



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT

Sunday, December 8, 2024
9:30 am Service

Second Sunday of Advent:
Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.

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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.



Sunday, December 8, 2024, 9:30 am
Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Prelude "Finally Home" Praise Band

Ring of the Bell

Bringing in the Light of Christ

"Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" by Vivian Kretz Marilyn Harter

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

***Advent Introit** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

***Call to Advent Candle Lighting** The Baker Family
(Isaiah 9:6 and John 14:27 NRSVue)

One: Last week we lit the candle of Hope. Today we light the second candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. As we get ready for Christmas, we remember that Jesus brings peace into our hearts and our world.

All: **The prophet Isaiah reminds us: "For a child has been born for us...and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**

One: And Jesus himself said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

All: **Let's pray together: Loving God, as we light this candle, we pray for peace in our hearts and in our world. Help us to be peacemakers in our homes, our communities, and beyond. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

One: You may be seated.

Anthem "O Come to Set Us Free" arr. Mary MacDonald

Chancel Choir



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!**

Preparing Our Hearts: The question of the day Pastor Kristin
As we prepare our hearts to hear the scripture, let us begin with a question...

Scripture Luke 3:1-6 NRSVue Liturgist

One: The word of God for our time.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Advent Song of Peace “King of Kings” Praise Band

Advent Message Rev. Dr. Kristin D. Hansen

Chorus “King of Kings” Praise Band

Congregational Prayer Pastor Adriana

***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.**

Time of Offering “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Praise Band

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

***Benediction** Pastor Kristin

Postlude “O Come Let Us Adore Him” Praise Band

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

Starry Nights Advent Study continues this week! Pick up an all ages devotional book in the narthex and follow it yourself, go online to our Instagram or Facebook at [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.

Liturgists: Evelyn Plummer and Michelle Butler



Today, Dec 8th, 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** (Room 136)
- 12:30 pm **Mission Team** (Room 136)
- 5 pm **Christmas Carol Fest** (Activity Center)

This Week...

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

Monday, December 9,

- 6:30 pm **Finance Committee** (Room 136)

Tuesday, December 10,

- 5:30 pm **Cantata Dress Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 11

- 12:00 **Noon Chat & Chew Lunchtime Group** (Room 136)
- 5:30 pm **Praise Team Practice** (Sanctuary), **Handbell Practice** (Choir Room)
- NO Chancel Choir Practice** (Sanctuary)
- 6:30pm **Advent Studies: Starry Night**, studies for children and adults!

Thursday, December 12

- 6:30 pm **Trustee Meetings** (Virtual)

For the Calendar...

- Sunday Dec 15 **All Church Christmas Cantata** 8 and 9:30AM
- Sunday Dec 15 **Children's Choir** 9:30 AM
- Dec 17 **Ad Council Christmas Party** details to come
- Dec 21 **Blue Christmas Service** 6:30PM For those feeling deeply during this season.
- Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Services** 4PM, 6PM, and 10PM



TONIGHT, Dec 8th from 5-8PM! Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with warm chillis and soups, cute crafts and even s'mores by the fire. Then join in caroling!