

EPIPHANY



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

January 1, 2023
OBSERVING EPIPHANY

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Welcome!

Service at 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information

**please stand as you are able*

Pre-service Music “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

by Timothy R. Matthews; arr. by Tom Fettke © MMVI by Alfred Music

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude “This Little Light of Mine”

***Call to Worship**

Val Kellogg

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

People: We are called out of our darkness into light.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: We rejoice in the gift of light.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe,
the light incarnate.**

***Opening Hymn**

“What Child Is This” vs. 1-3
UM Hymnal #219 WORDS: William C. Dix

#219

***Opening Prayer**

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Special Music**“Here I Am To Worship”****The Praise Band***CCLI Song # 3266032 Tim Hughes © 2000 Thankyou Music (Capitol CMG)***Scripture Reading** Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 | Matthew 25:31-46**Message****“God In-Between”****Rev. Tina Marie Rees****Pastoral Prayer****Offering****Offertory****“How Great Is Our God”***CCLI Song # 4348399 Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves © 2004 sixsteps Music (Capitol CMG)****Doxology****“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow”****#95***UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken****Offering Prayer**

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those who are overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time—the gifts of our very selves. May they shine for all to see and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion**Pastor Rick Casebolt****The Lord’s Prayer****Music during Communion** “This Is My Body” *by Jack Hayford © 1980 Lillenas****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*“There’s A Song In The Air” vs. 1, 2, 4****#249***UM Hymnal #249 WORDS: Josiah G. Holland MUSIC: Karl P. Harrington****Blessing****Postlude****“I Am Thine, O Lord”***by Fanny J. Crosby and William H. Doane*

Join us next week for a new worship series!

Isaiah 42:1-9

Glimpses of the Kin-dom

WORSHIP SERIES



Thank you for joining our services today!

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

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Marilyn Harter

- Adriana's Sunday School • 11 am • Room 136
- Rob's Sunday Mindfulness Class • 11 am • Room 128
- Rick's Wednesday Study • 6:30 pm • Room 130
- Philip's Wednesday Study • 6:30 pm • Room 136
- See Website and eNews for start dates

Class on Sundays starting January 15 thru February 19
Meet in Room 128 (New Library) • Contact office for info

Mindfulness

First Gilbert Adult Ministry - Rob Lane



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January 8 in Activity Center between services

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