

Thank you for attending our services today.

Our church has a vision to continuously “Grow in the likeness of Christ.”

To do this we strive to be serving, giving and welcoming.

If you have any questions on where rooms are or opportunities here at the church please stop by our Welcome Cart for a map and assistance. This bulletin includes information on education, events and service opportunities.

If any activity piques your interest please contact us at Connection@gilbertumc.org

All are welcome to join us in fulfilling our mission and vision!

Nursery & Comfort Room

Nursery care is available from 7:45am – 12:30 pm (all three worship services), staffed with professional care givers. The nursery is located in room 131 & 132.

Nursery care is also available for pre-planned meetings/events.

A Comfort Room for parents with young children is located at the South end of the lobby, just outside the Sanctuary. This is a comfortable room that provides a great view of the sanctuary and audio of the service.

Servants in Worship

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Ushers	Art Wirtz Art Poeske	Margie Sessums Joan Krueger	Ed & Susan Stone
Leaders	Adriana Hernandez	Joyce Steiner	
Greeters	Dan & Mary Vrana	Suzzan Todd	
Coffee Hour	Sean & Michelle Comstock Mike & Sylvia Harris	Andy Rodriguez Val Kellogg	
Prayer Ministers	Ray Vallera	June Morrison Linda Vernoski	Linda Vernoski

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 & 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

October 29, 2017

331 S. Cooper Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85233

480-892-9166, www.firstgilbert.church

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday by appointment

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCofgilbert>

Welcome!

Enter with joy in your heart. We are glad you came.

Please fill out the attendance card and place in the offering plate.

The First Bell

Welcome

Rev. Gwen Mader

Prelude

“Prelude in D Major” by J.K.F. Fischer

Norma Mayne, Organ

The Second Bell

*Call to Worship

(Psalm 100:1-2, 4)

Leader

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;**

Leader: Come into his presence with singing.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

All: **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

*Opening Song

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#126

*Opening Prayer

Leader

Gracious God, giver of every perfect gift, we gather to remind ourselves who you are: You are the One who loved the world so much that You gave your only begotten son to set us free. We gather to remind ourselves who we are: we are your children, called to become ever more like you. Teach us to love more and more as you love, and to give more and more as you give, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, your indescribable gift to us. We pray in his name. Amen.

Anthem

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me” by McDonald Chancel Choir

Jim Bohart, Guest Conductor

We thank our choir for ministering in two services.

In each service some depart to attend Sunday School after singing.

Children’s Message (8:00)

Rev. Gwen Mader

The Scripture Lesson

I Timothy 6:17-19

Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Youth News (7th - 12th Grade):



Youth Sunday Morning Gathering

Junior High meets in room 200; Senior High meets in room 140/141. We will continue the Wesley Challenge this Sunday—“21 Questions for a more Authentic Faith—Questions about God.”

**Christmas Wreath & Ornament Sales
Now through November 5**



SAVE THE DATE!! - WINTER JAM 2017

Friday, November 10 at Gila River Arena—\$15 Cash Entry

Ten artists perform each night, so you can enjoy approximately four hours of show time. Artists include: Lecrae, Mac Powell, Andy Mineo, Building 429, Family Force 5, Newsong, Moriah Peters, Nick Hall and more! More info available at <http://2017.jamtour.com/>.

A new Adult Class will be starting soon on Wednesday nights!

A study of the book *When God Doesn't Fix It* by Laura Story will begin Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30pm and end on December 13th. The five session class is being facilitated by Sherry Clack. In this study we will be looking at how God may not fix everything in our lives, but uses the crises we go through to bring us closer to Him and to lead us to a better place. To sign up, please write *When God Doesn't Fix It* in the comment section of your yellow attendance card.

Sunday School Classrooms - 9:30

Preschool—Room 146

Kinder-First—Room 144

11:00

Kinder-Sixth—Room 205



FIRST KIDZ - Fall Curriculum for October

Preschool

We will end the month learning how David praised God after He helped him. David danced and played music to show thanks to God for all His help. Our preschoolers will learn that we can praise God because He helps us. We want our preschoolers to grow up knowing that God loves them and is always there to help them—even when they're in a Zig Zag Zone.



Elementary

Key Question: **How do you live for what really matters?** Throughout the month, we've talked about using time, things, and money wisely. This can also be about the company we keep, the way we study for tests, or the way we treat our neighbors. Kids are starting to realize that the way they live comes with consequences both good and bad. We hope to guide kids to see their life as more than the here and now. They can live their life to gain popularity and friends, or they can choose to live their life in a way that honors God. That's why we conclude our month about stewardship looking more closely at something Jesus told His followers during the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 6:19-24. Jesus tells us, "Your heart will be where your riches are." Jesus reminded us rather than spending all of our time on earth to gain riches that won't last, we should spend our time on what matters most—serving God and storing up treasures that will last forever.



Wednesday Wilds

K-3rd Grade in Room 133—Build and explore Bible stories with legos!

4th-6th Grade in Room 205—Book Club continues with Chronicles of Narnia "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader!" For questions about Children's Ministry, contact Janelle Chiricuzio at childrensministry@gilbertumc.org.



Prayer for Openness to the Word

Pastor: Let the words of my mouth

People: **and the meditations of our hearts**

All: **be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.**

The Message

"Ministry Flows from the Heart"

Rev. Deborah Lerner

*Song of Response

"Pass It On"

#572

Reception of New Members (9:30)

Dick, Paige, Chris and Stacy Cantwell

Prayers

Response to Prayer

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Rev. Gwen Mader

#2193

Generosity Moment

Garin Campbell, Chair, Administrative Board

The Offering

"Holy Ghost with Light Divine" by D. Hustad Norma Mayne, Organ

*Presentation of the Offering Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Leader

*The Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Gratitude for the Ministry of Jonathan Cochran

*Closing Song

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

#664

*Blessing

Postlude

"Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor" by J S Bach Jonathan Cochran, Organ

***Congregation standing, as you are comfortable, otherwise sit with GUSTO!**
Large print bulletins/hymnals and hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.

If you would like someone to pray with you, Prayer Ministers will be available following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

Welcome

Enter with joy in your heart. We are glad you came!

Contemporary Service 11:00 am

Please fill out the attendance card. Place in the offering baskets at the end of the service.

Ring of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gwen Mader

A Generosity Moment

Garin Campbell

*Opening Songs and Prayer

A Reading from Scripture

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Ministry Flows from the Heart”

Rev. Deborah Lerner

Reception of New Member

Paul Quackenbush

Time of Response to the Word

Please respond to the goodness and grace of God in ways that are helpful to you.

Offering baskets are available at the front and at the doors as you exit. Offer your heart and life to God as you offer your financial gift. Place your attendance cards in the baskets.

The prayer rails are open and prayer ministers are available in front.

Communion is available to all, regardless of age or membership.

Be blessed! We are glad you worshiped with us!

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Thanks for coming!

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Grieving the loss of someone close to you?

Find comfort and support at GriefShare

Saturdays 9:00am – 10:30am
October 28 – November 18 - Rm 133
1st Gilbert United Methodist Church
331 S Cooper Rd, Gilbert AZ 85233
480/892-9166 or 480/980-3053
www.griefshare.org
You can join at any time

The new Grieving Moms online group is now open for registration. Visit www.grievingmoms.com to register. The start date is Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 PST. The course is 12-weeks and will meet online every Tuesday evening. Please share with any Mom who has suffered the untimely death of a child (for any reason). For more information please contact Sharon Kotsonas at sharonkotsonas@gmail.com or 480.223.7863.



Operation Christmas Child



Give a child a Merry Christmas! Fill an Operation Christmas Child shoe box with small toys and gifts! Plastic boxes are available from the Missions team. Instructions are included with each box. Gifts must be returned back to the church no later than November 19th so that they can be shipped overseas by Christmas.

The Turkey Drive has arrived! A \$40 donation will provide a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family. A member of the missions team will be available on the patio to take your order starting today. Envelopes will be available in the pews, as well.



Thank you, Jonathan Cochran!



We are pleased to announce that we will celebrate Jonathan's many years of faithful and inspiring service to our church, and his retirement as our church organist today. Enjoy the special postlude Jonathan has prepared, then come to the activity center for cake and a time of greeting and expressing your thanks to him.

Adult Education Opportunity:

Join us for a new Journey 101 class, which is being offered on Wednesday night, meeting in the Activity Center from 6:30-8:00. The prerequisite for Journey 101 is the Alpha class, including the Holy Spirit Weekend. Please write "Journey 101" in the comments section on your yellow attendance card if you are planning to attend.

Electronic Giving

On-Line	Smart Phone App	Text-To Give
Checking, Savings, Debit or Credit † www.gilbertumc.org † Create an account Or login for returning users † Give	Debit or Credit † Download the app † Find First United Methodist Church of Gilbert † Give	Debit or Credit † Text 480-712-1057 and the amount you wish to donate † Make sure to use the dollar sign before the amount. † Example: \$25
 		

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

October 29, 2017



Welcome Guests!

We are so glad to have you worship with us. Please fill out the yellow attendance form in the church bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Stop by the Welcome Cart on the patio where you will find information about the many activities our church has to offer. Join us in the Activity Center and on the patio for coffee hour between worship services.

Children's Activity Bags & Bulletins Available

There are bags and bulletins available for children to enjoy during the worship service. The Children's Activity Bags include activities for children 4-8 years old. Please ask an usher for one on your way into church, or pick one up in the lobby.

Prayer Requests

On the back of the yellow attendance card you can share a prayer request. You can also indicate if you know of anyone ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care. *The prayer chain can be reached at prayers@gilbertumc.org.*

Honoring Jonathan Cochran

Please join us in thanking our long-time organist and friend this morning. He will share a special Prelude with us and will join us in the Activity Center between services for a reception.

Turkey Drive Starts Today!

Visit the table on the patio to learn more about how you can help to provide a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sermon Series - Extravagant Generosity

November 5 - The Art of Love: Relationships are Matters of the Heart

November 12 - Bucket Lists: Vision and Hope are Inspirations of the Heart

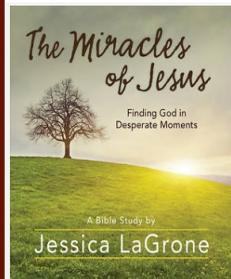
November 19 - Declaring Your Heart-Extravagant Generosity is an Expression of Your Heart



Are you interested in becoming a Congregational Care Minister? Applications are due to the church office by November 1st to be considered for the January 26-28 training. Application forms and requirements are available at the Welcome Cart.

Medical Lending Closet

Do you have items in good shape that you could donate to the Medical Lending Closet? We are in the process of upgrading some of our equipment. If you have any questions about your donation, please contact Therese Pineda at 602-686-1259.



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We are currently enjoying a study of The Miracles of Jesus by Jessica LaGrone. In this 6-week DVD-based study, we are exploring the miracles of Jesus, helping us to see that our weakness is an invitation for God to work powerfully in our lives, reminding us that we need God on our best days just as much as we do on our worst. Books are \$11.00 each and will be available to purchase at the study. Free childcare is provided. **Please feel free to join us at any time!**

Sunday October 29, 2017

	Time	Room
Christian History: The Power of Parable	9:30 am	133
Homebuilders Class: Watching various video presentations	9:30 am	142
Living the Questions: Christianity for the 21st century adult	11:00 am	142
Gen X: Ask, Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age	11:00 am	201
Adult Bible Study: Gospel of Luke	11:15 am	133
Living Hope: Support group for trauma survivors	1:00 pm	201

Tuesday October 31, 2017

	Time	Room
Women's Bible Study: The Miracles of Jesus	9:00	142
Praying: Join us for a time of prayer	1:30 pm	S
TOPS: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly	5:30 pm	140
Divorce Care: Not meeting this week		
Trunk or Treat: Free Fun for the whole family! 6:00-8:00 pm in the parking lot	6:00 pm	PL

Wednesday November 1, 2017

	Time	Room
Chat n' Chew: Gather to share lunch and fellowship	12:00pm	133
Fellowship Dinner: \$3.00 each/\$12.00 maximum per family	5:45pm	AC
Journey 101: New Start - Class Begins Today!	6:30 pm	AC
Disciple I: Overview of the entire Bible	6:30 pm	140
Experiencing God: Awaken to a God-centered way of life	6:30 pm	142
Journey 101: Essentials to live out the Christian faith	6:30 pm	203
Wednesday Wilds: Book Club - Fourth-Sixth Grade	6:30 pm	205
Faith Builders - Kindergarten-Third Grade		133

Thursday November 2, 2017

Not a Fan Book Club	6:30 pm	Office
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Saturday November 4, 2017

	Time	Room
Weight Watchers	8:00 am	142
Grief Share: Support for those grieving the loss of a loved one	9:00 am	133