



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

Epworth.faith

Sunday, December 01, 2024



December 1, 2024

Welcome All
in Person

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13



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

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)
[Calendar](#) & [Announcements](#)
[Prayer List](#)
[Staff & Leadership](#)

***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 Epworth.faith



~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

Call His Name Jesus

Shawn Craig, 1996 / Praise Team

An angel came down to a virgin
with a heav'nly word.

The name of a beautiful promise
for a fallen world.

You will give birth to a son,
the child of the most Holy One.

*And they will call Him Wonderful, Counselor,
Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father.*

*But one name will stand high
above all the rest: Jesus, Jesus.*

*There's only one name
ev'ry tongue will confess:*

Jesus, call his name Jesus.

There's no other name that can save us,
no other name.

No other lord can redeem us; He's the only way.

For a child has been given for us,
a gift from the Father above. {Chorus}

Salvation, healing and grace
in the name above all names.

Call his name Jesus, call his name Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus...

Emmanuel

Raymond Badham, ©2000 Hillsong Publishing

Praise Team

Together in this place of worship

Your greatness we proclaim.

We stand as one in giving You
all glory and acclaim

To You our hearts are open,
to You our hands we raise.

Come take the place of honor in our lives.

Emmanuel, our God is with us.

Prince of peace, mighty one, the ever-living God.

Emmanuel, our God is with us.

Prince of peace, mighty one, the ever-living God.

See the praises of our Savior rise to open skies.

With the dawning of redemption Your glory will
arise.

For You alone are worthy,
here in Zion You are praised.

Our Lord and King forever You will reign.

{Repeat Chorus}

To You our hearts are open,
to You our hands we raise.

Come take the place of honor in our lives.

For You alone are worthy,
here in Zion You are praised.

Our Lord and King forever You will reign.

{Repeat Chorus}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicky Gordy-Stith

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Matt Maher, Rachel Taylor Popadic, & Chris Stevens

©2016 Meaux Mery

Praise Team

One star burns in the darkness,
shines with the promise: Emmanuel.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

One child born in the stillness,
living within us: Emmanuel.

*We're singing glory, glory;
let there be peace, let there be peace.
Singing glory, glory;
let there be peace, let it start in me.*

One voice speaks for the voiceless,
hope for the hopeless: Emmanuel.

One love bring us together,
now and forever: Emmanuel. *{Repeat Chorus}*

Do not be afraid,

His love is strong enough to save us.

Nothing stands in the way,

His love is strong enough to lead us. *{Repeat section}*

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: Let there be peace, let it start in me.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Waiting for Hope: This morning we light the first Advent candle—the candle that traditionally stands for hope. We want to hope. But it's hard. The world around us is desperate for the bare minimum—for knowing where the next meal is coming from, for assurance that our democracy will hold, for peace.

We are a practical people—a realistic people. We know what we're up against. We know not to set ourselves up for disappointment.

And yet, our faith calls us to a radical, shocking, unrealistic, and reckless hope. A hope for more.

More than enough—abundance!

More than stability—thriving!

More than a ceasefire—true and lasting justice and peace!

This morning we light this fragile flame as we wait for a hope that seems out of reach, trusting in a God who promises to be within our reach. Always.

Come, Emmanuel

Come and speak to us, come and renew us,
come and live through us, Emmanuel.

Grace to implore us, ever before us,
come and restore us, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel; come, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel; come, Emmanuel.

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Jesus, Child of Christmas

Mark Gruber-Lebonitz, 2024 / Gustav Holst, 1906

Congregational Hymn

Jesus, Child of Christmas, dwell in us, we pray;
call us now to follow in Your perfect way.

Draw us to Your manger bed, where we'll find anew
all we're meant to do and be, living there in You.

Prince of peace, remold us; clear our eyes to find
all the common goodness binding humankind.

In this fraught and violent world, challenge us to start

turning swords to plow shares;
make Your heart our heart.

You were born to welcome all humanity
into sweet communion, one great family.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

**Call us, then, to welcome in strangers without fear;
make us kindom builders in Your name this year.**

**Holy Child of Christmas, be our all in all;
tune our hearts to listen for Your pleading call.
Bid us work 'til justice spreads
all this whole world through.
Let this be our heartfelt birthday gift to You!**

Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13* Aleta Thompson, reader

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Come Away

*Joseph M. Martin – from Journey of Promises
Chancel Choir Anthem*

**A golden bed of straw, a wooden cattle stall,
dancing shadows on the wall, come away, come away.
A cloudless winter sky, a silver star on high,
a holy infant's borning cry, come away, come away.**

Come away, come away.

Run to the miracle; Jesus awaits.

Come away, come away.

*Come take the journey of promises,
journey of promises.*

**A father's watchful gaze, a shepherd's simple ways,
angelic voices shout in praise,
come away, come away.**

**A deep and sacred light, a candle's fading light,
a gentle mother's lullaby, come away come away.**

{Chorus}

Come! Come!

Come, O come Emmanuel.

Come, O come Emmanuel.

Come, O come.

Come, O come Emmanuel.

We Pray for Our Pastor Aleta Thompson

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are those who come
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Immanuel

Michael Card ©1986 Birdwing Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**A sign shall be given: a virgin will conceive
a human baby bearing undiminished deity.
The glory of the nations, a light for all to see,
and hope for all who will embrace his warm reality.**

Immanuel, our God is with us.

And if God is with us, who can stand against us?

Our God is with us, Immanuel.

**All those who live in the shadow of death,
a glorious light has dawned.
For all those who stumble in the darkness, behold:
Your light has come!**

Immanuel, our God is with us.

And if God is with us, who can stand against us?

Our God is with us, Immanuel.

**So what shall be your answer?
Oh, will you hear the call
of Him who did not spare His Son,
but gave Him for us all?
On earth there is no power,
there is no depth or height
could ever separate us from the love of God in Christ.**

Immanuel, our God is with us.

And if God is with us, who can stand against us?

Our God is with us, Immanuel. Immanuel.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality
[Hebrews 13:2](#)



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of December 1, 2024

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

All those effected by the devastation of hurricanes

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Nicole Anderson

Zach & Emma Anderson

Cody Angstadt

Joey Augustine

*Michael Beigay

James Belknap

David Bendekovits

*Cathy Benson

Linda Bingnear

Gary Bodmer

Robert Bodner

*Janine Bond

*Jeff Bond

*Andy Brangenberg

Sue Brenton

Diane Bruce

*Tim Bush

David Caffier

Colson Cleaver

Mary Jane Colgan

Ian Cooper

Angela Cregar

*Ruth Ann Curley

Laurene Dalpezzo

Karen Donahoe

*Jane Drapper

Alan Dzilak

Mya Douglas

Ginny Downs

Ayva Dudley

*Jennifer Eden Family

Blaine Fasnacht

*Roni Fiedler

Finn

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Dayna Fuller

Fran Garside

Linda Fink Gregory

Dayna Faller

Ezra Groff

*Tom Groff

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Clella Harp

Linda Hartlove

Dahlia Hill

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

Connie Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

Kate Howells

Wayne Hudson

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

Bonnie Hudson
Lorraine Hudson
Eric Johnson
*Sandra Kennedy
Matthew Kenworthy
Mary Ellen King
Martha Kotch
*Charles LoPresto
*Loretta Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
Patrick McManamon
*Jan and Marv Malone
*Frances Mason
Bob Mazur
Michie Mader
Karen Monahan
Aviana Aurora Montano
Jack O'Day
*Bob Paulen
*Ron Paxton
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Richard Pioli
*Dan Potts
*Annette Predeaux
Constance Quillen
Frank Quillen
Frank Riley-Spillane
Beth Rinker
Pete Roche
*Gary Ralph
Jana Raup
Judy Reich
*Bill Robbins
*Alyse Rogers
John Ruff
*John Sadler
*Irene & Tom Safrit
*Carl Schloegel
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
*Loretta Smith
Ron Soltes
Ray Sonderfan
Steve
*Scott Strickler, moved to Texas
*Cheryl Tarlecky
*Mark Thompson
Ryan Talumello
Dean Tibbetts
Mike Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
*Susanne Truitt
Becky Vye and Family
Lee Ann Walling
*Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
Debbie Webber
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

- *Claire Worrall
- *Michelle Yates
- *Jean Young

***Church Members**

Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Homebound, 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
- *Dan Wine
- *Janet Yabroff
- Jamie Bradley

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/Grad Students

- *Autumn Reynolds-Grad Student Cedar Crest College
- *Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U
- Callie Juliano, U Conn
- Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon
- Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech
- *Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech
- Griffin Barrows, Marist

Epworth Ministry Organization



Staff & Leadership

Church Office: 302-227-7743 (plus extension)

Lead Pastor: [Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith](#) (x102)

Pastor of Community & Communication:

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) (x103)

Minister of Music: [Doug Yetter](#) (x106)

Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

Office Manager: [Tammy Zhang](#) (x100)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Kitchen Sexton: [Maureen Knesel](#)

Preschool Director: [Betsy Plowman](#) (x107)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

Governing Board Chair—[Linda Kauffman](#)

Lay Leader—[Todd Popham](#)

Finance Chair—[David Hagelin](#)

Staff-Parish Relations Chair—[Sandy Pierce](#)

Board of Trustees Chair—[Dee Speck](#)

Scheduling/Rentals & DOVs: [Susan Jimenez](#)

Inviting Leadership Team

(Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice)

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) and [Bob Joynson](#)

Belonging Leadership Team

(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

[Gwen Osborne](#), [Linda BenderHilt](#), [Loretta Mahan](#),

[Cathie Lewis](#) and [Teri Moore](#)

Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

[Doug Yetter](#) and [Murray Archibald](#)

Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

[Mickie McManamon](#), [Dee Speck](#) and [Holly Reynolds](#)