

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILLETTE

January 5, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Darkness is not limited to night skies; darkness invades our spirits and our souls.

ALL: In darkness of doubt and despair we have lived, until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.

One: Now the light has truly come to us!

ALL: Darkness has been banished away!

One: Arise! Shine! For the Light of God's love has come!

ALL: And we shall be led to that Light in joy and celebration. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Opening Hymn I Sing the Almighty Power of God UMH 152

Scripture Reading Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Sing the Children forward: Away in a Manger v.3 UMH 217

Children's time

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Message The Light has Come Rev. Cory Young

Hymn Star-Child FWS 2095

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Reflection Video

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn What Child Is This UMH 219

Benediction

Postlude

Building Communities in
Love



Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please mark all that apply

I have been looking for and have seen God at work this week. _____

Today I spoke with someone I usually do not have a conversation with. _____

I feel welcome here _____

I am a visitor _____

I am seeking a Church home _____

I give electronically _____

I would like more information on electronic giving _____

I would like a call/visit from the Pastor _____

Hymnals are available on the back tables. "UMH" denotes the hardbound United Methodist Hymnal.

"FWS" denotes the thinner, soft covered Faith We Sing song books. "W&S" denotes the green, soft cover Worship and Song books.

We love kids at FUMC! Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

A changing table may be found in the bathroom near the east entrance.

We joyously welcome all who have come to worship here!
We Walk with Christ & are Transformed Through Our . . .

Prayers

Carrie Strawn's sisters in law and her husband Tim.

Presence

Worship Services 8am and 9:15 am
 Sunday School for all 10:30am

Service

We strive to live out our Faith in service to our Church, our Community, and our World.

Witness

Show God's love to all we meet
 Invite others to Church!

As of 12/29/24

Giving

Offering On Sunday	\$358.00
Needed Each Week	\$3,414.86
Difference +/-	\$(3,056.86)
Offering YTD	\$183,974.11
Budget This YTD	\$180,499.93
Difference +/-	\$3,474.18

Expenditures

Budget This YTD	\$180,499.92
Expenditures YTD	\$181,630.63
Difference +/-	\$(1,130.71)

Giving vs. Expenditures	\$2,343.48
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Gifts

12/29/2024

General.....\$374.00

Thanks to you all for your continuing generosity. Your commitment to keep up with your giving is vital to the life of the church. If you need an offering envelope, they are located on the back tables Again, Thank You.

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 Building a Christian community where followers of Jesus advance God's mission

for all creation by...
**reaching up to God,
 reaching across to our neighbor,
 and reaching out to the world.**

