

REHOBOTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color, Purple

Doug Benton, Pastor

Congregation, Ministers

THE GREETING AND THE WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE MEMORY OF REHOBOTH

Victoria Crawford

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Billy & Mitchell Crawford

*THE INVOCATION

O Lord, on this first Sunday of the Advent Season, as we gather in your house of prayer and praise, we ask that the weeks ahead may be a very special time for us. May we arrive at a new awareness of your claim on our lives; may we gain a new appreciation of what it means to have God with us through the incarnation of your Son; and may we make a new commitment to the rule of justice and peace which Christ came to establish upon the earth. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF ADORATION *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

No. 140

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

No. 881

THE WIGGLE TIME AT THE ALTAR

Diane Horn

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION *“Nothing Between”*

No. 373

*THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 80

No. 801

THE MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 94

THE ANTHEM *“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

Jerry McHugh - soprano, Shirley Bennett - alto

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 1:3-9

N.T. 154

THE SERMON *“Strong in Christ”*

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION *“I Know Whom I Have Believed”*

No. 714

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.

For the beauty of the service, the altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.
Given by Frank & Karen Pratt.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Children's Church
12:15 p.m. Children's Choir

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells
7:00 p.m. Administrative Council

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Music Director/Organist: Toni Hollingsworth **Greeter:** Dianne Clark
Trustee Lock-up: Mary Jane Moore **Lay Reader:** 11/27 Forrest Horn; 12/04 Dan O'Donnell
Nursery Worker: 11/27 Robin Jones; 12/04 Jane Massey
Ushers: Ed Burch, Paul Elliott, Brian O'Donnell, Dan O'Donnell
Counters: 11/27 Lou Maiorano & Glenda Spadetti; 12/04 Belinda Fulmer & Bill Rose

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.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please **do not remove** this copy from the board. Copies are available from the church office upon request.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST: Henry Smith is able to get us free storage bags but not all of them have "ties". Please save your bread ties for us. Thank you.

THE FOOD PANTRY TEAM is looking for an individual with a pick up truck or SUV who would be willing to go to Harvest Hope Food Bank to pick up food to bring to the church on either a Monday or a Wednesday morning. Please contact the church office or call Dan O'Donnell.

CAROLING: The Crossroads Sunday school class will go Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 10. If you are in search of a Sunday school class or would just plain like to go caroling with us, we'll meet at the Pettys' home at 5 p.m. to gather ourselves and drop off the food. We'll depart at 5:30 to carol until we return for dinner. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. If you would like to join us, please contact either Janice or Dave.

REHOBOTH PRAYER JUBILEE continues. This week's focus is **grace** (the unmerited favor of God). Our scripture verse comes from Ephesians 2:4-5: "But because of His great love for us, God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by **grace** you have been saved."

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

27 Stella Priest
29 Donna Palma
01 Catherine Bowen
03 Sean Joyner

28 Ralph Dorner
30 Addie Mae Jones
01 Tyna Wall

28 Breann Fulmer
30 Ken Waldron
03 Shirley Bennett

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the
WINTER ROSE

by Joseph M. Martin
with Narration by Pamela Martin



**The Combined Choirs of
Rehoboth UMC & Windsor UMC
will be presenting**

THE WINTER ROSE

**Saturday December 17, 2011
at 5:30 pm
Cantata will be held at Windsor United Methodist Church
9500 Windsor Lake Boulevard**