



# First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

March 11, 2018

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480-892-9166 [www.firstgilbert.church](http://www.firstgilbert.church)

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30am–4:30pm

Friday by appointment

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

# *Welcome!*

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

Traditional Service • 8:00 and 9:30 am

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

## **Ringing of the Bell**

### **\*Welcome and Greeting**

Rev. Deborah Lerner

*Please greet those around you and let them know how glad we are that they are here.*

### **Prelude**

*Chromatic Fugue*

Norma Mayne, organ

Johann Pachelbel

### **\*The Call to Worship**

Leader

Leader: Jesus, our Savior, gave his life so that we may have life.

**People: Thank you, Jesus, for life everlasting!**

Leader: God, our Father, has loved us and called us his own.

**People: Thank you, Father, for calling us your children!**

Leader: Christ, our King, has come to redeem us. Let us worship him in word and song.

**People: Thank you, Jesus, for our salvation!**

**All: We praise you and honor you, Savior, God and King, for you alone are worthy of all our worship and praise!**

### **\*Opening Song**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

**#160**

### **\*Opening Prayer (in Unison)**

Leader

**We bask in the healing power of your love, O God. You are always with us. You are with us when we cry out in fear. You are with us when we are discouraged. You are with us when we are alone. You are with us all the time, day and night. For your presence, we are most thankful. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### **Anthem**

*Lamb of God*  
arr. Christiansen

The Chancel Choir

*Our choir ministers in two services. In each service some depart for Sunday School.*

### **Children’s Moment (8:00 only)**

Rev. Deborah Lerner



# *Welcome!*

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Contemporary Service • 11:00 am

*Please fill out the attendance card and place in offering basket  
at end of the service.*

## **The Ringing of the Bell**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Deborah Lerner

## **Blessing of the Mission Easter Bags**

## **\*Opening Songs and Prayer**

## **The Scripture Reading**

Mark 15:29-36a

Leader

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **The Message**

Final Words from the Cross:

Rev. Gwen Mader

*"My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me?"*

## **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!**

**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.*

# THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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## 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 in, 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](mailto:prayers@gilbertumc.org)

## Adult Education Classes in March

**Alpha** • Continues through May 17 • Thursdays 6:00pm • Still time to join!

**Journey 101** continues with:

**Serving God** • March 7 — April 18 • Wednesdays 6:30pm

**Journey 202** (classes open to all, Journey 101 prerequisite removed):

**Becoming a Contagious Christian** • March 7 — April 18 • Wed 6:30pm

**Serving From the Heart** • March 7 — April 25 • Wednesdays 6:30pm

**Follow Me** • April 25 — May 30 • Wednesdays 6:30pm

Meals are offered beforehand and professional child-care is available.

Please enroll by completing insert in your bulletin and leave in collection plate, drop off in office, or contact us at (480) 892-9166 or [secretary@gilbertumc.org](mailto:secretary@gilbertumc.org)



## Current Volunteer Opportunities in Congregational Care

- Persons needed to crochet or knit prayer shawls. Please contact Lori Van Dam at [mandydog@q.com](mailto:mandydog@q.com) or Pastor Gwen at [PastorGwen@GilbertUMC.org](mailto:PastorGwen@GilbertUMC.org) for more information.
- A detail-oriented person is needed to coordinate our care kit ministry, approximately 2-3 hours per week. Responsibilities include gathering and stocking kit materials; preparing kits for mailing; preparing kits for CCM distribution; and keeping care kit distribution records. Please contact Pastor Gwen.
- Persons needed to sew pillows for the care kits. Please contact Pam Campbell at [tommypam@cox.net](mailto:tommypam@cox.net) or Pastor Gwen.

*Living Hope*



**Starts March 21**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm**  
**Room 205**

The Living Hope group is a 16 week curriculum-based support group for those who have experienced trauma or PTSD. Classes are facilitated by Beth Flores. For more information please contact Pastor Gwen at [PastorGwen@GilbertUMC.org](mailto:PastorGwen@GilbertUMC.org) or through main office at (480) 892-9166.

# THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

*Please call office for information (480) 892-9166*

<b>Sunday, March 11</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>815 Adult Class:</b> Video and Discussion		8:15 am	142
<b>Christian History:</b> The Power of Parable		9:30 am	133
<b>Homebuilders Class:</b> Watching various video presentations		9:30 am	142
<b>Living the Questions:</b> Christianity for the 21st century adult		11:00 am	142
<b>Gen X:</b> Ask, Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age		11:00 am	201
<b>Adult Bible Study:</b> The Gospel of Luke; led by Pastor Gwen		11:00 am	133
<b>Explorer's Luncheon:</b> Learn about becoming a member		12:15 pm	AC
<b>Living Hope:</b> Support group for those coping with trauma		1:00 pm	201
<b>Tuesday, March 13</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Women's Bible Study:</b> John—the Gospel of Light and Life		9:00 am	142
<b>Praying:</b> Join us for a time of prayer		1:30 pm	S
<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Chat 'n' Chew:</b> Gather to share lunch and fellowship		Noon	133
<b>Fellowship Supper:</b> Potluck this week • Chicken will be provided		5:30 pm	AC
<b>Alpha for Youth:</b> Film Series (ages 11 and up)		5:45 pm	140
<b>Journey 101:</b> "Serving God" led by Pastor Deborah		6:30 pm	200
<b>Becoming a Contagious Christian</b>		6:30 pm	201
<b>Serving from the Heart</b>		6:30 pm	202
<b>Unshakable Trust:</b> Find the Joy of Trusting God		6:30 pm	142
<b>Lego Builders Club:</b> Building Bible Stories (K-3rd)		6:30 pm	131
<b>Grieving Moms • Hurting Moms:</b> Support groups		6:30 pm	203-4
<b>Thursday, March 15</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Book Club</b>		11:00 am	142
<b>Alpha:</b> Explore the basics of Christian Faith		6:00 pm	AC
<b>DivorceCare:</b> Support for those facing separation or divorce		6:30 pm	200
<b>Saturday, March 17</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>GriefShare:</b> Support for those grieving—join any week		9:00 am	140

## Easter Flowers

Each year at Easter, the church places flowers on the altar as a way of remembering or honoring a loved one, family member or friend. Names of those remembered or honored will be printed and shared on a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. The cost of each plant is \$15.00.



Please use included envelope to place your order, or see your usher for extras. Orders with payment may be placed in the collection plate, mailed, or left in the church office no later than March 25. Please make checks payable to First UMC Gilbert, with “Flowers” in the memo line. Flowers may be taken home after the 11:00 service on Easter.

## Rio Texas Response & Recovery Mission • May 1—8

For more information, please visit [www.riotexasresponse.org](http://www.riotexasresponse.org) or contact Michelle Reynolds at [kmichellereynolds@gmail.com](mailto:kmichellereynolds@gmail.com) or (480) 370-4040.

## Register Now for Preschool

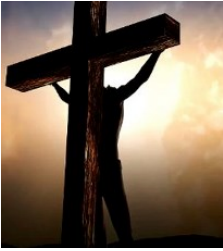
Call for a Tour! Contact Lora or Adrienne at [preschool@gilbertumc.org](mailto:preschool@gilbertumc.org) or through the church office at 480-892-9166.



## ELECTRONIC GIVING

On-Line	Smart Phone App	Text-To Give
<p>Checking, Savings, Debit or Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† <a href="http://www.firstgilbert.church">www.firstgilbert.church</a></li> <li>† Create an account</li> <li>Or login for returning users</li> <li>† Give</li> </ul>	<p>Debit or Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Download the app</li> <li>† Find First United Methodist Church of Gilbert</li> <li>† Give</li> </ul> 	<p>Debit or Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Text <b>480-712-1057</b> and the amount you wish to donate</li> <li>† Make sure to use the dollar sign before the amount.</li> <li>† Example: \$25</li> </ul>





## Lenten Season • Sunday Sermons

### *Final Words from the Cross*

Today            My God, My God, Why Have You  
                      Forsaken Me?  
March 18        I Thirst

## Explorer Luncheon

Do you have questions about membership in our church?  
Please join us in the activity center TODAY at 12:15 pm.

### Join us for Holy Week

March 25    Palm/Passion Sunday • 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am  
                  *Palm processional at all services*  
March 29    Maundy Thursday • 7:00 pm  
                  *With foot washing and Communion*  
March 30    Good Friday • 7:00 pm  
                  *A dramatic remembrance of Christ's death*

## *Easter Sunday*

### **April 1 • A Celebration of the Resurrection**

*Holy Communion in all services*

6:00 am    Sunrise service in the Prayer Garden  
7:00 am    Pancake Breakfast served by the Scouts  
8:00 am    Traditional service with Brass Quartet  
9:30 am    Traditional service with Brass Quartet  
9:30 am    Surprise Easter Egg Hunt for Kids  
11:00 am   Contemporary Service



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

For questions contact Janelle Chiriczio at  
[childrensministry@gilbertrumc.org](mailto:childrensministry@gilbertrumc.org)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL—Classrooms

9:30

Preschool Room 146  
Kinder—First Room 144  
Second—Fourth Room 205  
Fifth—Sixth Room 203

11:00

Kinder—Sixth Room 205

### FIRST KIDZ - March Curriculum

#### Preschool



*This month we've GONE FISHIN'* since this month is all about how Jesus taught the disciples to be fishers of men.

Week 2—we learn how Jesus taught four fishermen to be fishers of men.

#### Wednesday Nights

##### Lego Club

Building Bible Stories (K-3rd grade)

6:30 pm • Room 131

##### Coming Soon!

New Youth Class (11 and up)

6:30 pm • Room 140

STARTS MARCH 21

#### Elementary & Preteen



We start the month talking about how we don't have to get even. Instead we can reflect the character of Christ by caring for others and making peace.

Week 2 - **How do you walk away from a fight?**



This is one of the hardest things for a kid because they feel like their reputation is at stake. We give them a game plan to make the wise choice as Jesus taught us.



## Youth News (7th—12th Grade):

Please contact Ray Vallera at [youthministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:youthministry@gilbertumc.org) regarding Youth and Family Ministries at First Gilbert.

### Youth Sunday Morning Studies

Senior High • Meet in Room 140

Junior High • Meet in Room 200

Today we are studying Mark 15:29-36a

“My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

### Youth Sunday Evening Gathering • Meet in Activity Center

Food, Fun & Games!

### Mission Trips Meeting • TODAY • Activity Center

Junior High 3:30-4:30 pm Senior High 4:30-5:30 pm

Leadership, parents and youth will meet in the activity center to discuss the upcoming summer mission trips.

### 2018 Youth Shirts

Show us your creativity by sharing your black & white drawings and designs for the 2018 youth shirt! See Ray for this year's bible verse. Completed designs due by 5 pm March 25.

### Youth Fundraiser

Youth Council is seeking an adult to help lead an off-campus fundraiser with a local restaurant. Contact Ray if you feel called to help.

**CHURCH PICNIC**

**Sunday, April 8th  
4 - 7pm**

*Music · Games · Bounce House · Hamburgers · Hot Dogs*

Join us on the lawn – bring something to share!

## *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, 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*

	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Ushers	Art Wirtz Art Poeske	Susan Young Dennis Young	Linda McKinley Tom McKinley
Leader	Adriana Hernandez	Bob Chuk	
Greeters	Jean Langdon	Garin Campbell	
Coffee Hour	Michelle Reynolds Al Reynolds	Michelle Reynolds Al Reynolds	
Prayer Ministers	Kathy Tracy	June Morrison Arryn Peppin	Mike Miller

## *Sunday Morning Worship*

8:00 and 9:30 Traditional • 11:00 Contemporary



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