



# HomeSick

First Sunday of Advent

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## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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## Welcome!

Services at 8:30 and 10:00 am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information

**Pre-service Music:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” | “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

*UM Hymnal #211 MUSIC: Thomas Helmore | UM Hymnal #216 MUSIC: Michael Praetorius*

### Ringing of the Bell

### Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Rick

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

**Prelude** “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” *UM Hymnal #720 MUSIC: Philipp Nicolai*

### Lighting of the Advent Candles and Response

(8:30) Anita and Ernie Broughton (10:00) Val and Andy Rodriguez

**People: We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen.**

### Call to Worship

(8:30) Sylvia Moore (10:00) Darlene Whitlock

**Leader:** Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

**People: We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers,  
for the end of suffering.**

**Leader:** Yes, we are homesick—

**People: for joy that is contagious, for nations that feel like neighbors,  
and for hospitals that run empty .**

**Leader:** We are homesick for the world God promises.

**People: We are homesick, but we are on our way.**

**Leader:** God is here. God is still creating.

**All: Let us worship Holy God.**

### Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” vs. 1-2

**#196**

*UM Hymnal #196 WORDS: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard*

### Opening Prayer

God of the stars and God of our hearts—our days will pass but your words will last. The earth might fade but your words will last. Our memories might blur but your words will last. The grass will wither but your words will last. The sky could go dark and your words would last.

So as we listen today, help us to hold onto what will last.

Help us hold onto you. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

**Anthem**

"Come, Emmanuel"

The Chancel Choir

*Arranged by Micahael Barrett (BMI) © 2013 by Hal Leonard—Milwin Music Corp***Scripture Reading**

Luke 21:25-36

**Message**

Pastor Diamond

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer****Hymn of Response**

"What Child is This" vs. 1, 3

#219

*UM Hymnal #219 WORDS: William C. Dix MUSIC: Traditional***Offering****Offertory**

"Mary Did You Know"

Melissa Van Der Pol

*CCLI Song # 839225 Buddy Greene | Mark Lowry © 1991, 1993 Rufus Music (Capitol CMG Publishing)***Presentation of the Offering** "Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow" #95*UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674***Offering Prayer**

We are homesick. We long for the day that you spoke of when swords will be beaten into plowshares, the lion will lie down with the lamb, and justice will roll like waters. Until that holy day comes, take these gifts and use them to build that world here. We are hopeful. Amen.

**Closing Music** (8:30)

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" vs. 1, 2, 4

#203

*UM Hymnal #203 WORDS: James Montgomery MUSIC: W. H. Monk*

(10:00) "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

*Arranged by Lincoln Brewster***Blessing****Postlude**

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (Reprise)

*UM Hymnal #720 MUSIC: Philipp Nicolai*

JOIN US NEXT WEEK

LUKE 3:1-6



*Thank you for joining our services today!*

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







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