



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Friday, December 24, 2021  
Christmas Eve



## 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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# Praise Worship Order

December 24, 2021 5:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve

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## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Gathering	Noel <i>It's Christmas</i>
Welcome & Call to Worship	Pastor Vicki
Carol	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>
Children's Celebration	Pastor Bo

## LESSONS & CAROLS

Lesson	<i>Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9</i>	Mike Ryan
Anthem	<i>Glory (Let There Be Peace)</i>	
Lesson	<i>Luke 1:26-35, 38</i>	Kathryn Burgwin
Carol	<i>To A Maid Engaged To Joseph</i>	
Lesson	<i>Matthew 1:18-21</i>	Bill Martin
Carol	<i>Joseph Heard The Troubling News</i>	
Lesson	<i>Luke 2:1-7</i>	Cathy Benson
Carol	<i>There's A Song In The Air</i>	
Lesson	<i>Luke 2:8-14</i>	Mike Tyler
Carol	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	
Lesson	<i>Luke 2:8-14 (cont.)</i>	
Carol	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	
Good News	<i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>	Lee Ann Walling
We Pray for our Pastor		
Meditation	Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith <i>The Coming Messiah</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>A Christmas Hallelujah</i>	
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Bo
Assurance of Pardon		Pastor Vicki
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(sung responsively)</i>	
Sharing Bread and Cup		

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Sharing the Light of Christ		
Carol	<i>Silent Night</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Vicki
Sending Carol	<i>Joy To The World</i>	

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### Sunday:

The Messiah Comes to Us... Ruler  
(Micah 5:2-5a)

The Messiah comes to feed and tend us like  
a shepherd, inviting us to take on his yoke

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# Lessons & Carols Worship Order

December 24, 2021 7:30 p.m.

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Christmas Eve

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Welcome and Greeting Pastor Vicki  
Lighting the Advent Candle  
Call to Worship Pastor Vicki  
Processional Carol *O Come All Ye Faithful*

## LESSONS & CAROLS

### I. Carols Of Hope And Light

Lesson *Isaiah 40:3-5*

### II Longing For The Light

Lesson *Isaiah 35:1-2*

### III. An Advent Garden

Lesson *Isaiah 7:14*

*Luke 1:26-33*

### IV. The Holy Child Of Mary

Lesson *Isaiah 9:6*

*Luke 2:1-7*

### Carol

*Celtic Noel*

*Memorial Bell Choir, Marcy Parykaza, flute*

Lesson *Luke 2:8-14*

Anthem *And Suddenly There Was With The Angel  
Glory To God*

Vicki Gordy-Stith, Chancel Choir

Carol *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Lesson *Luke 2:8-14 (cont.)*

### V. A Celtic Noel

Lesson *Isaiah 60:1-3*

### VI. A Celtic Gloria!

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Meditation Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sharing Our Gifts [online](#), by texting GIVE to  
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Offertory *Still, Still, Still* Memorial Bells

Prayer of Confession Pastor Bo

Words of Assurance Pastor Vicki

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Bread and Cup

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Sharing the Light of Christ

Carol *Silent Night*

Benediction

Sending Forth *Carols of Celebration*

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# Candlelight Worship Order

December 24, 2021 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

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## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Gathering Music	<i>Still, Still, Still Celtic Noel</i>
Welcome	Pastor Vicki
Lighting the Advent Candle	
Call to Worship	Pastor Vicki
Carol	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>

## WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Good News	<i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>	Pastor Vicki
Anthem	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	
	Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith	
Lesson	<i>Luke 2:8-14</i>	
Carol	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	
Lesson	<i>Luke 2:8-14 (cont.)</i>	
Carol	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	
Meditation	Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith	
	<i>The Coming Messiah</i>	
Carol of Response	<i>Away In A Manger</i>	
Sharing Our Gifts	<a href="#">online</a> , by texting GIVE to 302-488-0038, or in boxes at the main doors	
Offertory	<i>Gesu Bambino</i>	
	Rev. Drs. Gordy-Stith	
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Bo
Assurance of Pardon		Pastor Vicki
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer		
Sharing Bread and Cup		

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Sharing the Light of Christ		
Carol	<i>Silent Night</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Vicki
Sending Forth Carol	<i>Joy To The World</i>	
Postlude	<i>Gloria!</i>	

**The Messiah Comes to Us...** Reconciling  
Refining  
Rejoicing  
Revering  
Birthing  
Ruling  
Rising

Nov. 28 - Jan. 2

Handprints of Community  
EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH  
United Methodist Church

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# ***1Calendar & Announcements***

## **FRIDAY, DEC. 24**

HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

## **SATURDAY, DEC. 25**

No Church Meetings

## **SUNDAY, DEC. 26**

10:00 a.m. Blended Worship

11:00 p.m. Flower Design

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

## **MONDAY, DEC. 27**

10:00 a.m. Flower delivery

## **TUESDAY, DEC. 28**

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

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29**

5:30 p.m. Memorial Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

## **THURSDAY, DEC. 30**

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

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

## **FRIDAY, DEC. 31**

HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

## **SATURDAY, JAN. 1**

No Church meetings

**Poinsettia lists** are out on the table in the Narthex for whomever would like one.

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

**Accolyte:** 5:00 p.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](#)
- [New Sunday Worship Schedule - 10 am - Starts Dec. 26](#)
- [Epworth Office Holiday Hours](#)
  
- [Ed Scarborough and Dianne Shearon to be honored by Governor on Jan. 17](#)
- Join the [One Year Bible reading group with Pastor Bo](#) (starts January 1!)
- [Epworth Food Ministry Turkeyville Wrap](#)
- [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](#)



## **Epworth Staff Directory**

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith,  
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**Office Manager:** Darlene Ford

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**Special Projects:** Debbie Hunt

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**Administrative Assistant:** Barbara Kurtz

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**Preschool Director:** Betsy Plowman

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**Custodian:** Wanda Hudson

**ASL Interpreter:** Sandy Davis

**Nursery:** Cathy Crawford

**Cemetery Superintendent:** Jay Stevenson

# Epworth Ministry Organization



***VISION: Explore Faith,  
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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