

## Calendar

See the monthly Newsletter for a full calendar and more details about these events!

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- SUN 12/16 Worship, Fellowship & Education  
Chancel Choir | 8am | Gilbert  
Musical Christmas Celebration | 8am & 9:30am | Tempe  
Advent Celebration | 9am | Gilbert  
Angel Tree Return | Gilbert  
Cookie Exchange & Raffle Drawing | 10am | Gilbert  
Christmas Caroling | 4pm | Tempe
- MON 12/17 Church Council Meeting | 7pm | Tempe  
Ringing Praise | 7pm | Tempe
- TUE 12/18
- WED 12/19 NO Joyful Noises | 9am | Gilbert  
Advent Worship | 12pm | Tempe  
Pastor Andrea’s Installation & Advent Worship  
7pm | Tempe  
Christmas Celebration Rehearsal | 7:30pm | Tempe
- THU 12/20 MOPS | 9am | Gilbert  
Soul 2 Sole Walking Group | evening | Tempe or Gilbert
- FRI 12/21
- SAT 12/22 Soul 2 Sole Running Group | early | Tempe or Gilbert  
Junior Choir | 4pm | Gilbert  
Worship | 5pm | Tempe
- SUN 12/23 Worship, Fellowship & NO Education  
Chancel Choir | 8am | Gilbert

**Sign up this weekend for your Pictorial Directory photography session.**  
More information in the e-newsletter.

## 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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Visit [www.desertcross.org](http://www.desertcross.org) or see the newsletter for a complete list of staff and contact information.

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 Sundays in Tempe and in Gilbert following worship.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we ask that you open our eyes to the beauty and goodness around us, and fill our hearts with grateful joy. Remind us that Christ is our light and the source of all joy, and that we are here to serve you and to spread that joy to others. Amen.

**This Week’s Scripture:** Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

**Next Week’s Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]



### Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, Dec. 16 • 4pm-7pm • Tempe Comm. Center**  
We will meet to get everyone maps. After caroling at a few centers, we will return to Desert Cross for some pizza, hot chocolate, and s’mores around the campfire.  
Come join the fun! All are welcome!

**December 15/16, 2018**

Third Sunday of Advent

## Worship Notes

### Order of Worship

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

Welcome & Gathering Song  
Advent Candle Lighting  
Closing Prayer  
PEACE HAS COME—Tempe 9:30am  
Musical Offering—Tempe 5pm  
Lessons: Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18  
ADVENT CELEBRATION—Gilbert  
Meditation & Sermon Song—Tempe 5pm & 9:30am  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of the People  
Sharing of the Peace  
Offering & Offering Response  
Offertory Prayer  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Musical Offering—Tempe 5pm  
Holy Communion  
Post Communion Blessing & Prayer  
Musical Offering—Tempe 9:30am  
Benediction  
Sending Song  
Dismissal

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**Flowers** on the altar in Tempe are given by Tom & Denise Reine in thanksgiving for their 49th wedding anniversary, and by Bob & Melvadeen Neely in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

#### Last Week:

Attendance: 476

Hunger Jar: \$739.43

## Upcoming Events

### Blood Drive Sign-ups Start this weekend in Tempe

Sunday, January 20 • 7:30am-1pm • Tempe Campus

### Church Council Meeting

Monday, December 17 at 7pm • Tempe Fellowship Hall

### Advent Worship - Wednesday, December 19

Worship Services at 12pm with lite lunch • Tempe Campus

Worship Service at 7pm • Tempe Sanctuary

**Pastor Andrea's Installation will be at the evening worship.**

### MOPS

Thursday, December 20 at 9am • Gilbert Campus

### Holiday Office Hours

December 24 & 25 • Tempe Office Closed

December 26—31 • Tempe Office Closes at 12pm (noon)

January 1 • Tempe Office Closed

### 55+ First Thursday Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, January 3 at 9am • Tempe Adult Classroom

### Clean Out Storage in Gilbert

Saturday, January 5 • 9am-12pm • Gilbert, Suites 101 & 102

### Go See & Do Photography Group

Friday, January 11 at 7pm • Tempe Fellowship Hall

### Beer & Bible

Friday, January 11 at 7pm • Home of Don & Ruth Legacies

### Kids Connect Event

Sunday, January 13 at 1pm • Tempe Education Building

### High School Night

Sunday, January 13 at 7pm • Tempe Youth Room

### MS Self-help Group

Monday, January 14 at 10am • Tempe Fellowship Hall

### C3: Coffee, Conversation & Christ

Tuesday, January 15 at 10am • Gilbert Fellowship Hall

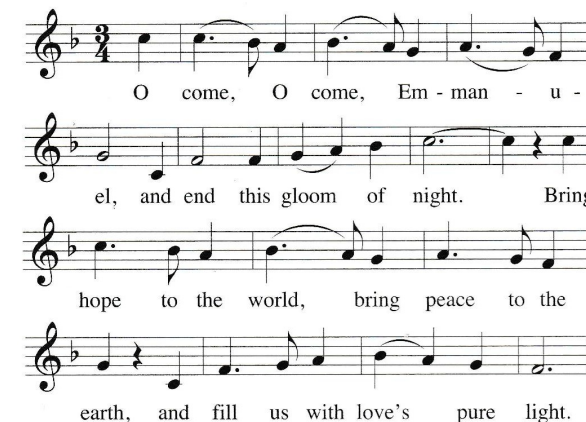
## Noteworthy

### Love's Pure Light

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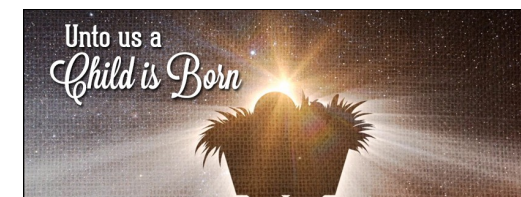
*"Gesù Bambino"*  
Music: Pietro Yon

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### Christmas Eve Services

Gilbert: 3:30pm & 5:30pm

Tempe: 3:30pm, 5:30pm & 8:30pm

## It's Time to Check Your Church Mailbox!

Your 2019 Offering Envelopes are now in your mailboxes located in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by today and pick them up. These envelopes make processing our weekly offerings much smoother. We appreciate you using your envelopes as you contribute each week. Thank you so much.