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First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

December 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information

**please stand as you are able*

Pre-service Music “Theme from ‘Finlandia’/When Peace Like a River”

by Jean Sibelius; arr. by Richard Lloyd/by Phillip B. Bliss: arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

“Into My Heart”

by Harry D. Clarke

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(8:00) Magaly Kon | Nate Pearce (9:30) The High Family

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

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Call to Worship**

(8:00) Sean Wyatt (9:30) Philip Tesarek

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord.

People: God’s kingdom has drawn near.

Leader: Prepare the way of peace.

People: God’s salvation is at hand.

Leader: Prepare the way of righteousness.

People: God’s Spirit moves among us.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Opening Hymn** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” vs. 1, 3, 4

#203

UM Hymnal #203 WORDS: James Montgomery MUSIC: W. H. Monk

***Opening Prayer**

Mighty One, the spirit of the Lord rests upon your chosen one: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. As we behold your glory in the heavens, breathe your passion for justice into our hearts, that we may defend the poor, deliver the oppressed, and help the weary. In this season of Advent, may your righteousness flourish and may your peace abound, that none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. Amen.

Anthem

“A Song in the Air”

The Chancel Choir

UM Hymnal #249 MUSIC: Karl P. Harrington

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 | Matthew 3:1-12

Message

Pastor Rick Casebolt

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Prepare the Way”

CCLI Song # 7180303 Chandler Moore | Siri Worku © For Humans Publishing; Maverick City (Essential Music)

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow”

#95

UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken

***Offering Prayer**

Our God, architect of this world and all others: we know you had a vision for all your creation to dwell together. With the creatures of the air, earth, and sea, you long for us to live in respect and with one another. We give this morning, understanding that we have denied you that desire. We ask you to help us use who we are and what we have to heal this abused and broken world. In Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

Music during Communion

“Breathe”

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*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 (8:00) “Open My Eyes, That I May See” vs. 1-3 #454
UM Hymnal #454 WORDS and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott

(9:30) “Angels We Have Heard On High (Gloria)”

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*Blessing

Postlude (8:00) “The King of Glory Comes”
Israeli Folksong; text by Willard F. Jabusch © W.F. Jabusch

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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