



# A HOME FOR all

Third 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:** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #UMH 240 by Wesley; Mendelssohn  
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” UMH #236 by Tate; Handel

## Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Diamond

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

**Prelude** “Angels We Have Heard On High/Fairest Lord Jesus” The Turners  
*UM Hymnal #238 Edward S. Barnes; Austin C. Lovelace | UM Hymnal #198 Richard Storrs Willis*

## Lighting of the Advent Candles and Response

(8:30) The Paap Family (10:00) Jeff Hendrickson and Christopher Soward

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

**Sung Response:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 3 #211 Stookey; Coffin; Helmore

## \*Call to Worship

(8:30) Nina Chiricuzio (10:00) Laurel Redman

Leader: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

**People: It sings of a home for all. It speaks of justice and peace.**

Leader: We could choose to ignore it.

**People: We could drown out that song. We could choose not to listen.**

Leader: Instead, we come into this space.

**People: We let the world grow quiet. We listen.**

Leader: A voice calls out in the wilderness. Do you hear it?

**People: We hear it. In listening, we worship.**

Leader: Let us draw near to God.

## \*Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World” vs. 1, 2, 4

#246

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

## \*Opening Prayer

God of our salvation, you bring victory to the righteous and comfort to the outcast. As we come before you this day, lighten our hearts with laughter and loosen our tongues to sing your praise. For you alone are the source of our hope; you alone are the fountain of our joy. Be with us now and always. Amen.

## **Anthem**

“A Song of Christmas” The Chancel Choir  
*CCLI Song # 1627883 Betty Wilson | Joanne Brown LeDoux | Milton LeDoux*  
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## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 3:7-18

## **Message**

Pastor Rick

## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Response**      “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” vs. 1      **#229**  
*UM Hymnal #229 WORDS and MUSIC: Edith M. G. Reed; harm. Austin C. Lovelace*

## **Offering**

**Offertory**      (8:30)      “Light Of The Stable”      The Turners  
*CCLI Song # 1914616 Elizabeth Rhymer | Steve Rhymer*  
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(10:00) “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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

## **\*Offering Prayer**

God who welcomes us home, who creates space, who leaves a chair with our name on it—we have two coats and we are giving one away. That’s what this offering is. It’s our second coat. It’s our hearts on our sleeves. It’s our audacious hope that there can indeed be a better world than this one. So take these gifts and use them to move us closer to that promised day. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

**\*Closing Music** (8:30)      “O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1-3      **#234**  
*UM Hymnal #234 WORDS and MUSIC: John F. Wade*

(10:00)      “Joy to the World”  
*CCLI Song # 7095548 Autumn Hardman | Ben Tan | George Frideric Handel | Harrison Wood  
Isaac Watts | Melodie Wagner | Michael Guy Chislett © 2017 Hillsong Australia (Capitol CMG)*

## **Blessing**

**Postlude**      (8:30) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”      (10:00) “Joy to the World”

JOIN US NEXT WEEK

LUKE 1:39-45



*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)

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Diamond Pate

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Jeff Hendrickson



## Christmas Cantata

Join us Sunday December 19 for a special service featuring the Chancel choir and guest musicians!

### Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 21 • 6:30 pm



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## Christmas Eve Services

4:30 pm—Family Service

*Pick-up Pageant; Carols; Live Nativity; Petting Zoo*

7:00 pm—Candlelight Service\*†

*Lessons and Carols*

10:00 pm—Candlelight Service\*

*Holy Communion and Handbell Choir*

*Masks strongly recommended while indoors*

*\*Livestream available at [gilbertumc.org/worship](http://gilbertumc.org/worship)*

*†Childcare available in the Nursery 7-8pm*

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