

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Felicia Kumar

PASSING OF THE PEACE**PRELUDE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Bob Green

Leader: Out of the busyness of our worlds,

Congregation: Out of the crankiness and boredom of life-as-usual,

Leader: Out of the darkness, we have seen a great light.

Congregation: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness: On them has light shined.

Leader: The birth of a baby calls us to something special in the year ahead!

Congregation: Let our worship be our new beginning! Amen!

UNISON PRAYER

Bob Green

Loving and merciful God, you have come to us, not with great signs and wonders, but in a babe who became a humble carpenter. You took on human form, not with the trappings of power and might, but among people who fasted, prayed, and gave thanks in the midst of their poverty. You made your witness not with devices of intimidation and coercion, but through an instrument of suffering and scorn. Lord, in response to your great labor of love, we open ourselves to you that you may create new life among us as we finish off this year with your grace and are at the threshold of entering the new year, for in your presence there is fullness of joy and at your right hand are pleasures forevermore! Amen!!

STORIES BEHIND CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS**SCRIPTURE AND NARRATION**

John 1:1-5

Ginger and Hans Vooyo

OPENING SONGLight of the World*

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE AND NARRATION

Micah 5:2

Wynde Sloan

CAROL*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

UMH 230

SCRIPTURE AND NARRATION

Psalm 121:4

Jan Miller

CAROL*I Heard the Bells*

Praise Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carolyn Cundiff

SCRIPTURE AND NARRATION

Luke 2:16 & 2:20

Charlotte Mason & Deb Catron

CAROL*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

UMH 251

SCRIPTURE AND NARRATION

Isaiah 7:14

Mary D'Angelo

CAROL*Silent Night*

UMH 239

SCRIPTURE AND NARRATION

Galatians 5:1

Matt D'Angelo

CLOSING SONGBehold*

Praise Team

***CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Felicia Kumar

POSTLUDE

(Please remain standing as the Acolyte brings the Light of Christ.)

*Please stand as you are able

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Epiphany Season

The season of Epiphany is a period of four to nine weeks, from Epiphany, through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The coming of the Magi or the wise men is celebrated on Epiphany which is always **January 6**. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on **February 14**. The length of the Epiphany season varies according to the date of Easter.



The Gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The Last Sunday in the season of Epiphany is always devoted to Transfiguration and this year Transfiguration Sunday falls on February 11. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is vividly revealed in the Transfiguration Gospel, as well as the Gospel of the Baptism of Christ.

We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the manifestations of Christ's divinity recorded in the Gospels of the Epiphany season!

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	Sylvia McGinty (Hart)	Sylvia Street (Walker)
Lewis Braglen (Stone)	Edith Hardy	John McIntosh	Bobbie Sullins (T. Cage)
Al Burzo (J. Miller)	Sara Kennedy (B. Miller)	Jackson Murtha (Shumate)	Barbara Vaughn (Walker)
Jean Cage	Helena Ludwig	Candy Smith (Hart)	
Frances Catron (Catron)	Michael Mayernick (Dorris)	Donna Stephens (J. Miller)	

Health Concerns

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

Other Concerns

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.)*

We Celebrate with Carrie Neblett on Her 10-Year Anniversary of Ministry with Rehoboth

This coming week, our Director of Children's Ministry, Carrie Neblett, will celebrate 10 years of faithfully serving in Rehoboth's Children's Ministry. We are thankful for Carrie's care, commitment and enthusiasm to the children of our congregation and look forward to her continued leadership. Please offer your appreciation to Carrie when you see her this week.

**The church office will be closed
Monday, January 1
for the New Year's Holiday**

2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Monthly Wednesday Morning
Ladies Gathering
10 am in the Oasis area
Wednesday (January 3)
All Ladies are Welcome!**



MEN'S
MINISTRY

**MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
8 AM in FELLOWSHIP HALL
All men are Welcome!**

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.



INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE

**Rehoboth will follow the
Sumner County School schedule
for inclement weather.
If school is cancelled, activities at
Rehoboth will also be cancelled.**

Card Creation & Fellowship

Join with others to create
greeting cards

**Wednesday, January 10
10:00 a.m. - RUMC Library**



Week of December 31, 2023

Today:

10:00 am Blended Worship Service
Fellowship Time Resumes Jan. 7
Sunday School Resumes Jan. 7

Monday:

Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

Wednesday:

7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera
10:00 am Ladies Gathering (Oasis)
6:00 pm Children's Group
6:00 pm Youth Group
NO Chancel Choir
NO Hand Chimes

Saturday:

8:00 am Men's Monthly Breakfast (FH)

Birthdays

*Dec 31 John McIntosh
Jan 2 Ann Love Ayre
Jan 6 Jan Miller*

Birthday Blessings

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