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## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

November 27, 2022  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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# Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information

*\*please stand as you are able*

## Pre-service Music

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

*Messiah (traditional Swedish melody); arr. by David Paxton © 2010 Lorenz*

## Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

## Prelude

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*Traditional; arr. by Ivan Lohvin © Michael Kravchuk*

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

(8:00) Maia Chiricuzio | The Tesarek Family

(9:30) Larson Hemingson | Jan Casebolt

**Sung Response:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1 #211 *Stookey; Coffin; Helmore*  
*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,*  
*That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## \*Call to Worship

(8:00) Evelyn Plummer (9:30) Charlotte Hazelrigg

Leader: Come, let's go together to God's mountain—

**People: a mountain of God's glory and peace.**

Leader: Let's prepare for Christ's arrival—

**People: the birth of the prince of peace.**

Leader: Come, let's worship the Spirit of love.

**All: Clothed in Christ's love, we are ready to worship and pray.**

## \*Opening Hymn

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” vs. 1, 3, 4

**#714**

*UM Hymnal #714 WORDS: Daniel W. Whittle MUSIC: James McGranahan*

## \*Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank You for inspiring and leading Your people to establish Your house here in this place. We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness. We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve You and others. May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves. Through Your only begotten Son, we pray. Amen.

## Anthem

“Waiting”

The Chancel Choir

*Words and Music by Joel Raney; Hope Publishing*

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 | Matthew 24:36-44

## Message

Pastor Rick Casebolt

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

## Song of Response (8:30) “There is Something About that Name” vs. 1, 3, 4 #171

*UM Hymnal #171 WORDS and MUSIC: Gloria and William Gaither*

(9:30) “Waiting Here For You”

*CCLI Song # 5925663 Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Martin Smith © 2011 sixsteps Music (Capitol CMG) et al.*

## Offering

### Offertory

“Prepare the Way”

*CCLI Song # 3441008 Charlie Hall | Louie Giglio © sixsteps Music (Capitol CMG) et al.*

### \*Doxology

“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow”

#95

*UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken*

### \*Offering Prayer

God of peace and justice, in the past year we have once again witnessed the fruits of war: lives cut short, children made orphans, homes devastated, and hearts broken. We pray to see the day that Isaiah saw in his heart, when swords are pounded into plowshares. These gifts we give this morning, may they be used to make human hearts ready for peace and for the reign of your son. In his holy name, we pray. Amen. →

**\*Closing Music (8:00)** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” vs. 1, 3, 4 #673  
*UM Hymnal #673 WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

(9:30) “Even So, Come”

*CCLI Song # 7036288 Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Jess Cates © 2015 S. D. G. Publishing (Capitol CMG) et al.*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude (8:00)** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

*by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson © 1967 by Jan-Lee Music*

*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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**Join us next week for worship!**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**



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