



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

December 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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331 S. Cooper Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85233 | 480-892-9166

Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information
**please stand as you are able*

Pre-service Music *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(8:00) Meghan Rule | Randy Van Der Pol (9:30) Sandven Family

***Call to Worship**

Liturgis

Leader: We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child
 anew.

People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to
 save God's people.

People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy
 turning the world upside down.

People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's
 promise.

**All: Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming
 Messiah.**

***Opening Hymn** *"I Know Whom I Have Believed"* Vs. 1,3,4 **#714**

***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

God of justice and peace, from the heavens, you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem*"A Canticle for Advent"*

Choir

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9 | Mark 13:24-37

Message

Pastor Rick

Pastoral Prayer**Offering****Offertory** (8:00)*"Jesus Messiah"*

Praise Band

(9:30)

"All My Hope"

Praise Band

***Doxology** *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#95

***Offering Prayer**

Liturgist

You have enriched us in every way, O God, through our faith in Christ Jesus. You have granted us grace and blessed us with every spiritual gift. In gratitude for your many blessings, we offer our tithes and offerings this day. Enrich and bless these gifts, that they may go into the world and help build your kingdom. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion**The Lord's Prayer****Music during Communion***"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"****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) *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* Vs. 1,2 #196

(9:30)

"I Speak Jesus"

Praise Band

Blessing*Postlude***"Whispering Hope"*

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
TODAY'S LITURGISTS: SHARON KOTSONAS & ERIC BUTLER

Join us for *Chili and Caroling*

Sunday, December 10
6pm to 8pm

Chili Potluck

Please bring a dish to share,
based on the first letter of your
last name.

- A-G: Chili or Soup
- H-R: Cornbread or Mac-n-Cheese
- S-Z: Desserts



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Christmas Cantata

Join us Sunday December 17 for a special service
featuring the Chancel choir and guest musicians!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am



Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 21 • 6:30pm

Not everyone enjoys the holiday season.

Many of us grieve the loss of loved ones, find ourselves
alone, or just don't feel as joyful as others seem to be.

If you identify with these feelings of loss and sadness during
the holidays, please join us for our Blue Christmas Service.



Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm - Family Service
Pick-up Pageant; Carols; Live Nativity

6:00 pm - Candlelight Service*†
Lessons and Carols

10:00 pm - Candlelight Service*
Holy Communion and Handbell Choir

*Livestream available at 6:00PM SERV
gilbertumc.org/worship
Childcare available in the Nursery 6-7pm

Everyone
is Welcome!



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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Dec 24 9:00 Only



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Dec 31 9:00 Only



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