

Our Life Together

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 *Fellowship (Fighting Lions of Zion) - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 *Sunday School

12:30 Lively Spirits - 305

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 Moving On exercise class - 305

9:00 Super Adults Game Day - *Fellowship Hall*

5:00 Library Committee meeting - *Library*

7:00 AA Big Book Study - 312

7:15 Disciple I Bible Study - 305

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

11:00 Stephen Leaders meeting - *Laurel Room*

5:30 Finance Committee meeting - *Laurel Room*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 Moving On exercise class - 305

5:30 Supper - *Fellowship Hall*

6:00 Joyful Noise Children's Choir rehearsal - 313 A

6:15 Worship - *Scott Chapel*

6:30 Laurel Choir Children's Choir rehearsal - 313 A

7:00 Chancel Choir rehearsal - *Choir Room*

7:00 AA-Monte Vista - 305

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 Church Mice - *Dining Room*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 Moving On exercise class - 305

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 Church-wide Volunteer Day at CAM - *Woodlawn lot*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 *Fellowship (Believers Class) - *Dining Room*

10:00 *Sunday School

4:30 MLK Interfaith Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

**Childcare available*

The Journey . . .

Laurel Heights family, together on this journey we have logged
9,269.13 miles!

As our journey comes to an end, we invite you to walk alongside your city
as we bring our journey home and log the last of our 14,458 total miles.

At 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 20 people from all over our city will
come together to march—to journey—to honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. and to show their commitment to the journey yet
to come to bring about justice and equality.

For more information on the MLK Day march visit
www.sanantonio.gov/MLK/MLKMarchRoute

The last day to log miles will be Tuesday, January 21, 2020.
Log your miles online at laurelheights.org/jtb
or on a purple footprint form found in the Fellowship Hall alcove.

Welcome to Laurel Heights!

A registration book is located at the end of the pew.
Please take a moment to sign your name as a way of helping us get connected.

If you are a newcomer to this congregation,
you might find some of this information helpful:

Requesting Prayer

You are welcome to share joys and concerns for prayer
on one of the cards found in the pew rack.
You can either place the completed card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Time and Sunday School Classes for All Ages

Fellowship Time: enjoy refreshments and conversation in an informal setting
from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.
Sunday morning classes meet from 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Children and Youth

At Laurel Heights we love children. We encourage you to bring your little ones
with you to our child-friendly sanctuary for worship, where activities are available
for their use. These can be found along the walls toward the back of the sanctuary.

If you prefer, a loving nursery is available all morning in Room 116
for infants, toddlers, and preschool children.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Jackson at ejackson@mylhunc.org.
Youth 6th through 12th grade, in addition to getting together for Sunday school,
also meet periodically for special outings.

More about Laurel Heights

For other questions you might have about Laurel Heights, ask around!
You can also visit our website at www.laurelheights.org.
Our pastoral staff would welcome a visit with you as well.

Mission and Ministry || Jan. 2020 || Christian Assistance Ministry



CAMpassion Day Church-wide Volunteer Day

Saturday, January 18, 2020
8:00-11:00 a.m.

110 McCullough Ave, San Antonio, TX

This will be a family-friendly compassion day for the homeless of San
Antonio. There will be opportunities to distribute clothing and/or
assist with showers. Clothing and shower supplies will be provided by
CAM. You just need to show up and be prepared to be a blessing and
receive blessings. A tour of the CAM Campus is optional following
the mission.

Reserve your seat NOW on the LHUMC bus!
The bus departs at 7:45 a.m. to reach CAM by 8:00 a.m.
Space is limited so contact Judy Davis to save your seat!
Call or text 210-392-2282, or email judyndavis43@gmail.com.
Our time and mission together as LHUMC will be a blessing to
everyone we meet!

227 West Woodlawn Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212
210.733.7156 – www.LaurelHeights.org
Wi-Fi: LHUMCGuest Password: openhearts
[Facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC](https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC)
Podcast: Apple Podcast, Google Podcast, Spotify, Stitcher

LAUREL HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 12, 2020 • 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday



Welcome to Sunday Worship

As we gather, we celebrate the unique gifts God has given to all,
believing that our many backgrounds and identities are essential
to the shared offering we bring to God through
worship, study, friendship, and serving.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



Gather to Worship

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major* J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number us among your people, bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave us garments bright and sparkling, compass us with love and light.
Fill, anoint us; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

*HYMN 605 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, in the beginning, when the earth was without form and void, you hovered over the waters of the deep and called forth life. At the baptism of Jesus, as he stepped up out of the water, your Holy Spirit descended as a dove and you spoke of your love for your beloved Son. We praise you that we too have been called to the water of baptism, drawn forth from it, called to new life, and assured of your never-failing love. We thank you for this inexpressible gift, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

FIRST READING (p. 630 OT) Isaiah 42:1-9

SECOND READING (p. 121 NT) Acts 10:34-43

*PSALTER *Psalm 29* Hymnal 761

* GOSPEL LESSON (p. 3 NT) Matthew 3:13-17
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON *Let it be so now* Rev. Paul Escamilla

Response to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love and grace,
in this hour of worship we confess that we have not always accepted your abundant love for us, nor have we always loved you with our whole hearts. Sometimes we have not known the "now" moment—the year, the season, the day, the hour of your calling, your gift, of new life in Christ. By your grace, bring us to this moment fully present, that we may see more clearly your loving purposes, and surrender more truly to those purposes lived out in our own lives, not tomorrow, but today.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. We are forgiven. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. On this very day, in this very hour, may you and I know our worth, and our work.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) *Ayre* A. Corelli
(11:00) *With a Voice of Singing* M. Shaw

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal 895

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (see insert)

Sending Forth

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

POSTLUDE *The Heavens Declare* R. Wetzler



LITURGISTS

(8:30) John David Griffin
(11:00) Melissa Nardi

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Glynis Hayes,
from June McManus.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Whit Birdsong, Patricia Carlson (*Brenda Stewart*), Estelle Hogan, Cara and Aruna (*Sue Hall*), Marvin Huth, Annalynn Jackson, Irene Vaca, Will Geerdes, Susan VanDeCar (*Brenda Stewart*), Jeff Hamlett (*Mike McGlone*), Mike Burton (*Bert and Janice Clayton*), Dot Colfer (*Jane Marrone*), Thad Dorsey, David Bebinger (*Ann Wheeler*), Gracie Huron, Doug Semmes, Lydia Powell, Rev. Justin Jones (*Leana Turbeville*), Marjorie Parrigan, Mal Hierholzer, Diane Boehme, George Frame, Teresa Johnson (*Shirley Carter and Marvin Huth*), Vicki Ferguson.

God's Presence: Homebound members, the incarcerated, and women and men in our military.

New Year, New Online Giving Platform!

To donate online visit laurelheights.org/donate,
things will look different and
you will be required to set up a new giving account.

To use our text-to-give service, text "LHUMC" to 73256.

If you have any questions regarding your gifts
please call the church office at 210-733-7156.

MLK 33rd Annual
City-wide Interfaith Worship Service
Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 4:30 PM
LHUMC Sanctuary

The Annual City-wide Interfaith Worship Service, presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will feature several invited guest speakers who will present on various topics of faith and the legacy of Dr. King.
Free and open to the public.

Bold print invites the congregation to read along.

*Asterisk means we're invited to stand in body or spirit.