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Sunday, December 12, 2021  
Third Sunday of Advent

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## Welcome to Epworth!

Sunday Worship in-person & livestream  
9:00 Contemporary & 11:00 Traditional

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***VISION: Explore Faith,  
Embrace Community***  
***MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,  
Connecting, Caring***

### *All Means All*

As a [Reconciling Ministries Network](#) congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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# Contemporary Worship Order

December 12, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

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## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Praise Song	<i>Deep (Way Down)</i>
Welcome	Pastor Vicki
Advent Candle Lighting	
Song	<i>Come, Emmanuel</i>
Praise Song	<i>Adore</i>
Children's Celebration	Pastor Vicki

## WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Song	<i>Shout To The Lord</i>
Good News	<i>Zephaniah 3:14-20</i> Bill Martin
Song	<i>Shout To The Lord (cont.)</i>
We Pray for our Pastor	
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith <i>The Messiah Comes to Us: Rejoicing</i>
Sharing Our Gifts	<a href="#">online</a> , by texting GIVE to 302-488-0038, or in boxes at the main doors
Offering of Music	<i>Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion</i> Pastor Vicki
Prayers of Response	Pastor Vicki
The Lord's Prayer	UMH 895

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction	Pastor Bo
Sending Song	<i>Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)</i>



### Next Sunday:

The Messiah Comes to Us... Reverence  
(Zephaniah 3:14-20)  
The Messiah invites us to join in worship  
with all of heaven and earth

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# Traditional Worship Order

December 12, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

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## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Welcome Pastor Vicki

Lighting the Advent Candle

Song *Come, Emmanuel*

Call to Worship Pastor Vicki

Opening Hymn *Hail To The Lord's Anointed*

Morning Prayer Pastor Vicki

Response

*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

## WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Good News *Zephaniah 3:14-20* Dan Potts

Choral Anthem *Carol For Advent*

We Pray for our Pastor

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

*The Messiah Comes to Us: Rejoicing*

Sermon Response *Soon And Very Soon*

Sharing Our Gifts [online](#), by texting GIVE to  
302-488-0038, or in boxes at the main doors

Offertory

*Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter Of Zion*

Pastor Vicki

Prayers of Response Pastor Vicki

The Lord's Prayer

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth *Joy To The World*

Benediction Pastor Bo



Next Sunday:

The Messiah Comes to Us... Reverence  
(Zephaniah 3:14-20)

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## ***Calendar & Announcements***

### **SUNDAY, DEC. 12**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship/[Livestream](#)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship/[Livestream](#)

12:00 p.m. Flower Design

1:00 p.m. Food & Love To Go

### **MONDAY, DEC. 13**

10:00 a.m. Flower delivery

1:00 p.m. WINGS

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries

### **TUESDAY, DEC. 14**

10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Good Sam Mobile Pantry

3:30 p.m. Staff Christmas Party

6:00 p.m. Trustees

### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15**

5:30 p.m. Memorial Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. [Zoom Group](#)

### **THURSDAY, DEC. 16**

2-4 p.m. Good Sam Food Take-Out

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY, DEC. 17**

No Church meetings

### **SATURDAY, DEC. 18**

7:00 p.m. Piano & Flute Duo

**Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and sponsored in memory of Al Brown, who passed away on 11/6, by Lowell & Terri Markey.

**Tech Team:** Scott Button, Bo Gordy-Stith, Kayden Holt, Shaun Redick, Noah Ryan, & Thomas Vyas

**Accolyte:** 9:00 a.m. Xavier Pioli

**To serve as an Acolyte:** contact Gwen Osborne gosborne@epworth.faith or 302-227-7743, x.108

### **COVID-19 Information**

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Face masks are required in worship and during the week at Epworth for everyone for safety.

State of Delaware [COVID-19 Testing Info](#)

State of Delaware [COVID-19 Vaccine Plan](#)

### **Church Offerings—Thank You!**

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You may contribute your offering at the door, [online](#), by texting Give to 302-488-0038, or by mailing your check to Epworth at 19285 Holland Glade Rd. Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971.

## ***Announcements***

- [Our Dec.-Jan-Feb. Newsletter is Here!](#)
- [Church Calendar Link](#)
- [Advent/Christmas Epworth & Community Calendar](#) (including our Christmas Eve Worship schedule)
- Advent Worship Series [The Messiah Comes to Us](#)
- [Christmas Eve Services at Epworth \(plus our Dec. 21 Blue Christmas Service at 7 pm\)](#)
- [Compassionate Friends \(support group for bereaved parents\) Annual Service - Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 pm](#)
- Sussex Tech High [Winter Concert at Epworth on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 at 7 pm](#)
- Mispillion presents: [Sounds of the Season, Music for the Heart](#) at Epworth, Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 pm
- The [Rehoboth Concert Band](#) presents their [Holiday Peace Concert](#) at Epworth at 3 pm on Sunday, Dec. 19
- [No Bake Cookie Walk](#) - Dec. 5-19
- [Epworth Food Ministry Turkeyville Wrap](#)
- [Reverse Advent Ministry Opportunity](#)
- Join the [One Year Bible reading group with Pastor Bo](#) (starts January 1!)
- [Email Safety & Security](#)
- [Stephen Ministry Holiday Invitation - and new email address](#)
- [Possibilities for People with Disabilities Group](#)
- [Wednesday Zoom Group](#) (updated schedule for Dec.)
- [Men's Breakfasts second Saturdays at Bob Evans](#)
- Epworth UMC chosen for [The Source Collaborative](#) at Wesley Theological Seminary
- [Card Making Group](#)
- [Safety Team Needs You](#)
- [Your Neighbor's Faith](#) Interfaith Series
- [Church Leader Training Tuesdays](#)
- [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

# December 12 Prayer List

*\*Names printed in Italics indicate additions to our prayer list this week.*

Gary Bacon  
Beebe Hospital Staff  
Melda Bengston  
Paul Bengston  
Bill Bernhart  
Jeannette Bonner  
Andy Brangenberg  
Ella Breese  
Anne Buck  
Barb Butta  
Anderson Catley  
*Catley Family*  
Cathy Crawford  
Cohen Family  
Andy D'Aloisio  
Ben Dewberry  
Sylvie Drew  
Pauline Elliott  
Dot Fedorka  
Karen Foery  
Marion Ford  
Patt Gaugher  
Sandi Godlewski  
*Donna Graves*  
Clella Harp  
Chuck Hartsock  
Kathy Hartsock  
Linda Hess & Family  
Patricia (Pat) Higgins  
Ray Hilt  
Tyler Hudson  
Greg Imhof  
Barbara Kurtz  
Liz Lakowski  
Jeff Leach  
Patrick Mahan  
Loretta Mahan  
Jerry Mahon  
Jeannie Marsh  
Briana Massey  
Michael Massey  
Nora Matrippolito  
Jay McDonnell  
Ruth Meell  
Nancine  
Ron Paxton  
Thom Pemberton  
Gary Ralph  
Judy Reich

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Carol Rein  
Patricia Rhoades  
Bill Robbins  
Dorothy & John Sadler  
Ed Scarborough  
Elle Sheaffer  
Silicato Family  
Evie Simmons  
Fred & Sharyn Smith  
Lillian Stellhorn  
Noreen Strohmenger  
Pat Thomas  
Anne Valenti  
John Walker  
Kristin Weschler  
Brenda Whealton  
Michael Willis, Sr.  
Lynne Wilmer  
Dan Wine  
Jan Cutler-Wolfe  
Gloria Woodson  
Jean Young

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

### **SYMPATHIES**

- ❖ To the Travis Family & Friends on the death of James Travis, Jr., 11/30/21, a member of Epworth for 80 years.

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

#### **HOMEBOUND, HOSPICE OR LONG TERM CARE**

Connie Horne, Harbor Health +  
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health +  
Carolyn Robinson, Brandywine  
Linda Rooney  
Barb Rowe, Brandywine  
Quinn Smith  
Jesse Vyas, home w/ hospice  
Lynn Aurand, Hospice  
Rosemarie Van Ingen, Willowbrooke, Seaford

### **SERVICEMEN/WOMEN:**

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson,  
stationed in Alaska  
Luke Wilson, USCG Key West  
Jacob Hudson, Quantico  
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

### **RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:**

Ed Scarborough



## COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Autumn Reynolds, Cedar Crest College  
Cole Thomas Juliano, SC  
Wade Stout, Hillsdale College  
Alex Tamburello, DE College of Art & Design  
Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech



## Handprints of Community

**EPWORTH**  
REHOBOTH BEACH  
United Methodist Church  
2021-22  
Worship Year

Collaborative  
Called  
Messianic  
Shalom-Sharing  
Discipling  
Corinthian  
Hamiltonian  
Kingdom-Building

## Epworth Staff Directory

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**ASL Interpreter:** Sandy Davis

**Nursery:** Cathy Crawford

**Cemetery Superintendent:** Jay Stevenson



# Epworth Ministry Organization



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Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith  
Governing Board Chair—Linda Kauffman  
Lay Leader—Mike Tyler  
Finance Chairs—David Hagelin and David  
Streit  
Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair—  
Monica Chmielewski  
Chair of the Board of Trustees—Bunny  
Maher

## **STRUCTURE:**

Four Ministry Teams

### **Inviting Team**

Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecu-  
menical/Interfaith, Social Justice  
Leadership Team: Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith  
and Bob Joynson

### **Belonging Team**

Small Groups, Belongings, Sunday School,  
All Age Level Groups  
Leadership Team: Gwen Osborne, Loretta  
Mahan, Cathie Lewis and Teri Moore

### **Connecting Team**

Worship, Music, Conferences, Retreats  
Leadership Team: Doug Yetter and Murray  
Archibald

### **Caring Team**

Good Sam, Missions, Pastoral Care Team,  
Care Ministries  
Leadership Team: Mickie McManamon,  
Dee Speck and Holly Reynolds

## **Attendance last weekend, Dec. 5, 2021**

9:00	11:00	Live stream	ASL	SS	Total
144	104	134	2	3	387

(as of 12/6)

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