


The Church Gathers for Worship

December 21, 2025 @ 9:35 AM



Order of Worship

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

PRAISE & ADORATION:
The Call to WorshipMin. MacArthur Black
The Invocation/Prayer of ConfessionMin. 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

CONFESSION & 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. Kamyrn 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 ST , 2025 – DECEMBER 27 TH , 2025		
TIME	MINISTRY	LOCATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Yolanda Williams	267-807-9605, 769-622
8:30 AM	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:35 AM	Sunday Morning Worship	FLC, RFBC App, & Facebook Livestream
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Simone Teague	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Church Office Hours	Administrative Building
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Janice Alford-Grief Counseling	Community Office
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2^{3RD}		
CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE & FACILITY CLOSED		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Mikus/Linda Nelson	267-807-9605, 769-622
6:30 PM	Men of Praise Rehearsal	Room #205
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE		
CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE & FACILITY CLOSED		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Nadine Sullivan	267-807-9605, 769-622
5:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH MERRY CHRISTMAS		
CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE & FACILITY CLOSED		
6:00 AM	Cook Family Breakfast	Parlor
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Marian Hawthorne	267-807-9605, 769-622
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH		
CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN – CHURCH OFFICE & FACILITY CLOSED		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Sylvia Thomason	267-807-9605, 769-622
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Simmons Sisters	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM	FLC Breakdown	FLC
11:00 AM	Men of Praise Rehearsal	Sanctuary

HOSPITAL/CONVALESCENT CENTER	
SIS. MARY DENNIS SIS. MARY GARRETT	N.H.C. MAULDIN, 850 E. BUTLER RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29607 WINDSOR HOUSE, 1931 PELHAM RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29615

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT IN			
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 Melvina Robertson Connie Robinson Genevenia Robinson	Kenneth Robinson Michael Robinson Vanessa Robinson Ruby Rosemond Gail Samons Joyce Shockley Albert Sweeney Jessie Thomason

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

The signs are there: God's love comes again, showering us with the light of Christ!

Congregation:

O Lord God of host, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader:

With anticipation of the Devine, we remain expectant and marvel at the steadfast faith of Mary and Joseph.

Congregation:

O Lord of host, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader:

The time is nearly upon us. Preparations are almost complete. Are we ready to change?

Congregation:

O Lord of host, let your face shine, that we might be saved.

Leader:

Worship and praise God for these signs of hope and love!

All:

O Lord God of host, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

Leader:

18 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.

Congregation:

19 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.

Leader:

20 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.

Congregation:

21 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.”

Leader:

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

Congregation:

23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).


Leader:

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

All:

25 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”

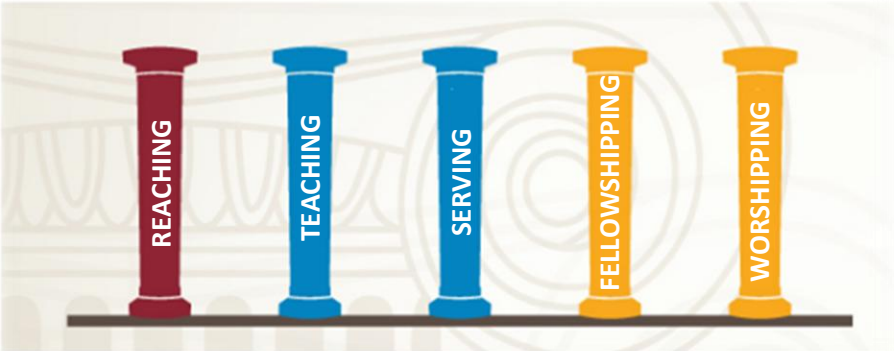
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Our Mission

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!