December 15, 2024

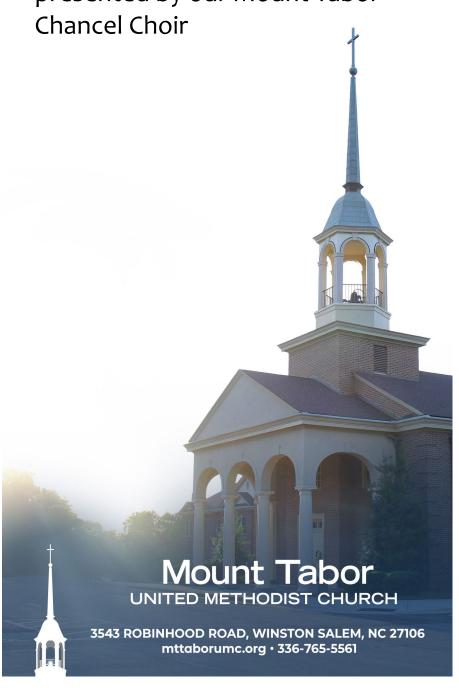
9:00am Worship

"Pay It Forward" from II Peter 3:8-15

(The Message)

11:00am Worship

A special Christmas Musical Program presented by our Mount Tabor



Traditional Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2024 — 11:00am

Hearing enhancement devices and large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Prelude It Came Upon the Midnight Clear arr. Richard Ellisasser

Welcome Will Busch

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Sidney Morris and Herbert Thomas

Introit O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

* Call to Worship

Keep watch! Look up! For soon the heavenly host will appear and proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth!

We watch for the light and listen for the voice of God's messengers today, and every day.

Do not be afraid! God's messengers proclaim good news of great joy for all people.

We gather like shepherds and sheep in a field, waiting for the good news of great joy.

In the darkest of nights and brightest of days we watch and we wait. Good news is on the way.

Come, let us worship!

* Hymn # 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

* Affirmation of Faith # 881 The Apostles' Creed

* Prayer of Confession

God-with-us in light and darkness, you created a world with abundant sources of joy, but we have not always received your good gifts. We have turned to thrills which fade away quickly. We have used our planet's resources for brief ease and entertainment, even when the damage is lasting. We have spent money on pleasures that rob the dignity and livelihood of laborers. We have chosen the latest technology or opportunity over the most profound justice. We have judged the joy of others. Forgive us, God. Help us begin again today. Amen.

* Gloria Patri # 71

Glory Be to The Father

GREATOREX

* Assurance and Time of Greeting Pastor David Beam Children (3 years old-5th grades) may leave to participate in TaborKids Worship today. Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.

* Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The First Noel arr. Melody Bober

* Doxology # 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN Chancel Choir Presentation

Arise, Behold His Glory, Benjamin Harlan — This Child of Light, Mary McDonald Angels' Carol, John Rutter — Star Carol, John Rutter

* Benediction Pastor David Beam

* Benediction Response Never a Brighter Star Dan Forrest

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella arr. Richard Ellisasser

*Please stand in body or in spirit

The flowers in the Narthex are dedicated to the Glory of God by Janice Council and family in memory of Miller Council and his mother, Ruth Miller Council.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Modern Worship Sunday, December 15, 2024 9:00am

—Gathering Song— House of the Lord (Phil Wickham)

—Praise Song—
Angels We Have Heard On High
(Chris Tomlin)

- Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship
 - Lighting of the Advent Wreath— Deborah, Sadie, and Jo Daniels

— **Praise Song**—
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
(Maverick City)

- Tabor KIDS Dismissal—
- Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory — Christmas Is All In The Heart (Steven Curtis Chapman)

—Scripture— II Peter 3:8-15 (The Message)

— Message —
"Pay It Forward"

—Sending Forth— What A Beautiful Name (All Sons and Daughters)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas Worship Host: Cheryl Vaughan Prayer Leader: Dave Stith

WELCOME TO MOUNT TABOR UMC

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990. Also stop by the Trinity Welcome Center Desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift. The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to "Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ." If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990. Prayer requests can be submitted at www.mttaborumc.org/ prayer or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 or kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery care and Mother's Room are available for all services. Children interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service at the appropriate time. Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and the church offices are open Mon.-Fri., 9am-NOON and Mon.-Thurs., 1-5pm. See the church website at www.mttaborumc.org for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

GATHER JOYFULLY

- * You can worship at MTUMC on Sundays at: Modern Worship at 9:00am in the Alspaugh Worship Center or Traditional Worship at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and https://www.You Tube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming.
- * Please remember that this is a meaningful and important moment of worship. In the spirit of this special time with our Lord, we ask that you silence and put away all electronic devices during our worship services.

GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY

- * The Christmas Eve Offering will be split between North Hills Elementary Backpack Program, Crisis Control Ministry, and Second Harvest Food Bank. Gifts to these organizations must be put in the special offering envelopes or have "Christmas Offering" in the memo line. All undesignated gifts on Christmas Eve will go to the church budget.
- * The Church Office will be open for limited office hours from 9:0am-12:00pm on Monday, December 30 & Tuesday, December 31 during the upcoming holiday season.
- * Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner Cost Changes: STARTING on JANUARY 8, 2025— Due to the rising cost of goods and ingredients, the cost of our weekly Tabor Table Suggested Donation is increasing. Our NEW suggested donations, starting in January 2025 will be Adult(s) (age 13 -older) \$10; Child(ren) (ages 3-12) \$7; Family in same house \$30 cap.
- * Tabor Troupers (Seniors 60+) will meet on Monday, Dec. 16, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be "Biltmore Christmas," a presentation by Brian Hawley, Biltmore Scholar. Come and enjoy wonderful fellowship, a devotion, music, and a delicious meal of roasted turkey with gravy, roasted potatoes, vegetables, rolls, assorted cheese cakes for dessert, tea, coffee, and water. Please register in the Connect Corner in the welcome center or in your Sunday School Class.
- * TaborTWEENS will go to dinner and take a hayride through the Tanglewood Lights on December 19 from 5:00-9:00pm. For more information and to register, please visit: https://bit.ly/tweenhayride.
- * It's time to register for the Nativity! The Nativity is a re-telling of the birth of Jesus by TaborKIDS during the 2:00pm Christmas Eve service. For more information & to register, please visit: https://bit.ly/mtumcnativity2024

- * Dreading wrapping those Christmas gifts? That's ok! Circle #2 has you covered. We will be having our annual Gift wrapping fundraiser to raise money for local organizations including Crossnore and Spark. We will be wrapping on December 15 from 12-4. Let us help you so we can help others! Any questions contact Jessica Campbell- jescampbell5@gmail.com.
- * DIVORCECARE is a biblical and Christ-centered support group where people find healing, hope, and encouragement after separation or divorce. For you, or someone you know, no matter what the cause of separation or divorce, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck and learn valuable information about facing your "new normal" and renewing your hope for the future. Our DivorceCare group will gather on Wednesday nights, from January 9-April 26 in The Parlor (Rm. 108) from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, please contact David Rigby at divorcecare@mttaborumc.org. Registration is easy at www.divorcecare.org.
- * GRIEFSHARE is a biblical and Christ-centered group that gathers to help each other heal and find encouragement following the death of a loved one. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Our Fall GriefShare series will begin on Wednesdays, January 15-April 9 in room 101 from 3:30-5:00pm. For more information, please contact Beverly Burton at griefshare@mttaborumc.org or to register go to www.griefshare.org and search for Find A Group. Mt. Tabor is listed to begin on September 11.
- * Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Honor Cards are available for purchase in the Workroom until Sunday December 22. 100% of your \$5 donation per card goes to CCM. 2 designs to choose from. More designs available online and at CCM. www.crisiscontrol.org. Give the Gift of LOVE and HOPE this Holiday! For more information text or email Denise Peterson 336-922-1717 mamapete3@gmail.com
- * 2024 End of Year Contributions When making plans for a financial gift at the end of the year please remember the following: Cash and checks must be postmarked or delivered to the church office by December 31; Online gifts must be submitted by December 31; and Stock gifts must be sent by December 24 and you must notify Holly Smith of the stock name and number of shares by email at holly.smith@mttaborumc.org.
- * BEGINNING HANDBELLS COMING SOON! In January 2025, Lauren Harris is planning to start a handbell ensemble for BEGINNERS. Youth and adults welcome! If you are interested, please sign-up TODAY. No obligation, and no experience required. If you have questions, please contact Lauren at Lauren.Harris@mttaborumc.org or 336-779-1049.
- * RECYCLERS NEEDED On Your Own Schedule You would be assigned a two-week period during which you would collect from your assigned area one or twice a week as needed, collected material can be taken home to include with your own recycling, or taken to one of the recycling stations around town. If interested, please contact Judy Miller, cnjinwsnc@gmail.com or 336 725-5973.
- * Workroom Changes In the workroom the large copy machine is now open for all black and white copies. If you are a small group or ministry leader you are welcome to use the large copy machine to make all of your ministry copies. Questions? Call the church office at 336-765-5561.
- * Journeys of Paul in Greece and Turkey Pastor Mark Key is hosting an educational and spiritual trip to Greece and Turkey tracing the "Journeys of Paul" with Educational Opportunities in September of 2025. For more information please email Pastor Mark at mkey@wnccumc.net.

Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar Real-time calendar is available at TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar





Our Response to God's Grace...

December 8, 2024 ATTENDANCE

BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Dec. 9, 2024

Pledges: 235 for Pledge Total of \$1,266,273 Online Worship 133 In-person Worship 449

December 8, 2024 GIVING
Budget Needs Each Week \$31,382.00

 Budget Gifts
 \$24,621.71

 Prepaid Pledge
 \$2,171.22

 Angel Tree
 \$745.00

 Other
 \$1,486.31

 Total
 \$29,024.24

Mount Tabor United Methodist Church

2024 Christmas Poinsettias

Red Poinsettias in Memory of:

- * Betty Livengood given by Jim & Susan Annas
- * Bill & Pat Mainous given by The Hauser Family
- Debby Myers given by Keven, Lindsay, Taylor, Max, and William Hinshaw
- Dempsey & Stella Clinard given by George & Diane Clinard
- * Dot Wilson given by Joe & Belinda Wilson
- * Helen Gordon Leader given by Richard & Carrie Leader
- * James Martin Petree, Jr. and Virginia Petree given by Sidney Morris & Herbert Thomas Jr.
- * Jon Thorne given by Richard & Carrie Leader
- * June, Ethel, & D.C. Brewer given by The Brewer Family
- * Luther Orrell given by Dale & Beth Orrell
- * Margaret Turnage given by Betty Griffith
- * Mary R. Keith given by Scott & Nancy Keith
- * Pat Royall given by The Hunnicutt Family
- Paula Tuttle given by Bonnie Bergen
- Reid & Hazel Williams given by Rich & Karen Vellucci
- * Sam Gladding given by Claire Gladding
- * Sam Gladding given by Boy Scout Troop 934
- * Sam Gladding given by Steve & Laura Kelley
- Dick & Phyllis Waggoner given by Ron & Chris Hudnell

White Poinsettias in Memory of:

- Ben Hunnicutt given by The Hunnicutt Family
- Bob Reddick given by Boy Scout Troop 934
- * David L. Henson given by Wanda Henson
- * E.D. & Helen Miller given by Carolyn & Ralph Miller
- * Edna Orrell given by Dale & Beth Orrell
- * Haywood "Butch" Ray given by Carol Ray
- * Rush Bondurant given by Carolyn & Ralph Miller
- * Sam Gladding given by the Gladding Family

Variegated Poinsettias in Memory of:

- * Bill & Pat Mainous given by Mike Hendrix
- Bob Agnew given by Martha Agnew
- Ellis & Martha Blanche Livegood given by Martha Agnew
- * Fred Turnage given by Betty Griffith
- * George & Mildred Hendrix given by Martha Agnew
- * James M. Thompson given by The Heitman Family
- Joe & Dollie McDowell and Melissa McDowell given by George & Diane Clinard
- * Judy Brewer given by The Brewer Family
- * Kara Chase given by the Heitman Family
- * Kenneth & Judy Shutt given by Jim & Lisa Nitz
- Mary Carol Sapp given by Dale & Beth Orrell
- * Betty & Wayne Clark given by Candy McCoy
- * Our Parents given by Stuart & Cheryl Smith
- * Paula Tuttle given by Sara Lynn Macy



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2024 Christmas Poinsettias

Variegated Poinsettias in Memory of:

- Phil & Ruth Livengood given by Tom & Patricia Livengood
- * Roger & Judy Hall given by The Hauser Family
- * Sara & Foy Annas given by Jim & Susan Annas
- * Richard & Josie Vellucci given by Rich & Karen Vellucci

Red Poinsettias in Honor of:

- * Aldyn Rogers given by Andrew Rogers
- * Thurmond Livengood given by Jim & Susan Annas
- * Colleen Hunnicutt given by Sam & Andrea Honeycutt
- Martha Agnew, Susan Annas, Sally Kelpcyk, Janie Livengood, and Jeff Livengood given by Patricia Livengood
- * Melisha Hartman Chamra given by Bob & Sandra Hartman
- * Olive Kate Rogers given by Andrew Rogers
- * Chad, Mark, Troy, Lauren, Taylor, Jackson, Ethan, and Parker given by Michele & Michael Roberts
- * Pastor David Beam given by Sidney Morris & Herbert Thomas Jr.
- * Sam & Andrea Honeycutt given by The Hunnicutt Family
- * Wende Rogers given by Andrew Rogers
- * Zachary Hartman given by Bob & Sandra Hartman
- * The Brewer Family

White Poinsettias in Honor of:

- * Colleen Carr given by The Hauser Family
- * Brent Bond given by Philip & Jeanette Kelley
- * Diane Wilson given by Mark Wilson
- Blanche Livengood given by Tom & Patricia Livengood
- * Mary Carolyn Bondurant given by Carolyn & Ralph Miller
- June & Otis Roberts and Thelma & Roy Rea given by Michele & Michael Roberts
- * Whitney Larking given by Mark Wilson

Variegated Poinsettias in Honor of:

- Keith Huffstetler given by Boy Scout Troop 934
- * Marcey Davis given by The Hauser Family
- Candy McCoy's children and family given by Candy McCoy
- * Taryn Butler given by Circle #5
- * The Chancel Choir given by Mike Hendrix
- * Beth Orrell given by Joe & Belinda Wilson

