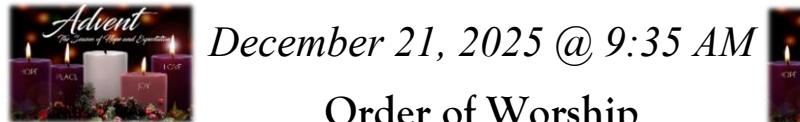


# The Church Gathers for Worship



December 21, 2025 @ 9:35 AM



## Order of Worship

The Prelude ..... Musicians  
The Prayer For Love ..... Dea. Casper Posley  
Dea. Kelvin Young

### PRAISE & ADORATION:

The Call to Worship ..... Min. MacArthur Black  
The Invocation/Prayer of Confession ..... Min. MacArthur Black  
The Prayer Response ..... "The Lord's Prayer"  
The Hymn of Praise ..... *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* ..... Choir/Congregation  
The Greetings ..... Min. MacArthur Black  
The Musical Selection ..... Voices of Praise Choir

### CONFESION & FORGIVENESS

The Scripture in Response... *Matthew 1:18-25 NIV* ..... Min. MacArthur Black

### THANKSGIVING

The Offertory Prayer & Period of Giving ..... Pastor Simmons  
The Pastoral Reflections ..... Pastor Simmons

### HEARING FROM GOD

The Musical Selection ..... Voices of Praise Choir  
The Spoken Word ..... "God With Us" ..... Pastor Simmons  
The Call to Discipleship ..... Pastor Simmons  
The Hymn of Invitation ..... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"  
The Call to Prayer ..... Dr. Reginald A. Logan Jr.  
The Hymn of Benediction ..... "Go Tell It On The Mountain"  
The Benediction ..... Pastor Simmons

## HYMN OF INVITATION

### "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#### Verse 1

*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus – No turning back, no turning back!*

#### Verse 2

*Tho no one join me, still I will follow, Tho no one join me, still I will follow, Tho no one join me, still I will follow – No turning back, No turning back!*

#### Verse 3

*The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me – No turning back, No turning back!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We Wish You All A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

#### REMINDER!

*Don't forget to sign the Attendance Card located on the clipboard on your pew.*

#### Join Us for RFBC Sunday School - Sundays @ 8:30 AM

We're excited to relaunch our Sunday School Ministry and we'd love to see you there! Come grow with us as we explore God's Word together in a friendly and welcoming setting. Here's what you'll find:

- ▢ Clear and practical teaching that connects the Bible to everyday life
- ▢ Supportive relationships that encourage and strengthen one another
- ▢ Classes for all ages—so bring the whole family!

Greetings RFBC and Community, you are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM. In addition, if you would like to acknowledge a family member or loved one that has passed during our memorial period, please submit their name to the Administrative Asst. Sis. Sherri Caldwell, by Sunday, December 21, 2025.

**Attention: All RFBC Admin. Offices will be closed from December 23, 2025 and will Re-Open on January 5, 2026. Additionally, RFCCD After School Initiative will close December 19, 2025 and Re-Open January 5, 2026.**

**Please note:** The Family Life Center is closed for recreational activities until Saturday, 12/27/25. All men are requested to come out at 9:00 AM, Saturday, 12/27/25 to assist with Breakdown Family Life Center for the recreational activities.

**Attention All persons ages 19-35, Reedy Fork Baptist Church Is seeking to reignite our Young Adult Ministry.** In order to effectively plan events and activities, we are requesting your input on how we can create a Christ centered environment. To assist us in preparing for our journey together, please scan the QR Code and complete the survey at your earliest convenience. Also, Join us each Sunday morning for Sunday School in classroom 204. Hope to see you there! Thanks, Sis. Bayley Robinson and Sis. Kamryn Shockley.



Favor Upstate – Family Recovery – Strengthening Communities.

Thursdays 2:00 – 4:30 PM Family Coaching, 6:00 – 7:00 PM Family Group.

RSVP Anthony R. Wilson 864-625-8616 (Program will re-start January 8, 2026)

### A Gentle Guide to Holiday Grief

Grief doesn't take a holiday. This season, it's okay to feel joy and sorrow side by side. These gentle reminders offer ways to care for yourself, honor your memories, and find small moments of peace this season.

### Holiday Don't-Do List

- ❖ **Don't do anything that doesn't serve you and your loss:** There is no "right way" to do grief, especially during the holidays.
- ❖ **Don't keep your feelings bottled up:** If you have 1,000 tears to cry, don't stop at 999.
- ❖ **Don't overindulge:** This can include food and alcohol.
- ❖ **Don't be afraid to say "No, thank you":** It's ok to skip some things this year.
- ❖ **Don't feel like you must explain your grief:** If someone doesn't get it, that's on them.

**Merry Christmas from Agape Care Group, RFBC & RFCCD**

## RFBC WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 – DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

TIME	MINISTRY	LOCATION	
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup></b>			
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Yolanda Williams</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622	
8:30 AM	Sunday School	Classrooms	
9:35 AM	Sunday Morning Worship	FLC, RFBC App, & Facebook Livestream	
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup></b>			
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Simone Teague</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622	
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Administrative Building	
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Janice Alford-Grief Counseling	Community Office	
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup></b>			
<b>CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE &amp; FACILITY CLOSED</b>			
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Mikus/Linda Nelson</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622	
6:30 PM	Men of Praise Rehearsal	Room #205	
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE</b>			
<b>CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE &amp; FACILITY CLOSED</b>			
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Nadine Sullivan</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622	
5:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary	
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>			
<b>CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE &amp; FACILITY CLOSED</b>			
6:00 AM	Cook Family Breakfast	Parlor	
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Marian Hawthorne</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622	
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup></b>			
<b>CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE &amp; FACILITY CLOSED</b>			
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Sylvia Thomason</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622	
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup></b>			
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Simmons Sisters</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622	
9:00 AM	FLC Breakdown	FLC	
11:00 AM	Men of Praise Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
<b>HOSPITAL/CONVALESCENT CENTER</b>			
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<b>PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT IN</b>			
Evelyn Burts Bobby Chapman Sarah Chapman Brittany Copeland Ray Dennis Jerry Earl Lonnie Epps Dorlee Evans	Mary Evans Barbara Harris Joe G. Hawthorne Tamica Hawthorne Clarence Henderson David Lewers Sr. Willie R. Lewers. Reginald Logan Jr.	Jennifer McKinney Mattie McKinney Aimee Nava Elizabeth Robertson Freddie Robertson Gail Samons Melvina Robertson Connie Robinson Albert Sweeney Genevenia Robinson Jessie Thomason	Kenneth Robinson Michael Robinson Vanessa Robinson Ruby Rosemond Gail Samons Joyce Shockley Albert Sweeney Jessie Thomason

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

<b>Leader:</b>	The signs are there: God's love comes again, showering us with the light of Christ!
<b>Congregation:</b>	O Lord God of host, let your face shine, that we may be saved.
<b>Leader:</b>	With anticipation of the Devine, we remain expectant and marvel at the steadfast faith of Mary and Joseph.
<b>Congregation:</b>	O Lord of host, let your face shine, that we may be saved.
<b>Leader:</b>	The time is nearly upon us. Preparations are almost complete. Are we ready to change?
<b>Congregation:</b>	O Lord of host, let your face shine, that we might be saved.
<b>Leader:</b>	Worship and praise God for these signs of hope and love!
<b>All:</b>	O Lord God of host, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

## THE SCRIPTURE IN RESPONSE: MATTHEW 1: 18-25 (NIV)

<b>Leader:</b>	<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.
<b>Congregation:</b>	<sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.
<b>Leader:</b>	<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
<b>Congregation:</b>	<sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
<b>Leader:</b>	<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
<b>Congregation:</b>	<sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").
<b>Leader:</b>	<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.
<b>All:</b>	<sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

Matthew 1: 18-25 (NIV)

"God With Us"

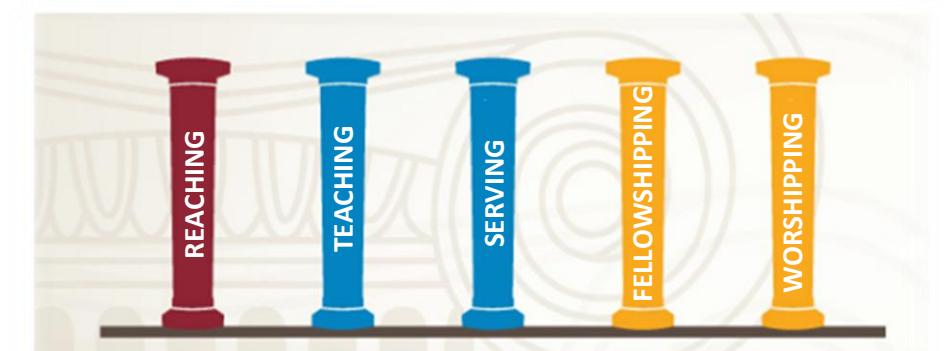
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## Our Mission

This church seeks to glorify God by **Reaching** people for Christ; providing **Teaching** opportunities for them to grow in Christ; **Ministering** to the needs of the congregation, community, and the world; devoted to enjoying **Fellowship** of one another, and continually **Worshipping** together.



## Our Vision

"Reaching The Unchurched For Christ"

Come walk with us; we will do thee good!