

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	Kevin Becker Pat Baker	Dennis & Susan Young	Tom & Linda McKinley
Leaders	Jonda Shamsiddeen	Jim Hall	
Greeters	Art Poeske	Keith & Taleen Carpenter	
Coffee Hour	Al & Michelle Reynolds	Al & Michelle Reynolds	
Prayer Ministers	JoAnn Mannion	Joyce Steiner Sharon Kotsonas	Aryn Peppin

Sunday Morning Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

November 5, 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 “The Trumpet Shall Sound /I Know That my Redeemer Liveth”

by Handel

Kevin DeYager, Organ

The Second Bell

*Call to Worship

(Psalm 107:1-3)

Leader

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

People: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,

All: from the north and from the south.

*Opening Song

“For All the Saints”

#711

As we sing you are invited to bring flowers forward honoring those you have lost.

*Opening Prayer

Leader

Gracious God, we thank you for the saints: for men and women who have gone before us in faith and prepared the way for us. We thank you for lives well lived; for hearts reaching out to others; for generosity that paved the way for our worship here today. Holy Spirit, come among us today to shape us into more faithful followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. We pray in his name, and for his sake. Amen.

Anthem

“Hymn to Joy” arr. Michael R. Keller

Wesleyan Bells
Kevin DeYager, Organ
Beth Boesch, Trumpet

Children’s Message (8:00)

Rev. Gwen Mader

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
End TODAY!**



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/>. Contact Ray to RSVP - youthministry@gilbertumc.org.

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

Second-Fourth—Room 205

11:00

Kinder-Sixth—Room 205

FIRST KIDZ - Fall Curriculum for November



Preschool - This month, we want to cook up a big Recipe for Thanks with our preschoolers! Thinking about the things we're thankful for is the key to any recipe of thanks—and a thankful heart.



Week one, we'll get to hear about the time God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. While we won't delve deeply into all of them ~Some of them are a little out of a preschooler's realm of understanding~ We will shout out loud and clear God's number one commandment, we should love God more than anything!

Elementary - Gratitude is a response to the character of God.

Key Question: What are you grateful for? We kick off a month on gratitude by helping kids to refocus on their own lives and discover reasons they can be thankful. We're so busy with life that we don't take the time to pause and notice what God has done for us. We hope kids take the time throughout the year to ask themselves this question. We start our look at gratitude with Psalm 100 where we read, "*Shout for joy to the Lord, everyone on earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come to Him with songs of joy!*" (NIRV).



Wednesday Wilds & Book Club in Room 205

Build and explore Bible stories with Legos and play games!

For questions about Children's Ministry, contact Janelle Chiricuzio at childrensministry@gilbertumc.org.

Naming Our Honored Dead

Monty Joseph Bayer

Mark Blackledge

James Clinton Dusenberry

Irene Bertha Groves

Barbara Hine

Richard Hine

Barbara M. Ingalls

Nancy McKinley

David Edmund Moberg

Aldon Lee Pell, Sr.

Ed Riedel

Barbara Ann Webb Signor

Don Smith

William Marshall Spence, Jr.

The Scripture Lesson

John 13:34-35

Leader

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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

"Extravagant Generosity: Relationships are Matters of the Heart"

Rev. Deborah Lerner

The Offering

"Simple Gifts" arr. Kenneth P. Lenz

Wesleyan Bells
Elizabeth Blackledge, Flute

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

*Prayer of Dedication Leader

The Sacrament of Holy Communion -Responses can be found on page 17.

"Evensong" by Derek K. Hakes

Wesleyan Bells

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself so completely to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to give ourselves for others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Closing Song

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#710

*Blessing

Postlude "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" by Livingston Kevin DeYager, 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.

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gwen Mader

Naming Our Honored Dead

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Irene Bertha Groves	Barbara Hine	Richard Hine
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*Opening Songs and Prayer

A Reading from Scripture

John 13:34-35

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Extravagant Generosity: Relationships are Matters of the Heart”

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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!

***Congregation standing, as you are comfortable, otherwise sit with GUSTO!**

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Thanks for coming!

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Congregational Care Support Groups for Those Going through Grief



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 United Methodist Church of Gilbert
331 S Cooper Rd, Gilbert AZ 85233
480/892-9166 or 480/980-3053

www.griefshare.org

Balance of Fall Support group
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



Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

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 Christ-

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 are available in the pews, as well.



THIS WEEK'S NEWS

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

November 5, 2017

The Christian History Sunday School Class is beginning a book study of Amy-Jill Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus*.

In this wise, entertaining, and educational book, Amy-Jill Levine offers a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus' narratives. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, she analyzes these "problems with parables," taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Levine reveals the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.



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.***

All Saints Sunday

Today we honor those who called First UMC home and graduated to glory in the past twelve months by reading their names and lighting a candle.

Christmas Greens and Wreaths

Today is the last day to purchase your Christmas greens and wreaths to help our youth with their mission trips!

Turkey Drive

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

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 OPPORTUNITIES

Sermon Series - Extravagant Generosity

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

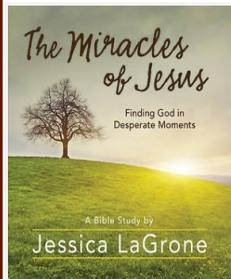
10th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



The mission of Gilbert's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is to promote understanding and respect among diverse people of faith through service, dialogue and the implementation of the "Golden Rule". Join us for an hour of inspiring religious thought and music on Tuesday, November 21, 2017-7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Gilbert.

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 November 5, 2017

	Time	Room
Christian History: Short Stories by Jesus	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 November 7, 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: Support group for those going through divorce	6:30 pm	S

Wednesday November 8, 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
New Journey 101: New group	6:30 pm	AC
Disciple I: Overview of the entire Bible	6:30 pm	140
Journey 101: Essentials to live out the Christian faith	6:30 pm	142
When God Doesn't Fix It - Dealing with our response to crises Starts November 8th.	6:30 pm	133
Wednesday Wilds and Book Club	6:30 pm	205

Thursday November 9, 2017

Not a Fan Book Club	6:30 pm	Office
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Saturday November 11, 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