

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



December 31, 2023

***First Sunday after
Christmas Day***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vilma Cobb

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We meet to worship God, and to give thanks for the birth of Jesus.

People: Jesus lived and died and rose from death to show us God loves us.

Leader: God calls us, and God is with us.

People: Bring mind and body, heart and voice,

All: Our savior comes. Rejoice, rejoice!

***HYMN**

UMH #240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

This very hour, O God, we give thanks to you. We have seen much with our eyes and have seen all with our hearts. We who have seen the dusk of so many old days have seen the dawn of a new day. We, O God, have seen your salvation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Wennie Rodriguez

"Christmas Medley"

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O Comforter, we tarry in your temple awaiting a sign. Redeem us, O God. Send your life into our midst; deliver your spirit into our hearts. We will become your children. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #14

Matthew 13:44-46

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"What Did You Find?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERTORY

Lady Imperio

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

"The Apostles' Creed"

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #251

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Dear Rehoboth UMC Family: Thank you so much for the Christmas cards, gifts, treats, and financial gift you gave me. All of these were welcome blessings to my family in this season. Pastor Laurie

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

A church conference to vote on separating from The United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday, February 13, at 6 pm in the sanctuary. All members are asked to attend.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 1

church office closed

Wednesday, January 3

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

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

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

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Your prayers will be lifted up.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 12/24/23=\$2,938.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$164,810.00

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.