



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT

**Sunday, December 1st, 2024
9:30 am Service**

Hanging of the Greens



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Sunday, November 24, 2024, 9:30 am

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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During our services, we will be capturing video footage and photos to share with our online community to extend our worship experience to those who cannot join us in person.

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*Please stand in body or in spirit

Prelude "I Speak Jesus" Praise Team

Ring of the Bell

Bringing in the Light of Christ "All Earth Is Waiting" Marilyn Harter

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Adriana Hernandez

***Introit** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Chancel Choir

***Call to Advent Candle Lighting** Valerie Kellogg and Andy Rodriguez

(Psalm 122:1 and Isaiah 2:3 NRSV)

One: Today is special because it is the beginning of a new season. We call this season "Advent."

All: **What does that mean?**

One: "Advent" is a word that means "to come." It is a time when we get ready, preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus came when he was born on Christmas day.

All: **What are some things that we might do to get ready?**

One: We should get our hearts ready by thinking about the baby Jesus. What we are doing right now around our Advent wreath is a way of preparing for Christmas.

Song "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" FWS 2100 vs 1

Call to Hanging the Greens Liturgist

One: Green represents renewal, new life, freshness, and rebirth. Plants such as pine, ivy, and mistletoe are called evergreens because they do not die; through the seasons of the year, they remain ever-green. Ever-alive.

All: **We deck our sanctuary and homes with evergreens during this Advent season in preparation for the ever-coming Christ, God's gift to us of renewal and transformation.**

One: Because the needles of the pine and fir trees appear not to die each season, the ancients saw them as signs of things that last forever.

All: **Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah.**

One: Wherever truth, justice, and peace prevail, the Kingdom of God lives. May we bring our silent prayers for new commitment to the everlasting Kingdom of God!

Song to Hang the Greens “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UMH 251

The Peace of Christ Liturgist

One: Be reminded of the faithfulness and everlasting life that Christ calls us
all toward!

All: **Emmanuel, God is with us!**

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSVue Liturgist

Song of Hope “Living Hope” Praise band

Advent Message Rev. Dr. Kristin D. Hansen and Janelle Churicuzio

Communion

In the United Methodist Church, all who desire to know and love God are invited to eat and drink at the table. Children are also welcome at this meal.

You will be given a piece of bread that you may dip into the cup. The cup is non-alcoholic.

Giving the Bread and Cup

One: Long ago our tradition says, Jesus came in the humble birth of a child, a child of amazing and divine love, a child of Mary's 'yes' to you, a child of Joseph's acceptance, a child of our humanity.

All: **God is with us. We are not alone.**

One: Christ is present here.

All: **The Spirit moves within us.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **We give our thanks and praise!**

***The Lord's Prayer in Song** (Tune: “Away in a Manger” UMH 217)

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your Name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will be the same
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen.**

Communion Interlude “What Child Is This” Praise Band

Congregational Prayer Pastor Adriana

Offering

Time of Offering “The First Noel/Above All” Praise Band

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

***Benediction**

Postlude “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” Praise Band

***You are invited to the Activity Center (on the left as you exit)
for light refreshments!***

Liturgists: Linda Martell & Joyce Steiner



Today, Dec 1st , 2024

- 8 am **Worship** (Sanctuary), **Nursery**, **Children's Sunday School** (Preschool room 144)
- 9 am **Welcome Time**: Snacks, conversation and connection (Activity Center & Patio)
- 9:30 am **Worship** (Sanctuary and gilbertumc.org), **Nursery**, **Children Sunday School** (Rooms 144-147, 203-205), **Jr High** (Room 200), **Sr High** (Room 201)
- 9:45 am **Advent Study Adult Sunday School Class** (Room 130)
- 11 am **Advent Study**;: **Starry Night**
- 11 am **Youth Baking: Baklava** (Kitchen)

This Week...

For Alcoholics Anonymous, Scouting, Bible Studies and more, go online to GilbertUMC.org.

Tuesday, December 3,

- 9:15 am **Women's Bible Study** (Room 130)

Wednesday, December 4

- 12:00 **Noon Chat & Chew Lunchtime Group** (Room 136)
- 5:30 pm **Praise Team Practice** (Sanctuary), **Handbell Practice** (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Choir Practice** (Sanctuary)
- 6:30pm **Advent Studies Kickoff**, studies for children and adults!

Thursday, December 5 9:30-11: am **Christian Women's Fellowship** (Room 136)

Friday, December 7 2024

- 8:30 am **Caregiver Devotional-ONLINE** contact PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org

Sunday Dec 8 Carol Fest 5-8PM on the Patio and Parking lot, Caroling, S'mores, and fun!

For the Calendar...

Sunday Dec 15 **All Church Christmas Cantata** 8 and 9:30AM

Dec 17 **Ad Council Christmas Party** details to come

Dec 21 **Blue Christmas Service** 6:30PM For those feeling deep feelings during this season.

Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Services** 4PM, 6PM, and 10PM

Starry Nights Advent Study begins this week! Pick up an all ages devotional book in the narthex and follow it yourself, go online to our Facebook at [FUMCofGilbert](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCofGilbert), or join a class Wednesday or Sunday to find ways to embrace light and wonder this season. Follow the stars to a renewed sense of hope, peace, joy, and love.