



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, December 26, 2021  
Third Sunday of Advent



## 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.



19285 Holland Glade Rd.  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

302-227-7743

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# Contemporary Worship Order

December 26, 2021 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday After Christmas

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## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Gathering Doug Yetter, piano

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Vicki

Opening Hymn

*Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

Children's Celebration Pastor Vicki

## WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Song *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

Good News *Micah 5:2-5a* Max Dick

We Pray for our Pastor

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

*The Messiah Comes to Us: Ruler*

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

Offering of Music *He Shall Feed His Flock*

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Prayers of Response Pastor Vicki

The Lord's Prayer *(sung responsively)*

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Sending Song *Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

Benediction Pastor Vicki

Postlude Doug Yetter, organ



**Next Sunday:**

The Messiah Comes to Us... Rise

(Isaiah 60:1-6)

The Messiah shines his light on us and invites us to share the light with the world

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## ***Calendar & Announcements***

### **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**

HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

### **TUESDAY, DEC. 28**

10:00 a.m. Flower Delivery

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

### **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

**Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and sponsored by Epworth.

**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:** Chase Reynolds

**To serve as an Acolyte:** contact Gwen Osborne [gosborne@epworth.faith](mailto: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](#)

## December 26 Prayer List

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

Tornado Victims  
Gary Bacon  
*Mike Ballinger*  
Beebe Hospital Staff  
Melda Bengston  
Paul Bengston  
Bill Bernhart  
Jeannette Bonner  
Andy Brangenberg  
Ella Breese  
Anne Buck  
Barb Butta  
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  
Sue Heck  
Linda Hess & Family  
Patricia (Pat) Higgins  
Ray Hilt  
Tyler Hudson  
Greg Imhof  
Barbara Kurtz  
Liz Lakowski  
Jeff Leach  
*Harlow Leroy*  
*Colleen LoPresto*  
Patrick Mahan  
Loretta Mahan  
Jerry Mahon  
Jeannie Marsh  
Briana Massey  
Michael Massey  
Nora Mastrippolito  
Ruth Meell  
Nancine  
*Tracy Norris*  
Ron Paxton

Thom Pemberton  
Gary Ralph  
*Layla Raniere*  
Judy Reich  
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  
Karen West  
Brenda Whealton  
Michael Willis, Sr.  
Lynne Wilmer  
Dan Wine  
Jan Cutler-Wolfe  
Gloria Woodson  
Jean Young

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

### **SYMPATHIES**

- ❖ To Family & Friends of Marty Thomas, who passed away this week;
- ❖ To Marlene Goebel, Family & Friends, on the death of her mother.

### **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

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Jacob Hudson, Quantico  
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

**RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:**  
Ed Scarborough



## **Epworth Staff Directory**

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith,  
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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

## **Attendance last weekend, Dec. 19, 2021**

9:00	11:00	Live stream	ASL	SS	Total
140	85	139	2	12	378

(as of 12/21)

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