

Calendar

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

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- SUN 12/23 Worship, Fellowship & NO Education
Chancel Choir | 8am | Gilbert
- MON 12/24 Church Office Closed | Tempe
Christmas Eve Worship | 3:30 & 5:30pm | Gilbert
Christmas Eve Worship | 3:30, 5:30 & 8:30pm | Tempe
- TUE 12/25 Church Office Closed | Tempe
I-HELP Hosting | 5pm | Tempe
- WED 12/26 Church Office Hours | 9am-12pm | Tempe
- THU 12/27 Church Office Hours | 9am-12pm | Tempe
Soul 2 Sole Walking Group | evening | Tempe or Gilbert
- FRI 12/28 Church Office Hours | 9am-12pm | Tempe
- SAT 12/29 Soul 2 Sole Running Group | early | Tempe or Gilbert
Junior Choir | 4pm | Gilbert
Worship | 5pm | Tempe
- SUN 12/30 Worship, Fellowship & NO Education
NO Chancel Choir | 8am | Gilbert

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.

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 Sundays in Tempe and in Gilbert following worship.

Prayer: Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we are reminded that “Love came down at Christmas—love amazing, love divine.” You loved the world enough to send your Son, and now it's up to us to love others as you loved us. Remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of infinite, everlasting, pure love. Amen.

This Week's Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a;
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Next Week's Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



Christmas Eve Services

Gilbert: 3:30pm & 5:30pm

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

December 22/23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Notes

Order of Worship

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

Welcome & Gathering Song
Advent Candle Lighting
Closing Prayer
Children's Message—Tempe 9:30am & Gilbert
Lessons: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45 [55]
Sermon
Sermon Song
Rite of Holy Baptism—Gilbert
Apostles' Creed
Prayers of the People
Sharing of the Peace
Offering & Offering Response
Offertory Prayer
Confession & Forgiveness
Holy Communion
Post Communion Blessing & Prayer
Benediction
Sending Song & Dismissal

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Flowers on the altar in Tempe are given by Mike & Susan Maas in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Flowers on the altar on Christmas Eve are given in memory of Jim Matthews by his loving family.

The white carnations on the altar are in memory of Dick Andrews' father and of Anna Town's grandfather. The white carnation on the altar in Gilbert is in memory of Patrick Jennett's uncle, Will.

Last Week:

Attendance: 629

Hunger Jar: \$712.20

Upcoming Events

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

MOPS

Thursday, January 3 at 9am • Gilbert Campus

Clean Out Storage in Gilbert

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

Deadline to register for the ChristCare Retreat

Monday, January 7

C3: Coffee, Conversation & Christ

Tuesday, January 8 at 10am • Gilbert Fellowship Hall

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

Education Resumes

Sunday, January 13 at 10:15am Gilbert • 10:30am Tempe

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

ChristCare Retreat

Friday, January 18 from 6:30pm-9:15pm • Tempe Campus

Saturday, January 19 from 8am-1pm • Tempe Campus

Noteworthy

Love's Pure Light
Congregational part

"Gesù Bambino"
Music: Pietro Yon

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Baptized on Sunday at the 9am service in Gilbert is Hannah Clare Thompson, daughter of Joby & Allison Thompson and Victoria Simona Cortez, daughter of Joe & Kendra Cortez. Hannah's baptismal sponsors are Hailey and Sean Tropsa. Victoria's baptismal sponsors are Casey and Jessica Merrild.



Our Flower Chart Needs YOU!

The new flower chart is available now. Please consider sponsoring flowers on your special day or in celebration of someone else. Flower arrangements are **\$33**. This is a wonderful way to mark special days in our lives. Any questions, contact Dawn Collis at 480-730-8600.