



Rock Presbyterian Church (ECO)

Advent & Christmas 2023

“The Four Gifts Available This Christmas”

Sunday, December 3	<i>Hope</i> Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-2 & 6-7	Dr. Chris Leonard
Sunday, December 10	<i>Peace</i> Matthew 1:18-25	Dr. Chris Leonard
Sunday, December 17 9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m.	<i>The Gift</i> Christmas Cantata	RPC Choirs and Drama
Sunday, December 24 (One combined service at 10:00 a.m. in the MPB)	<i>Joy</i> Luke 2:8-14	Dr. Chris Leonard
Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve (5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship in MPB; 7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary)	<i>Love</i>	Dr. Chris Leonard
Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve (One service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary)	<i>What Are We Going to Do?</i> Luke 2:15-20	Dr. Chris Leonard

(Childcare is available for all services & a livestream on our Facebook page begins at approximately 11:00 a.m.)

Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship, Sunday, December 24

Combined Worship - 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary - 5:00 p.m.; Traditional - 7:00 p.m.
The two evening services of worship will include lessons, carols, communion, and candle lighting.
All three services will be available on livestream on our Rock Facebook page.

MEN'S DECEMBER PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.

All church men (regardless of age) invited to the Mission House at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast & festive Christmas program provided by men's choir.

SANTA CLAUS ROAD CLEAN

Saturday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Mission House at 9:00 a.m. in your best Christmas sweater, Santa Hat, or Reindeer ears, and help us "cheerily" clean our part of the highway.

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

Sunday, December 3

RPC and Burton Center have joined together again to bring joy and the love of Christ to many of our friends at the Burton Center. Bring your wrapped gift no later than Sunday, December 3.

CHRISTMAS PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parents, enjoy an evening out while children, 6 weeks old through fifth grade are cared for at the church. Children's activities include Christmas crafts and stories, games, movies, dinner, and surprises! Only \$5/child; \$10 max/family. Sponsored by RPC youth & parents.

YOUTH PARTY & PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Delicious food, Christmas fun, fellowship, and surprises. Meet - 5:00 p.m. at the GHS Parking Lot - 5:15 p.m. at the Moneyhun's; Main Course & Devotions - 6:15 p.m. at the Watkins'; Dessert & Gift Exchange - 7:15 p.m. at the Warner's. Pick-up at GHS Parking Lot at 8:30 p.m. Bring a wrapped gift \$12 or under and a friend!

DECEMBER FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

"JOY, JOY, JOY"

Wednesday, December 13, 5:45 p.m.

Enjoy a catered meal, fellowship with your friends, and a fun and meaningful time of Christmas devotion. Please sign up in church office by Monday, December 11.

RPC CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIRS AND DRAMA

Sunday, December 17, 9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m.

The RPC Sanctuary Choir and Rock Jam Children's Choir along with Biblical characters, narration, and scripture present the cantata "The Gift" on Sunday morning, December 17, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. God's greatest gift to us is His Son Jesus Christ. We will journey through the Christmas story remembering how the shepherds visited, wisemen brought gifts, and Simeon and Anna saw prophecy fulfilled with the birth of the baby Jesus. Then reflect on what gifts we can give to God, our talents, time, resources, and love.

CONGREGATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 17, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to an open house at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chris Leonard (Forest Hills - 144 Rutledge Road). Come and enjoy a time of good food and warm Christian fellowship.

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT NEW YEAR'S GATHERING

Monday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.

All college, graduate students, and young adults are invited to meet at the Mill House for a delicious pizza dinner, fellowship, fun, and devotions at the Mill House. Friends welcome!