

Merry Christmas!



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

December 24, 2022 | 4:00pm
CHRISTMAS EVE—FAMILY SERVICE

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Family Candlelight Celebration!

Pre-service Music: "Carol of the Bells"

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting Pastor Rick and Pastor Adriana

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude "O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Murphy Family

Sung Response: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 6 #211 *Stokey; Coffin; Helmore*

***Call to Worship** Lily High

Leader: Sing, choirs of angels.

People: **Sing in exaltation.**

Leader: Let the shepherds in the fields rejoice.

People: **Let the stars in the sky worship the newborn king.**

Leader: For heaven has come down to earth.

People: **Salvation has come to our homes this day.**

Leader: Sing, choirs of angels.

All: **Sing in exaltation.**

***Opening Carol** "Angels We Have Heard On High"

***Opening Prayer** Leo Ouellette

God of love, choirs of angels sang to your glory on the night of Jesus's birth.

Open our mouths to sing your praise, that we might join the heavenly chorus. As the shepherds left their sheep in the fields may we leave our cares behind, that we too may find the hope of our salvation in the Christ child. On this most holy of nights, may our worship befit the Prince of Peace, who came to show us the depths of your love. Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7 Lily High

"What's So Special?"—The Story of Christmas

Introduction

Janelle Chiricuzio

Opening Song

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1

#230

Part I: The Manger Scene

Mary Angel Gabriel Joseph
Innkeeper All Animals except Sheep

"Away in the Manger" vs. 1-3 #217

Part III: The Kings

Stars Wise Men

"We Three Kings" vs. 1 #254

Part II: The Shepherds

Shepherds Sheep
Angels

"The First Noel" vs. 1 #245

Part IV: We Are the Faithful Storytellers

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1 #234

Closing Prayer

Song

"Joy To The World" vs. 1, 2, 4

#246

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"O Holy Night"

*Doxology

"Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow"

#95

*Offering Prayer

Leo Ouellette

Leader: God of Surprise and wonder,

People: You came in a way no one expected

Leader: When we looked for you in power and might,

People: You came in weakness and vulnerability.

Leader: As we worship you anew this night,

People: Open our hearts to those you came to save, especially the least and the lost.

Leader: May the gifts we offer into your service continue the work you began in the manger so many years ago. **Amen.**

*Sharing the Light of Christmas

You are invited to break your glow sticks to activate them and raise as directed.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" vs. 1-3

#239

Blessing and Dismissal

Music for Departing

"Joy to the World"

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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