

JANUARY 16, 2022 | 10:00 AM



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!

Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In worship, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

*This type of note offers directions about the service. The people's responses are in **bold**. Any page numbers provided refer to the sections at the front of the red hymnals, with page numbers in the bottom corners. Hymn numbers provided refer to the hymnal, with numbers listed at the top of hymn pages.*

We welcome you to our family worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. Please feel free to sit and stand as you feel called to throughout the service.

The service begins with a piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Red Haired Boy

Irish melody

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

REFLECTION

Once upon a time,
Jesus, who called himself the true vine,
turned water into wine
in an act of love.

All over the world, right now,
a million grape vines
are performing the same miracle

slowly; silently; aided by the sun;
their roots, like farmers, coal or diamond
miners,
searching in the earth
for the most precious;

it doesn't hit the headlines
but who dares say

Water Into Wine, Michael Shepherd

a patient, silent, unsung love
is any less a miracle?

Who dares say that grape vines
do not seek and love
their beautiful perfection?

miracles, an act of love;
love, that miracle unearned –

what may we do to earn, to drink,
that wine of Love, but love?

[with a bow to Hafiz]

GATHERING SONG

I Love You

Randy Stonehill

The people sing:

**I love you, I love you.
I love you, I love you.**

GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today.

Please take a moment to greet those near you.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

John 2:1-11

The good news from God, according to John.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had

become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the Second Sunday after Epiphany: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

The children come forward for the children's message.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the sermon song.

SERMON SONG

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymn 715

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF HENLEY ANN CULPEPPER & HAYES ANDREW CULPEPPER

p. 227

Let us welcome the newly baptized. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at saintmartins.org/giving or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Higher Love

Steve Winwood

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, 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 and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward to receive communion. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to bring one to you.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

I Love You/What a Wonderful World

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

DISMISSAL

Let's leave together to love, share, and serve boldly. **And give thanks to God.**

POSTLUDE

Cherokee Shuffle

traditional

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Ann Howard - *assisting minister*

Katherine Altobello-O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums and guitar; Austin Haller, keyboards and vocals; Darin Layne, guitar; Sara Sasaki, violin; St. Martin's Choir - *musicians*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

BAPTISM

We rejoice with the family of Henley Ann Culpepper & Hayes Andrew Culpepper, children of Clinton and Rebecca Culpepper, on their baptisms today.

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Terry Adcock; Helia Callendar; Naomi Dill; Donna Estes; Tony Gomez; family and friends of Elena Griesel; Mike Hartfiel and family; Ben Harvey, Shirley Harvey; Jeannine; Larry Lobash and family; family and friends of Patsy Madriaga; Caroline Su San Ong and Maui Demetrius Zeus Honetana.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Alicia Badeusz; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Duke Hobbs; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Kara; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; David Pierce; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr.

JANUARY BENEVOLENCE: CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY

Based in the Hill Country of southwestern Texas, Cross Trails Ministry offers summer camp and retreats to thousands each year. Two sites are at the heart of this ministry, Lutheran Camp Chrysalis near Kerrville and Ebert Ranch Camp near Harper. Cross Trails also offer off-site opportunities in unique locations around Texas and beyond. Support Cross Trails this month by donating at saintmartins.org/giving,

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, January 16

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| 10:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 11:00 am | Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary/Zoom) |

Monday, January 17 Church office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 18

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| 9:00 am | WELCA Tack & Pack |
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Wednesday, January 19

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| 1:00 pm | Pastor's Book Class |
| 5:30 pm | Wednesday Game Night (Gym) |

Thursday, January 20

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| 6:00 pm | High School Devotional (Zoom) |
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Sunday, January 23

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 10:00 am | Faith Formation Hour |
| 11:00 am | Holy Communion |

TODAY! Annual Congregational Meeting | Sunday, January 16th, 2022 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

We will worship together in one service at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 16th. Worship will be followed by our annual congregational meeting at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Register to attend at saintmartins.org/annual-meeting.

Spring Cleaning? | WELCA Seeks Fabric Donations

Tack and Pack welcomes all sheets and table cloths that are no longer wanted by your household. They will be repurposed as quilt backs by our group. Also, Ivory, Irish, Spring or Dove soaps are needed to put in the baby or health kits. Please put any donations in a bag with a label of Tack and Pack and drop off in the church office. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Food and Fellowship Sign Ups

Sign up to bring food for our time of fellowship after Sunday worship! We need two volunteers to bring snacks after Family Worship (before 10am). All

snacks welcome: sweet or savory, homemade or store-bought! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAE29A5FCC61-sunday> or contact Abby Adams or Christine Fuhrman.

Meet & Eat at Easy Tiger | November 14th after 11:00 am service

Join the St. Martin's 20s, 30s, and 40s group for lunch and beer at Easy Tiger on E. 7th St. following 11:00 worship on January 23. All are welcome for a casual afternoon of fellowship!

Wednesday Night Game Night Has Returned! | Wednesdays, 5:30–8:30 pm in the Gym

Join us for games and fun, Wednesday evenings in the gym. For ages 3rd grade and up! Contact Cason Miller at cmiller@saintmartins.org for more information.

Summer Camp Information Table | January—early February in the Lobby

Update from the Regathering Team

While worship and activities St. Martin's will continue as normal, the Regathering Team strongly encourages virtual participation. Please continue to wear a mask during worship and social activities, and if you feel ill, have a temperature, or have been exposed to the virus, please stay home. The Regathering Team meets weekly to assess St. Martin's ongoing operations. May God bless you with peace and good health in this new year!