

REHOBOTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

Liturgical Color, White

Doug Benton, Pastor

Congregation, Ministers

THE GREETING AND THE WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*THE PRELUDE *“Joy to the World”*

Rehoboth Handbell Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *“The Rose Tree Carol”*

*THE INVOCATION

Almighty God, who has come to us as a child in the birth of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; who continues to come to us in new and surprising ways; and who has promised your continued presence with us - grant us, we pray, such a sense of your presence that we may be renewed in faith, remain steadfast in love, and live in the hope of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF ADORATION *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”* No. 240

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed No. 881

THE WIGGLE TIME AT THE ALTAR Diane Horn

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* No. 206

*THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 98 No. 818

THE MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Silent Night”*

Rehoboth Handbell Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 94

THE ANTHEM *“Innkeeper”*

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-4, 29-42 N.T. 86

THE SERMON *“The Word”*

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION *“Joy to the World”* No. 246

You are urged to come forward to pray at the altar rail during the Hymn of Dedication. Please raise your hand if you have a special need, and the pastor or assistant will come to consult or pray with you.

*THE BENEDICTION

*Please stand.

C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Children's Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket (in front of Target)
10:30 a.m. Christine Sutton/Edna Brown Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

For the beauty of the service, the altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in honor of my husband, Paul Elliott, on his birthday.
Given with love by Lorraine Elliott & family

Music Director/Organist: Toni Hollingsworth **Greeter:** Brad Priest
Trustee Lock-up: Bobby Dennis **Lay Reader:** 12/25 Belinda Fulmer; 01/01 Judy Benton
Nursery Worker: 12/25 Billy Crawford; 01/01 Karen Pratt
Ushers: Rick Boyce, Ray Branson, Jay Henderson, Joe McGee
Counters: 12/25 Jan Smith & Neil Smoak; 01/01 Christopher Miller & Neil Smoak

WELCOME VISITORS: We are delighted to have you with us in worship today. We hope your visit with us will be spiritually enriching. **Please fill out the pew registration pad.** A nursery is provided for children 3 and under. Please sign the form located in the narthex before worship if you would like your children to go to the nursery located in the Education Building. Children must be picked up and signed out from the nursery after morning worship. If you would like for your children to attend our children's church in the parlor after wiggle time, please sign the form located in the narthex before worship. Children must be picked up and signed out from the parlor after morning worship. The restrooms are in the Education Building and our ushers can direct you. **No flash photography is allowed during our worship service.**

THE LAST WEEK of this year is here, and so is the last week of the **Prayer Jubilee**. Our prayer focus for this week is **God's Will**. We have several short Scripture verses to help us in our prayer time. The first comes from John 6:40 and are the words of Christ: "For this is the **will** of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up in the last days." Our next focus verse comes from Hebrews 10:10: "By this **will** we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Next, Philippians 2:13: for it is God who is at work in you, both to **will** and to work for His good pleasure." Finally from Matthew 12:39-40: "And stretching out His hand toward His good disciples, He said, 'Behold My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the **will** of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.'"

EGG CARTONS: Thank you for saving your egg cartons; however, Harvest Hope is no longer accepting them. Please **do not** save them for us any more.

ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL is again using card fronts from any and all greeting cards. Please save yours, bring them by the church office, and we will mail them to St. Jude's.

FLOWER CHART: The 2012 flower chart is here and posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up now to get the Sundays you want!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

25 Paul Elliott
27 Jacob Turnipseed
29 Ann Kinney
31 Jane Gardner

25 Byron Horn
27 Tina Turnipseed
29 Robert White

27 Ida Rhyner
28 Susan Turner
31 Ed Burch



The Jubilee Prayer Groups along with Doug and Judy wish to invite everyone to Shealy's BBQ in Leesville on Saturday, January 14, 2012. We will meet at 12:30 p.m., have lunch, and then go three blocks to Doug and Judy's house for a brief prayer meeting. Everyone is invited. See you there!

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN GATHERING ITEMS
FOR NEXT YEAR'S AUCTION!**

Judy Benton will host a Premier Jewelry party on Sunday, January 15, 2012, at 3 p.m. in the church parlor. This party will not benefit Judy. **ALL jewelry EARNED from the sale of jewelry sold will go to the auction for 2012.** Everyone is invited and bring a friend. The more jewelry sold will mean more jewelry we will win for the auction. So come, enjoy and order this nice jewelry. Let's get started on finding items for the auction early.