



November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent



We exist to welcome ALL people by sharing the Love of Christ!

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.**

**Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

Congregation: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.

Leader: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

Congregation: We will sing a song of Advent, to the One who hears our words and silence.

Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

Congregation: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand. Amen!

APOSTLES CREED

UMH 881

*HYMN

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the son and to the Holy ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Robin and Lindsay Stanfield

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ "But in those days, following that distress," "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." ²⁶ "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you; this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Reader One: If ever there was a year, we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence.” So, tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

Reader One: We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more. (*Light one purple candle*)

Reader Two: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

*SCRIPTURE	Romans 6:13-20	Rev. Sean Stanfield
SPECIAL MUSIC	Love Came Down at Christmas	Robin Stanfield
SERMON	Immanuel: Hope	Rev. Sean Stanfield
*HYMN	Go, Tell it on the Mountain	UMH 251

**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 shone a holy light.**

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

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth.**

(cont’d)

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

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

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

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Immanuel: Hope

Romans 6:13-20

1. Hope fills your life through _____.
2. Hope does not _____.
3. God's hope _____.

**The Youth Would Like to Help Deliver Your Christmas Cards to Rehoboth UMC Parishioners.
They just ask for a small donation.**

Beginning now and ending December 13, you may

Drop of your cards along with your donation to the church office (Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm)

OR

After church hours, you may place your cards in the Rehoboth Youth Mailbox located outside the office entrance and place your donation in the Locking Door Drop Box in the office door.



Card pickup will be held in the Narthex during exit from the service on Sunday, December 13. If you are not able to make it to in-person services, delivery to home porches will be made that following week.

Hanging of the Greens

Even though we are not together in Rehoboth's sanctuary this first Sunday of Advent, our church shows signs of Christmas.

"Hanging of the Greens," a practice of bringing evergreens into the sanctuary, started in Europe. Evergreens were a sign of life and growth overcoming and flourishing in the midst of the dead of winter, and so of the resurrection of Christ.

Wreaths, which have no beginning or end, symbolize the eternity of God and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The Advent wreath is circular, representing God's infinite love, and made of evergreen leaves, representing the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ. The candles have their own special significance. They represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

Unlike the traditional Christmas tree found in homes, the Chrismon tree is decorated with only clear lights, and adorned with handmade gold and white symbols that tell the story of Christ. We'll talk more about the Chrismons next week.



Gallatin Shalom Zone Last-Minute Toy Store

TOYS FOR TOTS Toy Collection
through December 6

We will collect **new, unwrapped** toys for the Gallatin Shalom Zone's Toys For Tots Last-Minute Toy Store through **December 6**. Please bring your donations to the church office between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday.



Thank you for your continued donations.

You may make Donations to Rehoboth UMC

by mail to

2601 Cages Bend Road
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by dropping your check in our Locking Door Drop Box located in the church office door.

through Online Giving

or

Text Message

to 844-325-8129

Hosting Baby Jesus ... 2020 Style

Watch for a Special Email on Monday describing an updated Hosting Baby Jesus Experience

Join Us On **facebook** **LIVE**

Tuesday Sermon Recap - 6 pm

Join Pastor Sean every Tuesday Evening on Facebook Live for Sermon Recap! A time to focus in on important aspect from Sunday morning and to ask questions during the live stream!

Thursday Prayer Stream

Join Tim each week for Thursday Prayer Stream!

Birthdays

Nov 30 Amy Savell
Bonnie Williamson
Teresa Wilson
Dec 1 Jean Cage
Lea Ann Hall
Catherine Rainey
Dec 2 Chris Charlton
Helena Ludwig
Dec 3 Rick Fox
Dec 4 Charlotte Mason
Tony Smart
Dec 5 Don Cunningham

REHOBOTH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Sean Stanfield

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Rehoboth's Prayer Requests

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Long-Term

(hospice care or long-term medical treatments, diagnosis or rehab)

Maria Avila-Raspel (J. Miller)	Marilyn Greene	Helena Ludwig	Mary Ann Slone (Slone)
David Brown (J. Brown)	Barbara Haley (McDaniel)	Jim Mason	Tucker Smith (Sloan)
Bud Cage	Tom Harned (M. Miller)	Richard Miller (J. Miller)	Donna Stephens (J. Miller)
Jean Cage	Merle Hurst (Sims)	Vickie Muse (Cundiff)	Rita White (Hayes)
Jonell Cathcart	Grace Husk	Jan Miller Raspel (J. Miller)	Bonnie Williamson
Sue Eaker (Rowe)	Ed Kennedy (B. Miller)	Chuck Schaal (Hanson)	Dorothy Wright (Melanie Atkins)
Elaine Fields (S. Cathcart)	Sara Kennedy (B. Miller)	Shirley Shumate	

Health Concerns

Daniel Boone (S. Stanfield)	Vernona Elliott (Kranz)	Bettie Hughes (Walker)	Vickie Pike
Cary Briley (J. Cage)	Violet Fiehweg (Major)	Gale Johnson (Moore)	Todd Poteete (A. Mason)
Chris Charlton	Jimmy Gayle (Stark)	Gary Johnson (Moore)	Will Ryman (Shumate)
Sandra H. Cherry (Shumate)	Kelly Fulsom	Ron Kuehne (D. Erlewine)	James Shelton (Nutter)
Jennifer Cole (Gilligan)	Scott Fulsom	Johnny McIntosh	Jeryln Schenker (Moore)
Jeff Cook (Walker)	Robin Funderburke (Major)	Denis McNeal (D'Angelo)	Melissa Slone
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)	Nate G (Major)	Bobbie Motz	Sherron Snead (S. Cathcart)
P.J. Davis	Homer Hall	John Nutter	Norma Uhrig (Oliver)
Duane Elliott (Kranz)	Dick Holtz	Gerald Pike	Barbara Vaughn (Walker)

Other Concerns

Bateman family (Major)	Rosemary Franke (Walker)	Family of Loriane Sheppard (Dorris)
Family of Al Bennett (Stark)	Family of Tyler Holt (S. Stanfield)	Richard Sheppard (Dorris)
Family of Mitch Bricke (Fulsom)	Family of Jared Morgan (Moore)	Cary Vinson and family (A. Mason)
Family of Nellie Cheyne (Cheyne)	Family of Rick Van Oost (V. Smith)	Adrienne Weathersby & family (Major)
Family of Helen Crowder		

Sympathy To

Melissa Slone and family in the passing of Melissa's aunt Marie Clemons

Individuals will remain on our list for up to 3 weeks. Please contact the church office to resubmit a praise and/or prayer request. (Names in Bold have been newly added to the list.)