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## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

January 2, 2022  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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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:** “There's A Song in the Air” | “The Love of God”

*UM Hymnal #249 MUSIC: Karl P. Harrington | CCLI # 18448 Frederick M. Lehman | Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai*

## Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome and Greeting**

Pastor Rick

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

**Prelude**

“Because He Lives”

*by Gloria and Bill Gaither*

**\*Call to Worship**

(8:30) Magaly Kon (10:00) Sean Wyatt

Leader: We come to this place—

**People: each of us on our own path.**

Leader: The path is winding,

**People: and the path is not always clear, and the path changes,**

Leader: but we are here.

**People: God is walking us home.**

Leader: What a gift it is to not walk alone.

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Hail To The Lord’s Anointed” vs. 1, 3, 4

**#203**

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

**\*Opening Prayer**

God of light and love, shine upon our lives, as we welcome the mystery of your love. Guide us toward your true gift, for our hearts long to encounter with the holy. Quiet our expectations, that we might be surprised by the unexpected. Open our eyes, that we might find you in unanticipated places. Shine your light upon us, that we might see you clearly, and recognize your face in all people. Amen.

**Anthem**

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

*CCLI Song # 128709 Adger McDavid Pace | R. Fisher Boyce*

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**Scripture Readings**     John 1:1-4, 14 | Matthew 2:1-12

**Message**

Pastor Rick

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

“Little Drummer Boy”  
*by Katherine Kennicott Davis*

Tim Ryan, percussion

**\*Presentation of the Offering** “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” **#95**  
*UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674*

**\*Offering Prayer**

God of new beginnings, we offer these gifts to you today because we love you. The world will tell us to keep our money to ourselves, to hold it tight, to tuck it away, but just as the Magi made a different choice, we make a different choice. Instead, we give what we have, trusting that when we live like we belong to one another, we will see a better world. So take these gifts and use them for your good. With hope we pray, amen.

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Music during Communion** “Grace Greater Than All Our Sin” *UMH #365 by Johnston*

**\*Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**\*Closing Music (8:30)** “I Want to Walk as a Child Of The Light” vs. 1, 3     **#206**  
*UM Hymnal #206 WORDS and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

“Because He Lives” (Reprise)

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22



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