



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

December 24, 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE—LESSONS AND CAROLS

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Welcome!

Facebook streaming will begin at 5:55 pm • Service begins at 6:00 pm

Pre-service Music: “Away in a Manger” *Jeff Hendrickson | Midori Hall and Pam Turner*

Ringing of the Bell

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude “O Holy Night”

Welcome and Greeting Pastor Rick | Pastor Diamond | Carpenter Family

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Carpenter Family

Leader: Unexpectedly, the time came! The child was born!

People: The Savior of the world is here!

Leader: Unexpectedly, the angels told the shepherds of
the newborn Savior;

People: The Savior of the world is here!

Leader: Unexpectedly, the shepherds went and found the child,
lying in a manger.

People: The Savior of the world is here!

[Lighting of the Candles]

Leader: We wait for Christ to come again. We wait for Christ to
enter our world and our lives in a new way.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Anthem “Joy to the World” **#246**

UM Hymnal #246 WORDS: Isaac Watts MUSIC: G. F. Handel, arr. Lowell Mason

Opening Prayer

Loving God, moved by the coming of Christ to our lives, we seek to be your people. Help us to live in faithful covenant with you and with one another. Let the peace of Christ guide us, and let Christ’s message in all its richness live in our hearts, that we may praise you without ceasing. Amen.

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS THE CHRIST

First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	
Carol	“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” vs. 1, 2	#216
Second Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9	
Carol	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1, 2, 4	#230
Third Lesson	Luke 1:26-35,38	
Carol	“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph” vs. 1, 3, 4, 6	#215
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	
Carol	“The First Noel” vs. 1	#245
Fifth Lesson	Luke 2:8-16	
Carol	“In the Bleak Midwinter” vs. 1, 2, 4	#221
Sixth Lesson	Matthew 2:1-11	
Carol	“We Three Kings” vs. 1, 5	#254
Seventh Lesson	John 1:1-14	
Carol	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1, 2, 3	#234

Homily | The Lord's Prayer Pastor Rick Casebolt

Offering | Offertory “I Heard the Bells on Christmas” *CCLI# 5466490*

Offering Prayer

With these gifts, O God, bring light to your people and love to the earth.
With our lives, shine light into the deepest shadows and help us to share your
love where it is needed most. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Candle Lighting and Passing of the Light “Silent Night” The Mutach Family
UM Hymnal #239 WORDS: Joseph Mohr MUSIC: Franz Gruber

Benediction and Christmas Blessing | Postlude “Silent Night” (Reprise)

Join us ONLINE this Sunday
for a special service from the
Desert Southwest Conference

Lessons and Carols

Thank you for viewing services today!


If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

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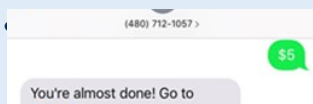
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