

Calendar

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SUN 12/31	Worship, Fellowship & NO Education
MON 1/1	Church Office Closed NO Ringing Praise
TUE 1/2	
WED 1/3	NO Joyful Noises 9am Gilbert NO Sanctuary Choir
THU 1/4	55+ Coffee & Conversation 9am Tempe MOPS 9:30am Gilbert
FRI 1/5	
SAT 1/6	Soul 2 Sole Running Group 5am Tempe or Gilbert Altar Guild Bread Baking 8:30am Tempe NO Junior Choir 4pm Gilbert
SUN 1/7	Worship, Fellowship & NO Education Mexico Mission Trip Meeting 6pm Tempe High School Night 7pm Tempe

Worship & Education

Tempe // Saturday

5pm—Worship (Acoustic Blend)

Tempe // Sunday

8:00-9:00am—Traditional Worship

9:30-10:30am—Contemporary Worship

Gilbert // Sunday

9:00-10:00am—Contemporary/Family Worship

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As a missional congregation, we celebrate Christ's presence, invite people into a growing relationship with Jesus and equip them to serve in a broken world.



Welcome to worship! We are glad you're here! All are invited to participate in Communion. During communion grape juice or gluten-free wafers are available. We love children worshipping with us. If you prefer, there is a supervised nursery for ages four and younger. Fellowship opportunities on Sunday: 9 - 10:30am in Tempe and in Gilbert following worship.

Prayer of the Day: Redeeming God, the wonder of this season gives us hope when the world seems to go crazy. Help us to remember that because of the birth of your Son, we can joyfully proclaim that life is good no matter the curve balls thrown at us. Through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This Week's Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18; Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:26-35, 38; Matthew 1:18-2; Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 2:1-11; John 1:1-14

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



December 30/31, 2017

First Sunday of Christmas

Worship Notes

Order of Worship

5pm & 9:30am Tempe and 9am Gilbert

Welcome
Gathering Song
Dialogue
Opening Prayer
Lessons and Carols:
 Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18
 Song: "I Wonder as I Wander"
 Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
 Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (279)
 Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38
 Song: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (272)
 Reading: Matthew 1:18-25
 Song: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (276)
 Reading: Luke 2:8-20
 Song: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (275)
 Reading: Matthew 2:1-11
 Song: "What Child is This" (296)
 Reading: John 1:1-14
 Song: "Love Has Come" (292)
Prayers of the People
Sharing of the Peace
Offering & Offering Response
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
Benediction
Sending Song
Dismissal

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Flowers on the altar in Tempe are given by Sharynn Jennings in celebration of Cayden Jennings' birthday.

Upcoming Events

Church Office Closed on New Year's Day

Monday, January 1, 2018

55+ Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, Jan. 4 at 9am • Tempe Adult Classroom

MOPS

Thursday, Jan. 4 at 9:30am • Gilbert Campus

Mexico Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 6pm • Tempe Youth Room

High School Night

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 7pm • Tempe Youth Room

Gilbert Hospitality Meeting

Monday, Jan. 8 at 5pm • Gilbert Fellowship Hall

Beer & Bible

Friday, Jan. 12 at 7pm • Home of Ron & Cheryl Diegle

Church Council Meeting

Monday, Jan. 15 at 7pm • Tempe Fellowship Hall

A History of the Holy Land Class Begins

Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7pm • Tempe Sanctuary

Faith Friends—New Year, New Session!

Starts Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7pm • Gilbert, Room 103
Starts Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7pm • Tempe Adult Classroom

Jr. High Confirmation

Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7pm • Gilbert Site

Blood Drive

Sunday, Jan. 21 at 7am • Tempe Campus
Keep and eye out for sign-ups.

Noteworthy



High School Ski Trip

Friday, January 12-Sunday, January 14 • Flagstaff

Desert Cross will join All Saints Lutheran Church's high school students for this fun weekend! More information in the e-newsletter or the January newsletter.

Registration forms are available on the Desert Cross website.

Deadline for registration and payment is

Sunday, January 7.

Stories of Joy Launches!

Monday, January 8

Sign-up so you don't miss a post!

Stories of Joy is a new project at Desert Cross. It's a tool for us to use to reach out to others by sharing good news in the world. Stories of people loving and serving each other. Modern Day Gospel Stories. To sign up to follow Stories of Joy, go to <https://storieofjoy.org/>. If you have any questions, contact Denise McClellan at dmcclellan@desertcross.org or 480-730-8600.



Our Flower Chart Needs You!

The flower chart for 2018 is up in the Narthex in Tempe. Please consider sponsoring flowers on your special day or in celebration of someone else. Flower arrangements at \$33. This is a wonderful way to mark special days in our lives. Any questions, contact Dawn Collins at dcollins@desertcross.org or 480-730-8600.