

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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*Third Sunday
of Advent*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "I Wonder as I Wander"

WELCOME

& ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Pratt

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: A path to our God,

People: Winding through the ordinary,

Leader: Weaving through the busyness,

People: Overcoming roadblocks and detours.

Leader: A way to go home,

People: Leaving the past in the past,

Leader: Moving from darkness and exile,

People: Coming into the light.

Leader: Advent is a path to our God,

People: A way to come home,

Leader: A discovery of God's voice:

All: Rejoice, rejoice. God is with us!

***HYMN**

FWS #2092

"Like a Child"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Vilma Cobb and Sherry Smoak

HYMN

FWS #2090

"Light the Advent Candle (Advent Song)"

(verses 1-3)

FINANCE MOMENT

Sherry Smoak

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Meegian

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

OT #826

Zephaniah 3:14-20

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING (Ushers will come to you.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bryon Black II

"Advent Hymn"

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***GOSPEL READING:**

NT #56

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON: "The Joy of Home"

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

#229

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The altar is open for prayer. If you would like the pastor to pray with you, please so indicate. The doors of our church are open if anyone wants to join by profession of faith or by transfer.

***BENEDICTION**

AMEN RESPONSE

#898

POSTLUDE "Advent Hymn"

**Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME GUESTS

We welcome you this morning to Rehoboth UMC as we celebrate this beautiful Advent. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

A big thank you to Pastor Meegian for hosting the Christmas drop-in yesterday at the parsonage. The food was delicious, and a fun time was had by all!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Families Helping Families" Giving Tree this year. The gifts will be delivered this week, and they will be a blessing for this special family.

You're invited to attend a concert, "Christmas at Shandon," at Shandon Baptist Church on Forest Drive today at 4 pm and 7pm. Free admission.

The Women of Rehoboth will be having a Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 14, from 6-8 pm at the home of Janice Petty. Please bring \$5 for Epworth Children's Home and an appetizer to share. Please contact the church office if you need transportation.

The UMM will provide a Christmas luncheon next Sunday, December 19, after the worship service. If you're able, please bring your favorite dessert.

Please plan to join us on Friday, December 24, for a meaningful and beautiful Christmas Eve service. It will begin at 5 pm.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, 2 pm: Prayer Line

1-267-876-3725

Access Code 8730860#

Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 pm: Leadership Team Zoom

Wednesday, 6:30 pm: Choir

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday school groups each Sunday Morning:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9 a.m.
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor in the Education Building.

Ushers: Rick Boyce, Bill Rose

Lock-up: L.W. Smith

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.

Please write your prayer request in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will receive these requests and lift them up for prayer during worship.

HEARING INFO

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.