



Laying the Foundation

Second Sunday of Advent

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Welcome!

Services at 8:30 and 10:00 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information

Pre-service Music: “Once in Royal David's City” | “Who Is He in Yonder Stall”

UM Hymnal #250 MUSIC: Henry J. Gauntlett | UM Hymnal #190 MUSIC: Benjamin R. Hanby

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Diamond

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Midori Hall, autoharp

UM Hymnal #196 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Response

(8:30) The High Family (10:00) The Crann Family

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

Sung Response: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 2 #211 *Stookey; Coffin; Helmore*

Call to Worship

(8:30) Israel Mutach (10:00) Larson Hemingson

Leader: If life was a home, then we would pray—

People: May love be the foundation. May God be the cornerstone.

May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.

And may hope be the walls—holding us together.

Leader: In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

People: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

Leader: Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

Opening Hymn

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” vs. 1, 3, 4

#218

UM Hymnal #218 WORDS: Edmund H. Sears MUSIC: Richard Storrs Willis

Opening Prayer

God, who speaks a good news language—we admit, listening has never been our greatest gift. We are easily distracted, our minds run a million miles a minute, we doubt your faith in us, and take the easy way out when it comes to hope. So today we bow our heads and ask for help. Settle our hearts. Quiet our minds. Steady our breathing. Help us to rest in you. Help us to listen for your good news. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Anthem

“In Bethlehem”
from “Sing a Song of Christmas” by Joseph Martin

The Chancel Choir

Scripture Readings

Luke 1:68-79 | Luke 3:1-6

Message and Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Rick

Offering

Offertory

“Joseph's Lullaby”

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Presentation of the Offering

“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” #95

UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674

Offering Prayer

Holy God, You are our home. You and your goodness are the place we return to, the place we long to lay our head. So today as we offer you these gifts, we pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Music during Communion

“Gesu Bambino” *by P.A. Yon*

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

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” vs. 1, 2, 4
UM Hymnal #220 WORDS: James Montgomery MUSIC: Henry T. Smart

#220

Blessing

Postlude

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Reprise)

JOIN US NEXT WEEK

LUKE 3:7-18



Thank you for joining our services today!

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

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Jeff Hendrickson

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
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†Childcare available in the Nursery 7-8pm

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