

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



**Today, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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)  
5-8 pm **Youth Christmas Party** (Activity Center and Kitchen)

### **This Week...**

*For Bible studies, scouting programs, support groups and more, go online to [GilbertUMC.org](http://GilbertUMC.org).*

#### **Tuesday, December 24**

Office Closed

Christmas Eve Services

4PM – Kids, Cocoa & Glowsticks

6PM – Choirs and Band, Communion & Candles

10PM – Communion, Candles, and Carols

#### **Wednesday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!

Office Closed

### **For the Calendar...**

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

Dec 31 **New Year's Eve**: Office Closing at 1 PM

Jan 1 **New Year's Day**: Office Closed

Jan 3 **Office Closed**: Programming Staff Planning Retreat

Jan 6 **Epiphany**



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF GILBERT



**Sunday, December 22, 2024, 8:00 & 9:30 am Services**

### **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 22, 2024, 8:00 & 9:30 am**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

**Prelude** "There's a Song" & 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" Handbells  
arr. by Frances L. Callahan

**Bell Tower Tolls with Procession of Light**  
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Midori Hall

**Advent Greeting** Rev. Dr. Kristin D. Hansen

**Advent Hymn of Joy** "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH 234 vs. 1 & 3

**Lighting the Advent Candle** 8 AM Hancock Family/9:30 AM Liturgist  
One: Over the last weeks, we lit the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy. Today, we light the fourth candle of Advent, the Candle of Love.

**All: Love is the heart of the Christmas story—the love of God who chose to dwell among us. Love is what sustains us and sends us out to care for the world in need.**

One: In Mary's song, she magnifies the Lord, saying, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed."

**All: With her, we proclaim: "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation."**

One: Let us pray together: Loving God, as we light this candle, we pray for your love to fill our hearts, our homes, and our world. Teach us to love as you love, with compassion, mercy, and kindness. May we share your love with all we meet and live as your people, made whole by your grace. Amen!

**Song of Light** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Nate Koenig



**The Peace of Christ** Liturgist  
One: Please join me in sharing the Peace of Christ....Be reminded of the faithfulness and everlasting life that Christ calls us all toward!  
**All: Emmanuel, God is with us!**

**Anthem** "What a Glorious Night" arr. David Angerman Chancel Choir

**Preparing Our Hearts:** The question of the day Pastor Adriana


**Scripture** Luke 1:39-55 NRSVue Liturgist  
One: The word of God for our time.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Advent Message** Pastor Adriana Hernandez

**Song of Prayer** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

**Congregational Prayer** Pastor Kristin

**\*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.**

**Offering Prayer** Pastor Kristin  
 *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.*

**Offertory** "A Shepherd's Nativity Monologue" by M. Turner Mark Turner

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

**Benediction: A Word of Hope** Pastor Adriana

**Closing Hymn** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" UMH 224 vs 1

**Postlude** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" By Elliot and Matthews Marilyn Harter