

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILLETTE

December 22, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jim and Jan Hastings

Call to Worship

One: It's the week of Christmas! How quickly this time has come upon us!

ALL: We are breathless. Still so much to be done.

One: Calm your spirits. Take time to hear the wondrous news.

ALL: Open our ears to hear Mary's Story

One: Believe in the good news!

ALL: We believe and rejoice! God's love is here with us! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, be with us this day as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Opening Hymn It Came Upon a Midnight Clear UMH 218

Scripture Reading Psalm 80:1-7

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

Children's time

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-45

Message Mary and Elizabeth Rev. Cory Young

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234

Prayers of the People

Reflection Love Came Down at Christmas V3 UMH 242

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 Joy To The World UMH 246

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

Those traveling, job transitions,
 Esmee Gray,

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 12/15/24

Giving

Offering On Sunday	\$2,031.00
Needed Each Week	\$3,414.86
Difference +/-	\$(1,383.86)
Offering YTD	\$180,935.11
Budget This YTD	\$173,914.14
Difference +/-	\$7,020.97

Expenditures

Budget This YTD	\$173,914.31
Expenditures YTD	\$167,235.85
Difference +/-	\$6,678.46

Giving vs. Expenditures	\$13,699.26
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Gifts

12/08/2024

General.....\$2570.00

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.

First United Methodist Church is...
 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.**

