Walters

Introit "Ubi Caritas" Trinity Singers

*Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Where there is charity and love, God is there.*

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Greeting Responsive, led by John McGlothlin
God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end.

Do not fear, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing grace, and God's ability to make all things new.
Though there is much we do not know, we are fully known to God.

By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, hope, and love. Amen.