

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

December 31, 2023

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Welcome!

Services at 9:00 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information *please stand as you are able

Pre-service Music Ringing of the Bell "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude "Once in Royal David's City"

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's

salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait.

People: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in

heaven.

Leader: We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has

brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the

new year might bring.

People: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in

heaven.

Leader: We join generations of (people) Simeons and Annas who learned

and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work

in the world.

People: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in

heaven.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to

generation, guiding us from one year to the next.

All: Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God's

kingdom on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#220

*Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Almighty creator, we come to shout and rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Son for our world. It is a miracle that fills our lives with your glory. On this last day of the year, may our celebration honor the good we have received from your hand, even as we look forward to walking faithfully with you in the year ahead. As those who came before us, we will not be silent in our love for you; we will not mute our pure joy for what you have brought to our lives. Amen.

Children's Message

Janelle Chiricuzio

Special Song

Praise Band

"Blessed Be Your Name/ For Unto Us A Child Is Born/ Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Message

Pastor Rick Casebolt

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Song of Response "Lord

"Lord. I Need You"

Praise Band

Time of Offering

"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

Praise Band

*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Offering Prayer

God of the heavens and the earth, we come before you in celebration, bringing gifts for those who cannot celebrate with us. Our songs of praise are for your name and honor. May these gifts give others the opportunity to sing praises to your name as they come to know the endless love you have for each of your children. Amen.

*Closing Music

"Everlasting God"

Praise Band

*Blessing

Postlude

"We Thank Thee for Sending Thy Son"

Thank you for joining our services today!

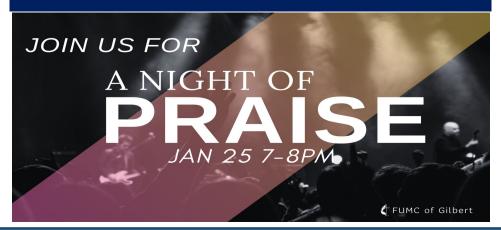
If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez Music Director: Randy Van Der Pol Organist: Marilyn Harter

TODAY'S LITURGISTS: CHARLOTTE HAZELRIGG

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