

OUR WONDROUS LIGHT

OUR SPIRIT WAITS WORSHIP SERIES



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

December 24, 2023 | 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

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The First Lesson	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19	Adriana
Carol 1	“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” vs. 1, 2	#196
Meditation I		Rick
The Second Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Tina
Carol 2	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1, 3	#230
Meditation II		Rick
The Third Lesson	Luke 1:26-35, 38	Adriana
Carol 3	<i>“Mary, Did you Know?”</i>	
Meditation III		Rick
The Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:8-16	Philip
Carol 4	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” vs. 1, 3	#240
The Fifth Lesson	John 1:1-14	Adriana
Carol 5	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1, 3, 6	#234
Meditation IV		Rick
Pastoral Prayer		Rick

Time of Offering

“A Christmas Carol” Marty

***Doxology** “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” #95

*Offering Prayer

Holy God, we are grateful for the incredible gift born in a stable in Bethlehem. The love and joy birthed by Jesus has touched and transformed our lives. We bring our gifts to you this night. We bring our gifts of money to continue your mission of peace. We bring our hearts, as we adore you and long to follow Jesus. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion Pastor Rick

The Lord’s Prayer

Music during Communion "O, Holy Night"

***Prayer after Communion**

Adriana

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.

***Sharing the Light of Christ Rick** "Silent Night, Holy Night" vs. 1-3 #239

*As the flame is passed, please keep all lit candles upright.
To light your candle, tilt it to receive the Light from your neighbor.
Do not blow out your candle; please use the cup to extinguish it.
Please place unlit, used candles and holders in containers as you exit.*

***Christmas Blessing**

Postlude

"Silent Night" (Reprise)

Marilyn

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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