



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, December 31, 2023



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday 10 am
in-person and online

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)
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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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~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

Prelude

Doug Yetter, organ

Carol Sing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

O come, let us adore Him,

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O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. *{Refrain}*

Yea, Lord we greet Thee,

born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

{Refrain}

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the Herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead See;
hail th’ incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why Your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire Your heavenly song?
{Refrain}

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
{Refrain}

See Him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend Your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. {Refrain}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Traditional Spiritual

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light. {Refrain}

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth. {Refrain}

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. {Refrain}

Kid's Time

Pastor Vicki

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-12* Kathryn Burgwin, reader

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O, Star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *{Refrain}*

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. *{Refrain}*

We Pray for Our Pastor Kathryn Burgwin

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

x

Doug Yetter, organ

x

Benediction Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
and wonders, and wonders of His love.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of December 31, 2023

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of December 24, 2023

Sympathy

To Gwen Osborne and Katie Handy, family and friends, on the death of Gwen's brother, James Osborne.

CONCERNS:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Steve Ackeret

Cody Arbuthnot

Mirta ArazOza

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Jason Bezman

Brad Bingaman

Annabelle Boire

Diaz Bonville

Tom Bradley

Andy Brangenberg

The Browning Family

Diane Bruce

Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

Fran Colavita

Miles Carhartt

Carolyn Cattafi

Sylvia Clair

Kris Coch

Lou Ann Daniels

Max Dick

Jeanne Drake

Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

Sylvie Drew

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Carol Fehrenbach

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Michael Frome

LeAnne Funk

Tom Groff

Jim Handy

Susan Hargrave

Clella Harp

Elizabeth Hart Family

Joan Heckel

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Lorraine Hudson

Deb Hunt

Carol Davis Garber

Janet Idema
Kara
Ted Kerwin
Chole Kincaid Krean
Nancy Lathbury
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Duncan Leet
Cary Lewis
Tyler Lewis
Robert Lewis
Annette Licitra
Lorretta Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Ryan Martin
Steve Meadors
Jack Mears
Missy Mehring-back procedure
Pam Mehring
Brenda Milbourne
Laura Miller
Payton Miller
Joy Mitchell
Karen Mitchell
Ann Paulen
Ron Paxton
Leslie Petty
Glenn Pierce
Sandy Pierce
Richard Pioli
Bruce Powell
Annette Predeaux
Presley
Constance Quillen
Barbara Simpson
Joanne Smith
John Riley Spillane
Jana Raup
Vernon Redding
Charlie Reynolds

Holly Reynolds
Carl Richards
Beth Rinker
Betty Robbins
Sandy Roca
Pete Roche
Wilmarie Rodriguez
Sandi Russell
Dorothy & John Sadler
Irene & Tom Saffrit
Mark Saunders
Ed Scarborough
Dianne Shearon
Susan Shollenberger
Linda Simms
Henry Simpson
Michael & Anna Skiles
Fred and Sharyn Smith
Ray Sonderfan
Rob Socorso
Paul Streit
Scott Strickler
Michael Stugard
Mark Thompson
Beth Toney
Renee Toney

Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf
Amy Wall
Wanda Walton-Hummel
Tim Weschler
Michael Wills, Sr
Carol Wine
Dan Wine in Beebe
Jack Witmer
Denise Wolfe
Charlotte Woods
Claire Worrall
Susan Yates
Jean Young

Continued Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Home-bound, Hospice or in Long Term Care

Donna Blomquist, The Moorings
Ann Chambers, The Moorings
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
Carolyn Robinson-Brandywine
Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler

Servicemen/Women:

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska
Hailye Wilson, USCG Key West
Luke Wilson, USCG Key West
Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB
Jacob Hudson, Quantico
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

College Students

Autumn Reynolds-Cedar Crest College
Kristina Alexander, UD
Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon
Wade Stout-
Alex Tamburello, Delaware College of Art and Design
Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech
Griffin Barrows, Marist

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