



Sunday, December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent



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 4, 2022 10:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Prelude

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Song *We Want To be Ready* Chancel Choir

Welcome Pastor Vicki

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Song *Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

Morning Prayer Susan Jimenez

Response *Come, Emmanuel*

Kid's Time Joy Gordy-Stith Redick

Meditation *Pat-A-Pan* Memorial Bells

WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Good News *Isaiah 11:1-10* Laurie Kuebler

Anthem *Creation Will Be At Peace*

Chancel Choir

We Pray for our Pastor Laurie Kuebler

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Preparing for Change: Persist

Response *God Almighty, We Are Waiting*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

Offertory *Light Of The World*

Prayer of the Confession Pastor Bo

Words of Assurance Pastor Vicki

***The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent Memorial Bells

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction Pastor Vicki

Sending *Give This Christmas Away*

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Preparing for Change: Perceive

Change challenges our ability to predict how it will manifest, calling many unlikely partners to join in the movement, and surprising us with joy as it blooms.

(Matthew 11:2-11)

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Calendar & Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 10:00 a.m. Flower Delivery
- 6:45 p.m. Living the Question

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Good Sam Mobile Pantry
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Closed 'til 3pm)
- 6:00 p.m. SPRC
- 7:00 p.m. [Zoom Group](#)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 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 8

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7:00 a.m. Christmas Joy
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Joy Set Up
- 4:00 p.m. Cookie Walk Set Up

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 7:00 a.m. Christmas Joy
- 9:00 a.m. Cookie Walk
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Joy Wrapping

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 in loving memory of their daughter, Pamela Nicole D'Aloisio, by Linda & Andy D'Aloisio.
- **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.

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See Epworth's [Advent Christmas Schedule of Events](#)

- Help a child experience [Christmas Joy with The Giving Tree](#)
- [Epworth plans breakfast with Santa, cookie walk in December](#)
- 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

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

December 4 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
Wiletta Blevins
Pam Bookman
Andy Brangenberg
Ella Breese
Phil Brown
Dondeena Caldwell
Hank Cerell
John Ciloni
Lou Corrozi
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
Marco Goodwin
Gina Giusto
Janet Capitan (Greenawalt), Hospice
Andre Harmer
Gene Harris
Brian Higgins
Ray Hilt
Carolyn Horn
Preston Hulse
Lisa Hutchinson
Diane Ibahim
Joe Jacinto
Elizabeth Barker Jarvis
Jeff Johnson

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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
Elaine Trexler
Mary Valenti-Bloom
Will Van Axen
Weiler Family
Doris Walsh
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

12/6—Irene & Tommie Safrit
50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES

❖ To Family & Friends of Thomas Hardy,
who passed away last week.

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
Rosemarie Van Ingen, Willowbrooke, Seaford

SERVICEMEN/WOMEN:

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson,
stationed in Alaska

Epworth Staff Directory

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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, Nov. 27, 2022

10:00	Live stream	ASL	SS	Total
210	294	6	16	526

(as of 11/29)

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