

For a child will be born to us, a Son given to us; and the government
will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!
~Isaiah 9:6

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent



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

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WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER		Charlotte Mason
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
PRELUDE		Gayle Graening
	<i>(As the music begins, we invite you to prayerfully prepare for this time of worship.)</i>	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Charlotte and Bill Mason
Leader:	When the people of God were taken into exile long ago, they sang songs of mourning, for they had lost everything.	
Congregation:	During this Advent and Christmas season, we know many people who miss their loved ones, who remember friends and family who have passed on. But God continues to bring new life and renewed joy into our lives.	
Leader:	Today we light the candle of JOY!	
	<i>(The pink candle is lit.)</i>	
	<i>(Pause for Candle Lighting)</i>	
Congregation:	Everlasting Father, you will turn our mourning into dancing, our sad songs into songs of praise. Help us to sing your praise in all that we do. Amen!	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	UMH 238
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	UMH 881
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	UMH 70
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Carrie Neblett
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER		Charlotte Mason
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	UMH 204
*SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28	Rev. Felicia Kumar
SERMON	Everlasting Father	Rev. Felicia Kumar
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	UMH 234
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Felicia Kumar
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING	<i>Go, Tell It On the Mountain (v 1,2)</i>	UMH 251
POSTLUDE		Gayle Graening

*Please stand as you are able

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Please Join Us Today
in the Fellowship Hall

**Church Family
Christmas Potluck Brunch**

10 am to 11 am



Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

If you or someone you know is dealing with the death of a loved one, experiencing a broken relationship, coping with job loss, caring for someone with a terminal illness and/or facing any fearful situations, we invite you to our Blue Christmas worship service on Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

This service will provide a quiet and reflective time of worship as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings.

Come and join us as we seek hope, healing and wholeness that only comes from our Christ-child born in a manger!

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Matt D'Angelo

PASSING OF THE PEACE*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Allie and Ted Kelley

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***SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Go Tell It On the Mountain
Joy to the World*

Praise Team

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carrie Neblett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matt D'Angelo

***MUSICAL OFFERING**

Born on That Day

Praise Team

***SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28

Rev. Felicia Kumar

SERMON

Everlasting Father

Rev. Felicia Kumar

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Felicia Kumar

Communion Servers: Raymond and Lisa Wesley

***SONG OF COMMITMENT**

Great Are You Lord

Praise Team

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Felicia Kumar

BENEDICTION SONG

Praise Team

*Please stand as you are able

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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-Raspet (J. Miller)	Hanson family	Helena Ludwig	Donna Stephens (J. Miller)
Al Burzo (J. Miller)	Edith Hardy	Michael Mayernick (Dorris)	Sylvia Street (Walker)
Jean Cage	Tom Harned (M. Miller)	John McIntosh	Bobbie Sullins (T. Cage)
Frances Catron (Catron)	Sara Kennedy (B. Miller)	Jackson Murtha (Shumate)	Barbara Vaughn (Walker)

Health Concerns

Matthew Bautula (Lehmann)	Danny Ellis (J. Miller)	Laura Hayes	Keaton Sharpe (Woodrich)
Shan Boone	Jason Erlewine	Russ Holt	Nana Sheradin (Woodrich)
Jack Bradley (Dorris)	Gerald Esmer (Esmer)	Maxine Jones (Jones)	Melissa Slone
Lucretia Brinkley (Ayre)	Adeline Floyd (Calabro)	Ruby Love (Calabro)	Jack Smedley (A. Ayre)
Shasta Brown (Brown)	Diane Gagliardi (Cundiff)	Jan Mapes (Plause)	Pat Thacker (Shumate)
Melvin Burke (A. Mason)	Nancy Garrison (J. Miller)	Scott McCarthy (Shumate)	Wilburn Thacker (Shumate)
Phil Byrum	Ernie Grinder	Becky Miller	Larry Thompson (Hanson)
Sister Shawn Conrad (Plause)	Elizabeth Hamilton (A. Mason)	Kent Pepper (Woodrich)	Todd Willbanks (Willbanks)
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)	Chuck Hanes (A. Ayre)	Janet & Bob Plausse (Plause)	Ron Woods
Kathy Denny (Jones)	Pam Hanes (A. Ayre)	Bill Ross	
Anne Dorris	Jo Hardison (A. Ayre)	Caroline Rudy (A. Ayre)	
Jon Dorris (Dorris)	Jennifer Harrison (Kranz)	Rebecca Savage (Savage)	

Other Concerns

Joseph Chaffins & family (Slone)	Rusty Jackson (Shumate)
Madison Bartula Hinkle (Lehmann)	Family of Jim Mason

*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.)*


Come Sing with the Residents at NHC Gallatin
TODAY (December 17) at 2 pm
 Please join us for Hymn Singing and a short devotional time with
 the residents at NHC Gallatin **Today (December 17) at 2:00 pm.**

Join Us
Tuesday (Dec. 19)
 for
Lunch and a Movie
 on the Bend
11:30 to 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

"I Heard the Bells" Movie
 and Sandwiches from
Panera Bread

So that we may plan for the lunch,
 please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.
 (Please be sure to circle your sandwich
 choice on the sign-up sheet.)

Deadline to sign up:
Today (Sunday, December 17)




Hosting Baby Jesus

We are nearing the end of Rehoboth's tradition of **Hosting Baby Jesus**...a figurine of Jesus in a manger that travels to a different Rehoboth home each day during Advent. This experience serves as a reminder of the anticipation of Jesus' birth. And, as part of our Christmas Eve Service, we will share reflections from Jesus' travels through our Rehoboth family. Upon receiving Baby Jesus please:

- ◆ Let the church office know you have received the figurine (615-757-3262 or churchum@gmail.com)
- ◆ Record your experience with Baby Jesus in the journal.
- ◆ If possible, **please send a photo to the church office** (email churchum@gmail.com).
- ◆ Pass the figurine on within 24 hours of receiving it.

Please return Baby Jesus to the Church Office on Wednesday, December 20

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Collection of Music
one Service at 10 am
 featuring members of both
the Chancel Choir and the Praise Team



Our musicians have been working very hard to prepare for this special service, please come receive a blessing from their efforts.

*We hope you will make plans
 to attend our
Christmas Eve Service
 at 5 pm on Sunday, December 24*



Sunday - December 31
10 am Blended Worship Service
Theme: "Stories Behind Christmas Carols"

We will focus on a few carols and reflect on how
 the stories behind these carols express the
 true meaning of Christmas and impact our lives!

Sunday School and Fellowship Time Will Resume January 7



Christmas Card Delivery

Tim Smith and the Youth are diligently working to deliver Christmas cards.

To help them out, please check with Tim and the Christmas Card Post Office to be sure you have received all of your Christmas Cards from Rehoboth Parishioners.

You may retrieve cards on:

- December 17
- December 24
- December 31



Week of December 17, 2023

Today:

- 8:30 am Chancel Choir
- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 am Church Family Christmas Potluck (FH)
 Sunday School Resumes Jan. 7
- 11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm Devotion & Singing at NHC

Tuesday:

- 11:30 am Lunch and a Movie (FH)

Wednesday:

- 7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera
- 6:00 pm Children's Group
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:15 pm Hand Chimes

Thursday:

- 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)

Birthdays

Dec 20 Melanie Atkins

Dec 21 Sherrie Cathcart

Dec 23 Jason Sheppard

Birthdays Blessings

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