

## Calendar

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- SUN 1/7    Worship, Fellowship & NO Education  
Mexico Mission Trip Meeting | 6pm | Tempe  
High School Night | 7pm | Tempe
- MON 1/8    Stories of Joy Launches!  
Wise Guys | 9am | Tempe  
Gilbert Hospitality Meeting | 5pm | Gilbert  
Equippers | 5:30pm | Tempe
- TUE 1/9    C3: Coffee, Conversation & Christ | 10am | Gilbert
- WED 1/10    Joyful Noises | 9am | Gilbert  
Sanctuary Choir
- THU 1/11
- FRI 1/12    High School Ski Trip Departs  
Beer & Bible | 7pm | Home of Ron & Cheryl Diegle
- SAT 1/13    Soul 2 Sole Running Group | 5am | Tempe or Gilbert  
SEA Group | 7:30am | Tempe  
Junior Choir | 4pm | Gilbert
- SUN 1/14    Worship, Fellowship & Education  
Chancel Choir | 7:45am | Gilbert  
SEA Group | 10am | Gilbert  
High School Student Return from Ski Trip

## 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.

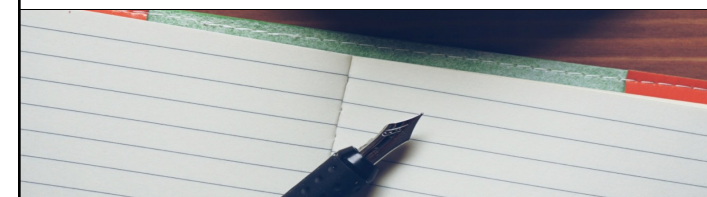


**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you're here! All are invited to participate in Communion. During communion grape juice or gluten-free wafers are available. We love children worshipping with us. If you prefer, there is a supervised nursery for ages four and younger. Fellowship opportunities on Sunday: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

**Prayer of the Day:** Gracious God, it is with joy that we come before you today. Thank you for the many ways in which you show your love for us. When we begin to take your love for granted, help us to remember that through baptism we are your children and you will never stop loving us. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**This Week's Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11

**Next Week's Gospel:** John 1:43-51



**Stories of Joy Launches!**

**Monday, January 8**

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

**January 6/7, 2017**

**Epiphany of Our Lord**

## Worship Notes

### Order of Worship

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

Welcome  
Gathering Song  
Opening Litany  
Prayer of the Day  
Musical Offering—Tempe 9:30am  
Children's Message—Tempe 9:30am & Gilbert  
Scripture Lessons: Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11  
Sermon  
Sermon Song  
Rite of Holy Baptism—Tempe 9:30am  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of the People  
Sharing of the Peace  
Offering & Offering Response  
Offertory Prayer  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Holy Communion  
Benediction  
Sending Song  
Dismissal

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**Flowers** on the altar in Tempe are given by Mark & Lauren Farrell in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The white carnation on the altar is in memory of former member, Jay Olson, and of Kris Brenna's mother.

### Last Week:

Attendance Dec. 23/24: 188    Attendance Dec. 30/31: 345  
Attendance on Christmas Eve: 1,035

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### 55+ Third Thursday Game Day

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 9am • Tempe Adult Classroom

### MOPS

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 9:30am • Gilbert Campus

### Book Group Begins

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 2pm OR 7pm • Tempe Adult Classroom

### Blood Drive

Sunday, Jan. 21 at 7am • Tempe Campus  
Sign-ups going on now!

## Noteworthy

**Baptized** on Sunday at the 9:30am service in Tempe is William Christopher Melcher, son of William & Lauren Melcher. William's baptismal sponsors are Brandon Boetto and Allison Kyler.



## 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.**



## BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, Jan. 21 • 7:30am-1pm • Tempe**

Please sign up. More information in the January newsletter or e-newsletter.



## 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](mailto:dcollins@desertcross.org) or 480-730-8600.