

JANUARY 23, 2022 | 9:00 AM

THIRD 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

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right down in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

Excerpt from Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered on Aug. 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

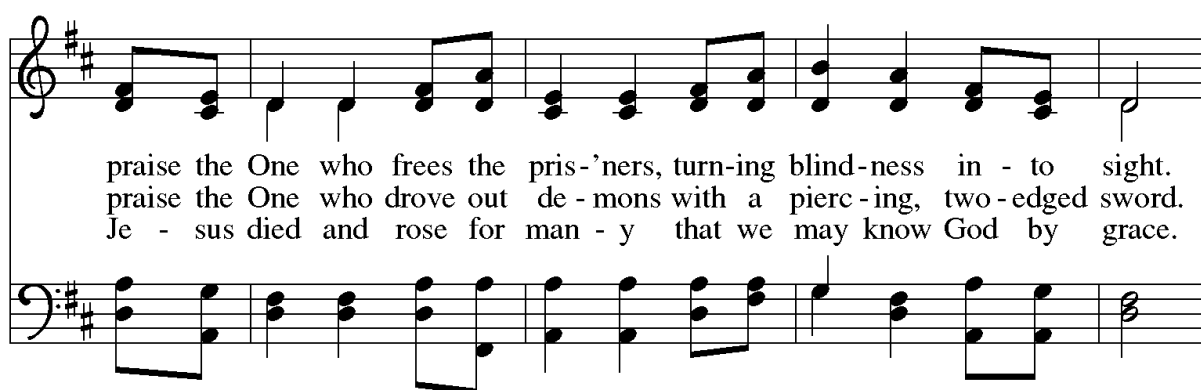
GATHERING SONG

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Hymn 843



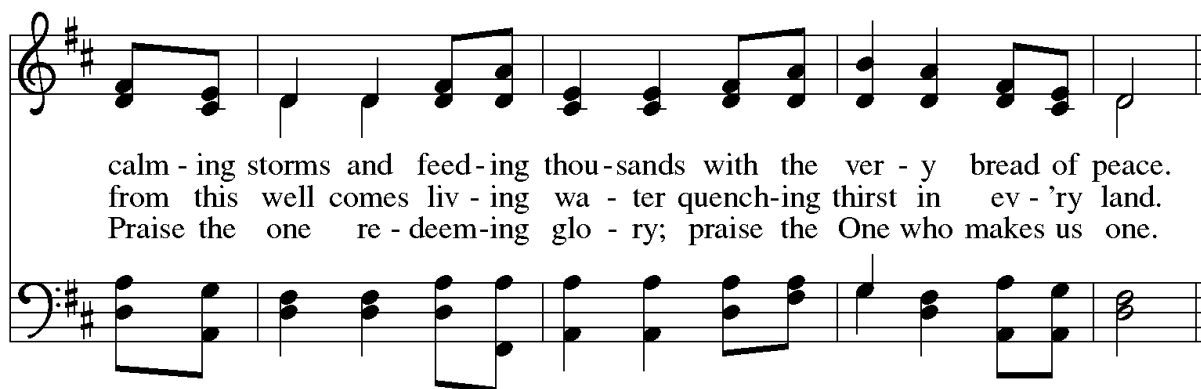
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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. **Holy God, you give us your word as a lamp on our way, just like Jesus. Empower us to follow your word and share your justice and mercy as you shared it with us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

WORD

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

READING

Luke 4:14-21

The good news from God, according to Luke.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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 Third Sunday after Epiphany: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a.

The children come forward for the children's message.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE


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

Prayer requests may also be made by sending a text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

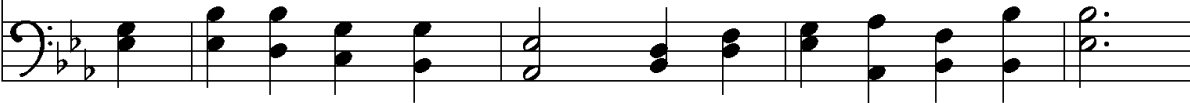
SERMON SONG

We All Are One in Mission

Hymn 576

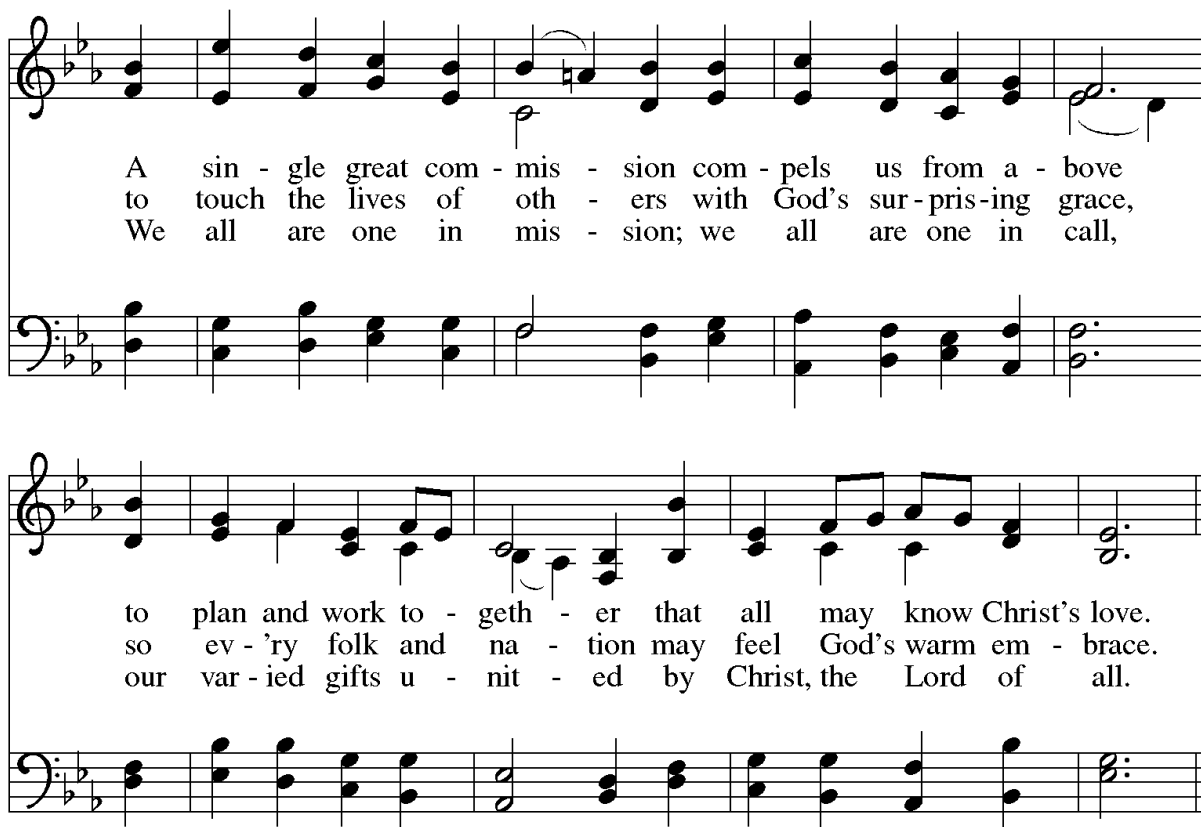


1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.





A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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

Shed a Little Light

James Taylor

Let us turn our thoughts today to Martin Luther King and recognize that there are ties between us, all men and women living on the Earth. Ties of hope and love, sister and brotherhood. That we are bound together in our desire to see the world become a place in which our children can grow free and strong. We are bound together by the task that stands before us and the road that lies ahead. We are bound and we are bound. There is a feeling like the clenching of a fist. There is a hunger in the center of the chest. There is a passage through the darkness and the mist. And though the body sleeps the heart will never rest. Shed a little light, oh Lord, so that we can see, just a little light, oh Lord. Wanna stand it on up, stand it on up, oh Lord, wanna walk it on down, shed a little light, oh Lord. Can't get no light from a dollar bill, don't give me no light from a TV screen. When I open my eyes, I wanna drink my fill from the well on the hill, do you know what I mean?

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

Here Is Bread

Hymn 483



1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro-claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal-ing, In this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo-ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray. Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that renews us so we can be your presence in our world. Amen

SENDING

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

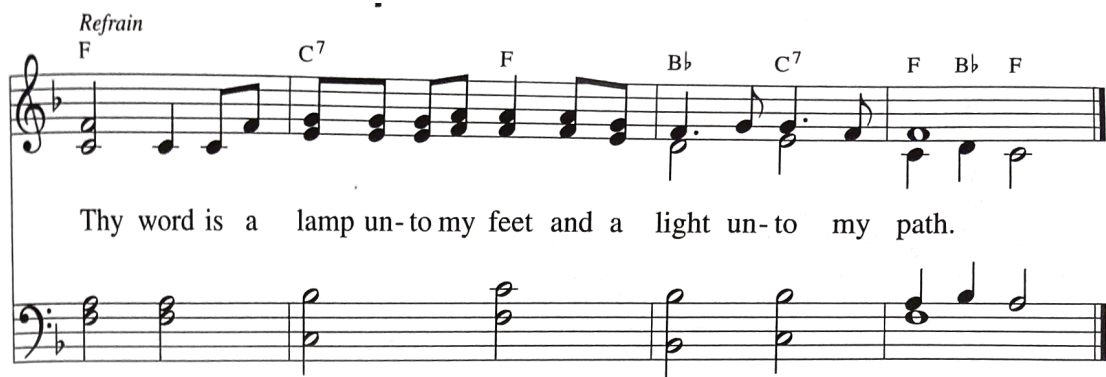
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain
F C⁷ F B \flat C⁷ F B \flat F



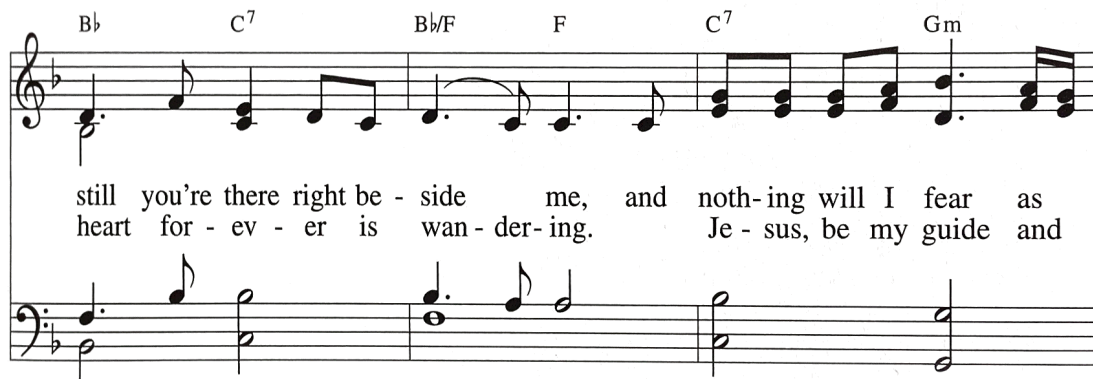
Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C⁷ Gm Dm Am



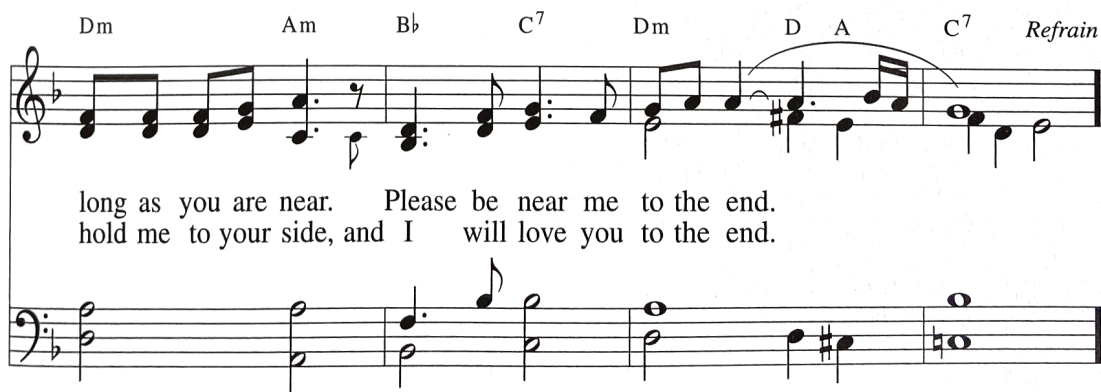
1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me and yet my

B \flat C⁷ B \flat /F F C⁷ Gm



still you're there right be - side me, and noth-ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Dm Am B \flat C⁷ Dm D A C⁷ *Refrain*



long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Jenny Ohrstrom, vocals; Darin Layne, guitar; Austin Haller, piano and vocals - *musicians*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Terry Adcock; family and friends of Stacey Aus; family and friends of Eddie Bull; Helia Callendar; Naomi Dill; Donna Estes; Tony Gomez; family and friends of Elena Griesel; family and friends of Mike Hartfiel; Ben Harvey, Shirley Harvey; Jeannine; Larry Lobash and family; family and friends of Patsy Madriaga; Caroline Su San Ong and Maui Demetrius Zeus Honetana; Beth Orton & Sofia Orton; David Pierce.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Duke Hobbs; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; 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 23

9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:00 am	Faith Formation Hour
11:00 am	Holy Communion
12:15 pm	Meet & Eat at Easy Tiger (E. 7th)

Monday, January 24

7:30 pm	Heart & Mind Gospel Study (Zoom)
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Tuesday, January 25

9:00 am	WELCA Tack & Pack
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education

Wednesday, January 26

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

Thursday, January 27

6:00 pm	High School Devotional (Zoom)
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Sunday, January 30

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

TODAY! Meet & Eat at Easy Tiger | January 23rd 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!

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education |

Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

All congregants are welcome to join us on Zoom for Stephen Ministry's continuing education "Life Transitions due to Aging". Just contact Fred Aus at fredaustx@gmail.com for your Zoom invitation. Upcoming Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Programs: February 22, 7:00 pm - Dealing with Anxiety, Depression and Suicide; March 22, 7:00 pm - Communicating and Caregiving for People With Dementia

Spring Cleaning? | WELCA Seeks Fabric Donations & Copier Paper Boxes

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. The group also seeks copier paper boxes to be used for shipping kits. Please drop off any donations with a label of "Tack and Pack" and your name 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.

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!