

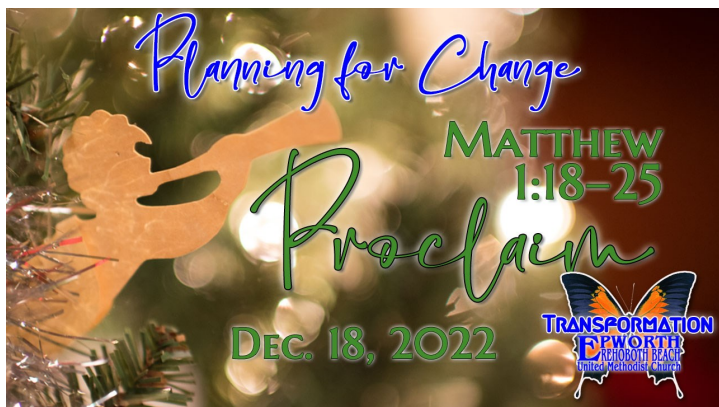


EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent



Welcome to Epworth!

Sunday Worship in-person & livestream

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*VISION: Explore Faith,
Embrace Community*

*MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
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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

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Blended Worship Order

December 18, 2022 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Song	<i>Immanuel</i>
Welcome	Pastor Vicki
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Hymn	<i>Blessed Be The God Of Israel</i>
Morning Prayer	Pastor Vicki
Response	<i>Come, Emmanuel</i>
Kid's Time	Pastor Vicki

WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Anthem	<i>Bethlehem Light</i>	Chancel Choir
Good News	<i>Matthew 1:18-23</i>	Dan Potts
Song		<i>Noel</i>
We Pray for our Pastor		Dan Potts
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith	
	<i>Preparing for Change: Proclaim</i>	
Song	<i>Joseph Heard The Troubling News</i>	

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Sharing Our Gifts	online , by texting GIVE to 302-488-0038, or in boxes at the main doors
Offertory	<i>I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day</i>
Prayers of Response	Pastor Vicki
The Lord's Prayer	

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction	Pastor Bo
Sending	
	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (With King Of Heaven)</i>



Next Sunday: Christmas Day
Preparing for Change: Party
Climpses of the arc of change give us reason
to celebrate
(Psalm 98, Matthew 2:1-12)

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Calendar & Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Play practice

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 10:00 a.m. Flower Delivery

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ
- 5:30 p.m. Memorial Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. ManKind Project

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5:00 p.m. Praise Team/Children's Service
- 8:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Worship Service

Announcements

Starting Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022

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

- **Chancel Poinsettias** are given to the glory of God. There is a Poinsettia/Roof Reduction list in the Narthex.
- **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.
- If you are not already on our mailing list, [sign up](#) to receive **Advent Devotionals delivered fresh daily**
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- See Epworth's [Advent Christmas Schedule of Events](#)
- Monday, Dec. 19 - Sussex Tech High School Winter Concert at 7 pm in the sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Dec. 21 -**
 - Epworth Preschool Concert at 9:30 am in our sanctuary
 - [Blue Christmas Worship Experience](#) at 7 pm in our sanctuary
- **Saturday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**
 - 5 pm Kids' Christmas Pageant
 - 8 pm Carols & Candlelight Worship
- **Sunday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day—10 am Special Livestream Worship Only (no in-person worship)**
- 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
- **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
- Our [December-January-February Moments Matter](#) Church newsletter edition is available
- 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](#)
- 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 [celebrated 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](tel: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

Our WINGS Table is a great place to discover groups at Epworth that might be a great fit for your interests and experience.

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December 18 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-Christ
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
Gina Giusto
Maddie Handley
Hardy Family
Andre Harmer
Gene Harris
Brian Higgins
Ray Hilt
Carolyn Horn
Preston Hulse
Lisa Hutchinson

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Diane Ibahim
Joe Jacinto
Elizabeth Barker Jarvis
Jeff Johnson
Dillon Jones
John & Irma Koch
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
Gery Tamburello
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
Jean Young
Wayne Young

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/19—J.B. & Judy Melson
50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES

- ❖ To Betsy Plowman, family & friends, on the death of her mother, Ann “Cherry” Smith, 12/10;
- ❖ To the family & friends of Carol Crebelunis.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

HOMEBOUND, HOSPICE OR LONG TERM CARE

Donna Bloomquist, The Moorings
Ann Chambers, The Moorings
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health +
Carolyn Robinson, Brandywine

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

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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—
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.11, 2022

10:00	Live stream	ASL	SS	Total
250	298	4	12	564

(as of 12/12)

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