



Today, Dec 15th, 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 Choir Sunday School Class** (Room 130)
- 11 am **Advent Study: Starry Night** (Room 136)
- 11 am **Youth Meeting** (Activity Center and Kitchen)

This Week...

For Bible Studies, scouting programs, support groups and more, go online to GilbertUMC.org.

Tuesday, December 17

6:30 pm **Ad Council Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 18

12 Noon **Chat & Chew Lunchtime Group** (Room 136)

5:30 pm **Praise Team Practice** (Sanctuary), **Handbell Practice** (Choir Room)

6:30pm **Advent Studies** for children and adults! **Chancel Choir Practice** (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 19

11:30 AM **Book Club** (Room 130)

Saturday, December 21

6:30 PM **Blue Christmas Service** (Sanctuary) For those feeling deeply during this season.

For the Calendar...

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

Dec 24 and 25 **Office Closed**

Dec 29 **Youth Sunday Leadership: Worship** at 8AM and 9:30AM

Jan 1 **Office Closed**

Jan 3 **Office Closed**

Blue Christmas, Saturday, December 21, 2024, 6:30PM

•Not everyone enjoys the holiday season. Many of us grieve the loss of loved ones, find ourselves alone, or just don't feel as joyful as others seem to be. This service is a peaceful space to grieve, reflect, or feel whatever you need on this winter solstice night.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT



Sunday, December 15, 2024, 8:00 & 9:30 am Services

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

331 S. Cooper Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85233 480.892.9166

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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, 8:00 & 9:30 am
Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Prelude "He Shall Reign Forevermore" Praise Team

Bell Tower and Chimes with Procession of Light
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson Handbell Choir

Advent Greeting Rev. Dr. Kristin D. Hansen

Lighting the Advent Candle 8 AM Dailey Family / 9:30AM Pam Turner



One: Over the last weeks we lit the candles of Hope and Peace. Today we light the third candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. As we prepare for Christmas, we remember that Jesus brings joy into our hearts and our world.
All: The psalmist reminds us: "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens."
One: And the prophet Isaiah declares: "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."
All: Let's pray together: Loving God, as we light this candle, we pray for joy in our hearts and in our world. Help us to be bearers of your joy in our homes, our communities, and beyond. May your joy, which surpasses all understanding, fill our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Advent Hymn of Joy "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240



"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - Chancel Choir & Handbells

"What Child Is This" - Praise Team

"O Come to Set Us Free" - Chancel Choir & Drums

"Away in A Manger" - 8 AM Congregation/ 9:30 AM Children's Ensemble

"For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart" - Praise Team & Congregation

Offering Prayer Pastor Adriana Hernandez



Our offering is our response to what God has given us. We give our financial tithes and offerings and our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please place your Connect Cards into the offering basket along with your tithes, gifts and offerings. You may use this code to give online through Venmo.

"O Holy Night" - The Mutach Family and Praise Team

"He Shall Reign Forevermore" - Choir, Praise Team & Congregation

9:30AM **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** - Praise Team, Choir & Congregation

Benediction: A Word of Hope Pastor Kristin

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246

Postlude "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arr. by Victor Labenske Marilyn Harter

Narrators: 8 AM Adam Butler, Abby Paap, Victoria Paap, Matt Roberts

9:30 AM Adeline Fonza, Nate Koenig, Blakely Sandven, Val Kellogg

Music Director: Randy Van Der Pol

Accompanist/Handbell Director: Marilyn Harter

Special thanks to: Trevor High and the AV Team, Janelle Chiricuzio, Pastor Adriana Hernandez, Megan Rule, Casey DeWitt, Worship Team, and the First UMC Gilbert Preschool for creating the set for this morning. Narration written by Pastor Kristin Hansen;

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