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Sunday, December 11, 2022  
3rd Sunday of Advent

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**Welcome to Epworth!**

Sunday Worship in-person & livestream

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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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# Blended Worship Order

December 11, 2022 10:00 a.m.

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## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

**Song** *He Has Come For Us*  
**Welcome** Pastor Vicki  
**Lighting of the Advent Candle**  
**Hymn**  
*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*  
**Morning Prayer** Mickie McManamon  
**Response** *Come, Emmanuel*  
**Kid's Time** Pastor Bo

## WE ENGAGE THE WORD

**Hymn** *Tell John His Prophecy Was True*  
**Good News** *Matthew 11:2-11*  
Aleta Thompson  
**Song** *A Christmas Hallelujah*  
**We Pray for our Pastor** Aleta Thompson  
**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith  
*Preparing for Change: Perceive*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**New Members**  
**Profession of Faith**  
**Song** *Welcome (Let's Walk Together)*

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**Sharing Our Gifts** [online](#), by texting GIVE to  
302-488-0038, or in boxes at the main doors  
**Offertory Advent Celebration** Chancel Choir  
**Prayers of Response** Pastor Bo  
**The Lord's Prayer**

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

**Benediction** Pastor Vicki  
**Sending** *Adore*



## Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Preparing for Change: Proclaim

Our dedication to change inevitably requires a public commitment which will encourage some and enrage others.

(Matthew 1:18-25)

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## *Calendar & Announcements*

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Joy Wrapping
- 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Youth Group
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Food & Love To Go
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Play practice

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Joy Wrapping
- 10:00 a.m. Flower Delivery
- 1:00 p.m. WINGS
- 6:00 p.m. KIVA
- 6:45 p.m. Living the Question

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

- 7:00 a.m. Christmas Joy Staging Gifts
- 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Good Sam Mobile Pantry
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Closed 'til 3pm)
- 4:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party (Office closed)
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees
- 7:00 p.m. [Zoom Group](#)

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Joy Wrapping
- 10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ
- 1:00 p.m. Card Making
- 5:30 p.m. Memorial Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

- 2-4 p.m. Good Sam Food Take-Out
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

- 4:00 p.m. Sandy Hook Vigil

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

- 7:00 a.m. Christmas Joy Pick-up
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Design
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner

## *Announcements*

**Starting Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022**

**Epworth begins meeting for blended worship on Sundays at 10 am (in person, online, & ASL)**

- **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and sponsored by Epworth.
- **Tech Team:** Bo Gordy-Stith, Kayden Holt, Shaun Redick, Noah Ryan, and Thomas Vyas

- **To serve as an Acolyte:** contact [Gwen Osborne](#) or 302-227-7743 X108
- Church Offerings—Thank you! 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.
- See Epworth's [Advent Christmas Schedule of Events](#)
- Information about [donating Poinsettias](#)
- If you are not already on our mailing list, [sign up](#) to receive **Advent Devotionals delivered fresh daily**
- Our Youth Group is sponsoring Epworth's **Reverse Advent food drive** this season - pick up a box and donation list at the **WINGS desk** in the foyer
- Our [December-January-February Moments Matter](#) Church newsletter edition is available now
- **Youth Group meets at 10:15 in the recently renovated Youth Room** (near the Oceanside entrance - second doorway on the right). Contact [Joy Gordy-Stith](#) or [Tom Lewis](#) for more info
- See [Pastor Vicki's Town Meeting](#) from Sunday, Oct. 23 during which she announced that **our pastors' will perform same-sex weddings at Epworth** and that we will offer **one blended worship experience live and online Sundays at 10 am starting Nov. 27**
- Bishop Easterling's **Setting the Record Straight** Town Hall meeting [recorded here](#)
- See [Epworth's Adult Groups](#)
- The next **Your Neighbors Faith** interfaith Zoom gathering is 7 pm, **Thursday Dec. 8: Rabbi Julie Danan: What is a MIRACLE?** [Register here](#)
- This week's [food donation focus for our Good Sam Mobile Pantry:](#) **Pancake Mix/Syrup** (Bayside Entrance, Sunday (1-3p), Tuesday (10-noon), and Thursday (2-4p))
- Interested in [Volunteer Opportunities?](#) Our [New Life Thrift Store](#) **needs you** to help generate funds that help our neighbors in need through [LRAC \(Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches\) ministries](#). We're [celebrating our latest grant of \\$100,000](#) to What is Your Voice, a domestic abuse shelter, at the New Lift Thrift Shop at 9 am on December 7
- **To sponsor/dedicate chancel flowers in celebration or in memory of someone during worship** - call Barbara Kurtz at [302-227-7743](#)

*Enjoy Coffee, Snacks, & Fellowship in the foyer after our 10 am Worship Service—please keep lids on coffee or tea cups in our sanctuary*

# December 11 Prayer List

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

Flood Victims  
The People of Ukraine  
Deaf People of Ukraine  
Benjamin Aiken  
Cody Arbuthnot & Family  
Ruth Ann Arty  
Debbie Badro  
Will Baker  
Beebe Hospital Staff  
Lindsay Barnes  
Mary Barrett  
David Bendekovitz  
Ariel Ben-Chrit  
Cathy Benson  
*Brad Bingham*  
Willetta Blevins  
Pam Bookman  
Andy Brangenberg  
Ella Breese  
Phil Brown  
Dondeena Caldwell  
Hank Cerell  
John Ciloni  
Lou Corrozi  
*Dawn R*  
*Dawn B*  
Reilly Damon  
Sylvie Drew  
Sherry Drexel  
Hannah Edwards  
Israel Eleager  
Christopher English  
Dottie Fedorka  
Susan Anderson Fermaint  
Bob Fetner  
Mary Anne Fleetwood  
Marion Ford  
Diane Frady  
Kim Frye  
*Gail Gingrich*  
Marco Goodwin  
Gina Giusto  
Janet Capitan (Greenawalt), Hospice  
*Hardy Family*  
Andre Harmer  
Gene Harris  
Brian Higgins  
Ray Hilt  
Carolyn Horn  
Preston Hulse

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Lisa Hutchinson  
Diane Ibahim  
Joe Jacinto  
Elizabeth Barker Jarvis  
Jeff Johnson  
*Dillon Jones*  
Sondra Leef  
Edna Leminska  
Jerry Mahon  
Jeannie Marsh  
Barbara Martin  
Nan Martino  
Faith Moyer  
Linda Miller  
Ana Ramos Meyer  
Ed Newman  
Donna Pagano  
Carrie Paluch  
Frank Pandolfino  
Ann Paulen  
Melania Panteleo  
Sandy Pierce  
Alicia Popham  
George Psaros  
Lisa Rahman  
LeRoy Reed, Sr.  
Robin Reminen  
Charlie Reynolds  
Denise Rhone  
Judy Riech  
Cathy Roche  
Brenson Rogers  
Dorothy & John Sadler  
Irene Safrit  
Doug Saunders  
Rose Schmidt  
Susan Schneider  
Dawn Selby  
Ray Shaffer  
Mary Ann Shill  
Ann Smith  
Fred & Sharyn Smith  
Ray Sonderfan  
Mauria Stein  
Pat Thomas  
Mary Valenti-Bloom  
Will Van Axen  
Weiler Family  
*Wanda Walton-Hummel*  
Sean Whalen  
Courtney Williams  
Michael Wills, Sr.

Carol Wine  
Dan Wine  
Allen Wenker  
Susan White  
Carol Woodcock  
Claire Worrall  
Bonnie Wright  
Kaleigh Wright  
Michelle Yates  
Jean Young  
Wayne Young

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

## **SYMPATHIES**

❖ To Family & Friends of Michael Cockey  
who passed away 12/3.

## **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

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

Donna Bloomquist, The Moorings  
Ann Chambers, The Moorings  
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health +  
Carolyn Robinson, Brandywine  
Linda Rooney  
Barb Rowe, Renaissance  
Quinn Smith

## **Epworth Staff Directory**

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**Youth Coordinator:** Joy Gordy-Stith

**Facilities Manager :** John Hilt

**Custodian:** Wanda Hudson

**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  
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Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair—  
Jack Palmer  
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, Linda  
BenderHilt, 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. 4, 2022**

10:00	Live stream	ASL	SS	Total
250	237	4	21	512

(as of 12/6)

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