

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 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10 am Service



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

10:00 am Service Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Karen Shrode

PRELUDE Sleigh Ride Gayle Graening

(As the music begins, we invite you to prayerfully prepare for this time of worship.)

*HYMN Joy to the World UMH 246

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Clyde, Amanda, Brandon & Shaelynn Smith

Leader: Long ago, the people of Israel were being taken into exile. They were taken

away from their homes, away from their house of worship, away from the people they knew. The Scriptures say they were taken into thick darkness.

Congregation: People today live in war-torn places, such as Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and

many other places in the world. We are reminded of the darkness of the world today, but that God is bringing light into our lives, and into our world.

Leader: Today we light the candle of PEACE!

(The third purple candle is lit.)
(Pause for Candle Lighting)

Congregation: Prince of Peace, come into our lives, bring your peace, and teach us how to

be light in the darkness. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie Neblett

HOSTING BABY JESUS EXPERIENCES

Tim Smith

*LET IT BE CHRISTMAS! SONGS OF THE SEASON

Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION OF MUSIC

Presented by Rehoboth UMC's Music Ministry

Narrated by Charlotte Mason

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord Chancel Choir

with Soloist Lawrence Hill

*HYMN There's a Song in the Air (v 1,3,4) UMH 249

***HYMN** Away in a Manger UMH 217

Silent Night Deb Catron & Danny Tucker

*HYMN What Child Is This (v 1, 3) Praise Team, UMH 219

Joseph's Lullaby Danny Tucker

Star Child Wynde Sloan & Ana Willbanks

CHRISTMAS HOMILY John 3:16 Rev. Felicia Kumar

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Felicia Kumar

OFFERTORY MEDITATION Wonderful, Merciful Savior Christin Ayre & Danny Tucker

Born a Savior, Born a King Chancel Choir

*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION Rev. Felicia Kumar

POSTLUDE Gayle Graening

*Please stand as you are able CCL12542498, CVL1504435297



Thank you Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Audio Visual Team, and those involved in Rehoboth's Music Ministry for their dedication and hard work to bring us the musical portions of our service this week and every week.



May the joy of this Christmas season bring light, life, and peace to you and your loved ones.

Wishing each of you and yours
a very Merry Christmas
and



a New Year filled with hope and promises of God!



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) **Lewis Braglen (Stone)** Al Burzo (J. Miller) Jean Cage

Frances Catron (Catron)

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

Caroline Rudy (A. Ayre)

Jack Smedley (A. Ayre)

Rebecca Savage (Savage)

Health Concerns

Matthew Bautula (Lehmann)
Shan Boone
Jack Bradley (Dorris)
Lucretia Brinkley (Ayre)
Shasta Brown (Brown)
Melvin Burke (A. Mason)
Phil Byrum
Sister Shawn Conrad (Plause)
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)
Kathy Denny (Jones)

Anne Dorris

Jon Dorris (Dorris)
Danny Ellis (J. Miller)
Jason Erlewine
Gerald Esmer (Esmer)
Adeline Floyd (Calabro)
Diane Gagliardi (Cundiff)
Nancy Garrison (J. Miller)
Ernie Grinder
Chuck Hanes (A. Ayre)
Pam Hanes (A. Ayre)
Jo Hardison (A. Ayre)

Jennifer Harrison (Kranz)
Laura Hayes
Russ Holt
Maxine Jones (Jones)
Ruby Love (Calabro)
Jan Mapes (Plause)
Scott McCarthy (Shumate)
Becky Miller
Kent Pepper (Woodrich)
Janet & Bob Plausse (Plause)

Pat Thacker (Shumate)
Wilburn Thacker (Shumate)
Larry Thompson (Hanson)
Todd Willbanks (Willbanks)
Betty Woods (Woods)
Ron Woods

Other Concerns

Bill Ross

Joseph Chaffins & family (Slone)

Madison Bartula Hinkle (Lehmann)

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.)



The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday



The church office will be closed Friday and Monday. December 29 and January 1 for the New Year's Holiday



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 24

December 31

Year-End Contributions

Thank you for your support of the ministries of Rehoboth UMC throughout the year.

As we near the end of the year we hope you might think of us when planning any additional year-end donations.

To be included in your 2023 Giving Statement, we are requesting your contributions be made by Sunday, December 31. Online contributions will be included if the gift is scheduled to transfer by December 31.

You may make donations in person by dropping it in the offering plate, by dropping your check in our Locking Door Drop Box located in the church office door, or through Online Giving

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays, there will be

NO Wednesday Evening Activities

Wednesday, December 27



Week of December 24, 2023

Today:

9:30 am Chancel Choir

10:00 am Blended Worship Service

Fellowship Time Resumes Jan. 7 Sunday School Resumes Jan. 7

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday:

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Wednesday:

7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera

NO Children's Group

NO Youth Group

NO Chancel Choir

NO Hand Chimes

Friday and Monday:

Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

Birthdays

Dec 30 Connor Ayre Maryann Davis



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