

Sermon Notes:

The History of the Church

The founding members met to organize as a church on June 14, 1974 as a member of the Conservative Baptist Association of America. Official formation followed on July 15th and the first public worship service was held at Johnson's Barn, Rehoboth on July 21, 1974. The present facility was dedicated on April 17, 1983.

The Message of the Church

We proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as the only way of salvation (Acts 4:12). All people have sinned and are under condemnation (Romans 3:23, 6:23). The GOOD NEWS is that God sent His Son to pay the penalty for sin on the cross and all who believe in Him, repent of their sins, seek forgiveness and receive Him as Savior and Lord receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16).

The Purpose of the Church

To bring honor and glory to God in all that we do and say (Matthew 5:13-16, Colossians 3:17). To know and enjoy God through worship, prayer and the study of the Bible. To apply that knowledge to our lives that we might please God. To grow in His grace and communicate His love to others.

Church Membership

Rehoboth Baptist Church welcomes into its membership all who have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, have made a public profession of their faith in Christ, and have been baptized by immersion in obedience to the Scriptures (John 3:3-8, I Peter 1:18-23, Matthew 28:18-20).



Rehoboth Baptist Church

The Lord's Service



December 16, 2018

Welcome & Greeting

Announcements

Missions Moment

Prelude

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #90

Prayer of Confession (Cf. Psalm 25:11, 20)

[Silent confession]

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Amen.

Forgiveness Declared: *The God of peace himself will sanctify you completely, and you will be blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (Cf. 1 Thess. 5:23-24)*

Special Music *The First Noel* Choir

Advent Wreath Insert

*Hymn *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #98

Pastoral Prayer

*Presentation of Offerings, Doxology & Prayer

*Scripture (Pew Bible, p. 1053) John 1:1-18

Sermon *Who is Jesus & Why it Matters*

*Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #93

*The Lord's Table

*Doxology

*What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
Raise, raise a song on high,*

(Doxology continues on the back)

* Please Stand Piano: Diane Littlehale; Steve Wick

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*The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

***Benediction** (God's Promised Blessing) Ephesians 3:20–21

Postlude



Today's Information

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM

Nursery (infant to 3 yrs.)

Today: Emily Hess & Karen Price

Next week: Emily Hess & Val Stout

First Bible Lessons

Today: Cindy Kitchen (T) & Sue Munroe (H)

Next week: Cindy Kitchen (T) & Hannah Kitchen (H))

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Caroling

No Evening Service

This Week's Schedule

Tues. 7:00 PM Elders & Deacons Prayer

Wed. 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

Advent Sermons

Jesus: The Only Way to Make Peace with God

12/23 **Our Willful Indifference** (John 1:1–18)

12/30 **Jesus Our Perfect Redeemer** (John 1:1–18)

YTD Stewardship Report (Week 36)

Budget: \$125,259

Actual: \$122,187

Surplus/Deficit: **-\$3,072**

A Note About the Offering: Offering plates are on either side of the doors of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to give an offering. The plates will remain in the back for a short time after the close of the service.

Prayer, Memory & Meditations

Prayer Focus this Month:

Ministry: Outreach through Caroling and Christmas services

Mission: Danny Croce, New Hope Correctional Ministry
Plymouth County Correctional Facility

Scripture & Catechism Memory Work

First Bible Lessons:

James 1:17a

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...

New City Catechism:

Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Question 15

Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

That we may know the holy nature of God, and the sinful nature of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Pray for the lost loved ones, neighbors, and coworkers. Pray that all of us would speak boldly and with respectful gentleness.

Pray for the Good News Club Thursdays at 4:00. We will have a party this week.

Thought for the Week

"God is not here to simply grant wishes. He's not here to fund idolatry. God does serve us, but he exists for his glory. We exist for him, not the other way around. In prayer, we embrace the right posture of longing for his glory before his provision."

John Onwuchekwa. Prayer

Notes and Announcements

Snow shoveling schedule is posted. Please sign up for a week if you are able.

Sunday, Dec. 23rd, no evening service

Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24th at 6 PM, followed by Open House at the Schneider's.

Christmas morning worship, Dec. 25th at 8:30 AM.

Wed., Dec. 26th, no Prayer Meeting

New Year's Eve game night, Dec. 31st, 6 PM.

24 Hour Day of Prayer, New Year's Day, 12 AM to 11:59 PM.

Be sure to check the mail boxes downstairs for Christmas cards.

January 1st, 24 Hour Day of Prayer sign up is posted. Sign up for a half-hour time slot, or more.

Information about a ladies' conference March 15,16 with Elyse Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson in E. Providence is available in the foyer.

Welcome,

We are glad you are here. Our Lord Jesus has called us to regularly assemble before him for his service. When I say, "his service," I mean this in two senses. He serves us, by graciously giving us the ability to trust him and to obey him, (more and more), through the service of his word (the Bible) and the Holy Spirit, whom he continues to pour out upon us. And we serve him in response: We gather each week to acknowledge him as our king and to willingly submit to his Word. We make it our aim to please him both here on Sunday and throughout the week when we are scattered at our various homes and work places.

It is our sweet duty as followers of Jesus Christ to formally unite together so that we can urge each other on to be more like him. We do this by showing up, by our prayers for one another, and by getting personally involved in each other's lives.

If you would like to find out more about what it means to know, follow and worship Jesus Christ, please talk to any of our members.

Pastor Steve Kitchen