

Welcome home to Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church!

Thank you for joining in celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas Eve. We hope that you have come expectant of experiencing God's presence, of being inspired by the Holy Spirit, and being challenged to live faithfully in relationship to God through Christ.

We especially want to welcome those of you visiting with us. We appreciate your presence and invite you to come and be with us again in worship, fellowship, and service. Our worship service are at 9:00am and 11:00am each Sunday along with Sunday School classes for all ages at 10:00am. Please let us know how we can help you in your walk of faith!

Merry Christmas... the light of the world has come!

—Pastor David Beam

Our Worship Leaders today are:

Senior Pastor: David Beam

Director of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris

Organist: Mike Hendrix

Dir. of Congregational Care and Spiritual Formation: Kim Harvey

Liturgists: Bob & Brona McHone

Acolytes: Leah Heitman and James Campbell

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM
in the Alspaugh Worship Center

No Sunday School. Nursery available for Kindergarten and younger.

The Christmas Eve Special Offering will go to Crisis Control Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Backpack Program for North Hills Elementary.

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.

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THE *Light*
Shines

**IN THE
DARKNESS,**
and the darkness
has not overcome it

JOHN 1:5



LESSONS AND CAROLS
DECEMBER 24, 2024 AT 4 PM

Candlelight Lessons, Carols, and Communion Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024 at 4:00PM

Prelude Yuletide Echos William Hodson

Welcome Pastor David Beam

Lighting of the Christ Candle Bob and Brona McHone

Choral Response VENI EMMANUEL
 Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Call to Worship Pastor David Beam
 Come, hear the news the angels bring from Heaven:

Glory to God in the highest!

Come, hear them proclaiming peace on earth:

Glory to God in the highest!

Let the earth rejoice at the Savior’s coming;

Glory to God in the highest! Let the heavens answer with joy;

Glory to God in the highest!

Come, hear the angels singing “Christ is born.”

Glory to God in the highest!

Carol #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful (1, 2, 3, 6) ADESTE FIDELE

Bidding and Offertory Prayer Kim Harvey

Offertory Angels are Making Their Rounds Pepper Choplin

Doxology In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what can I give him: give my heart.

First Lesson Genesis 2:8-9, 3:1-15 Pastor David Beam

Carol #229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W ZLOBE LEZY

Second Lesson Micah 5:2, 4, 5a Kim Harvey

Carol #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

Third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38 Pastor David Beam

Carol #219 What Child Is This? GREENSLEEVES

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1-20 Bob McHone

Carol #240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Hal Hopson

Fifth Lesson John 1:1-14 Pastor David Beam

Carol Festival First Noel arr. Dan Forrest

Stanza 1 – Choir and Congregation

The first Nowell the angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter’s night that was so deep; Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Stanza 2 – Choir and Congregation

(Women only):

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond the far;

(Men only):

And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

(Choir only):

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel

Stanza 3 – Choir and Congregation

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav’nly Lord That hath made heav’n and earth of nought, And with His blood mankind hath bought: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor David Beam

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels song glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we raise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so in remembrance of these you mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ come in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.



Music for Communion

The Child of Light Mary McDonald
Star Carol John Rutter
Angels’ Carol John Rutter
Never a Brighter Star Dan Forrest

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles Pastor David Beam

Carol #239 Silent Night, Holy Night STILL NACHT

¹Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

²Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

³Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

⁴Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*Benediction Pastor David Beam

*Response Joy to the World ANTIOCH

*Chiming of the Trinity Postlude

Postlude The Birthday of a King arr. Joseph Greener

*** Please stand in body or in spirit.**