



# WAITING ON THE THRESHOLD

COMPANY'S COMING WORSHIP SERIES



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

December 20, 2020

**FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT—PEACE**

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# Welcome!

Facebook live streaming will begin at 9:25 am • Service begins at 9:30 am

## Pre-service Music: “O Little Town of Bethlehem/Joseph's Lullaby”

*MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner / MUSIC: Bart Millard, Brown Bannister © 2005 Simpleville Music et al.*

## Ring of the Bell

## Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Diamond with The Butler Family

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

## Prelude

“In the Bleak Midwinter” Marty Province, Mark Turner

*UM Hymnal #221 WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti MUSIC: Gustav Holst*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle and Spoken Response

The Butler Family

#211 Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 4

## Call to Worship

The Bose Family

Leader: God looks kindly on us when we are at our lowest.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: God has done great things for us in times past.  
God will do great things for us in days to come.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Christ's peace is upon us, offering comfort in times of despair.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Christ's love has made us whole.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Spirit's power disarms our pride and prejudice.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Spirit's power strengthens our mercy and compassion.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Even as we are filled this day, may we go forth to nourish  
a world in need.

**All: Rejoice in God our Savior, our Prince of Peace.**

## Opening Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#238

*UM Hymnal #238 WORDS: trad. French MUSIC: harm. Austin C. Lovelace; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes*

## Opening Prayer

Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here. As we follow in Mary's footsteps, open our hearts, that we might be filled with your goodness and your love. Live in us, that we might bear the Christ light for all to see. Overshadow us with your presence, that we might truly be blessed and offer your blessing of love to the world. Amen.

## Anthem

"Who Is He In Yonder Stall"

*UM Hymnal #190 WORDS and MUSIC: Benjamin R. Hanby*

**Scripture Readings** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 | Luke 1:47-55

## Message

Pastor Rick Casebolt

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## Song of Response

"Jesus Light of Lights"

*tune of Jesu, Light of Lights by Rob Mathes and Phil Nash; arr. Tom Fetke.*

## Offering

### Offertory

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Mark Turner

*Traditional Appalachian Carol*

**Presentation of the Offering** "Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow" **#95**

*UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674*

## Offering Prayer

Just as our souls magnify the Lord, may our offerings glorify God. Surely, we are blessed. We rejoice in the mercy that you have shown us from generation to generation. We remember the powerful promise you bring: hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak. With joy, we pray in gratitude and praise. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

**#240**

*UM Hymnal #240 WORDS: Charles Wesley, George Whitefield; adapt. Brewster MUSIC: Mendelssohn; arr. Cummings*

## Blessing and Postlude

"O, Come Rejoicing" by Dan Forrest

# Christmas Eve Services

## PATIO AND DRIVE-IN

3:00 pm — Family Pageant

4:30 pm — Lessons and Carols

*see website for important details*

## ONLINE ONLY SERVICE

Premieres 6:00 pm—Website & Facebook

*Thank you for viewing services today!*


If you have any questions or comments please contact us at [connection@gilbertumc.org](mailto:connection@gilbertumc.org)

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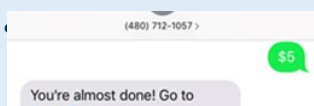
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