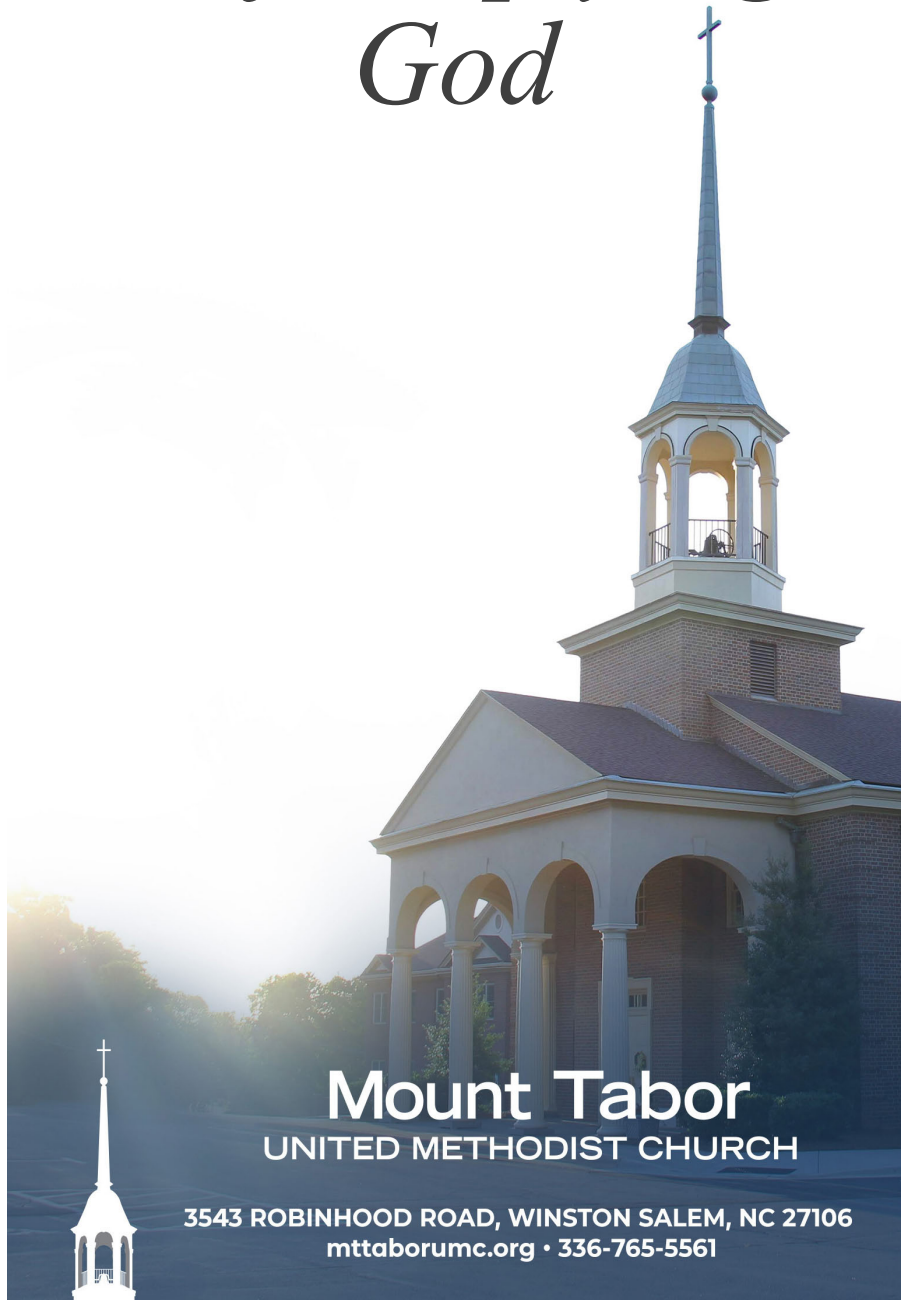


November 3, 2024

*The Gift of a  
Self-Emptying  
God*



**Mount Tabor**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Traditional Order of Worship**  
24th Sunday after Pentecost  
**Sunday, November 3, 2024 — 11:00am**

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

**Prelude** *Ave Verum Corpus* W.A. Mozart

String Quartet

**Welcome** Rev. Beth Orrell

**Introit** *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

**\* Call to Worship**

We have come to affirm our historic faith.

**To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

**To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

**To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

(Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey*, Pilgrim Press, 1981, p. 56.)

**\* Hymn # 711** *For All the Saints (vs 1-4)* SINE NOMINE

**\* Affirmation of Faith #881** *The Apostles' Creed*

**\* Prayer of Confession**

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. *A time of silence.*

**\* Gloria Patri # 71** *Glory Be to The Father* GREATOREX

**\* Assurance and Time of Greeting** Pastor David Beam

**\* Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem** *Cantique de Jean Racine* arr. John Rutter  
Chancel Choir and String Quartet

**\* Doxology # 94** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\* Hymn #452** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

**Scripture** Ephesians 3:5-12

**Message** *"The Gift of a Self-Emptying God"*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** Pastor David Beam and Rev. Beth Orrell

**\*Post Communion Prayer**

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\*Hymn # 733** *Marching to Zion* MARCHING TO ZION

**\* Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** AMEN THREEFOLD AMEN

**\* Chiming of the Trinity**

**Postlude** *Onward, Christian Soldiers* Arthur S. Sullivan

**\*Please stand in body or in spirit**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam  
Liturgist: Rev. Beth Orrell  
Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual  
Formation: Kim Harvey  
Acolytes: Lilly Long & Hallie Long

Traditional Worship Arts Director:  
Lauren Harris  
Organist/Accompanist: Mike Hendrix  
String Quartet: Corine Brouwer, Brian Ford,  
Marian Wilson, and Anne-Marie Tranchida

**Modern Worship**  
**Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
**9:00am**

—Gathering Song—  
*Lift Your Head Weary Sinner (Chains)*  
(Crowder)

— Praise Song—  
*Inhabit*

— Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship —

— Tabor KIDS Dismissal—

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —  
*Firm Foundation (He Won't)*  
(Cody Carnes)

—Scripture—  
**Ephesians 3:5-12**

— Message —  
***“The Gift of a Self-Emptying God”***

—Holy Communion and All Saints Day—  
*It Is Well*

— Sending Forth —

**Worship Leaders**

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

## 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](http://www.mttaborumc.org/prayer) or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 or [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto: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](http://www.mttaborumc.org) for more info.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to [charity.goff@mttaborumc.org](mailto: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.YouTube.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

- \* **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, November 6, 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table> or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$8 for adult (age 13 and up), \$5 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$25. The menu is: Taco Salad (beef or chicken), Black Beans, Refried Beans, Rice, Queso, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Kids Option: Quesadillas.
- \* **Mount Tabor will recognize our Military Veterans** during worship services on Sunday, Nov. 10. If you have not already done so, please send a digital copy of a picture of yourself or a Mount Tabor UMC family member in uniform to our Digital Media Coordinator, Camdyn Davis at [camdyn.davis@mttaborumc.org](mailto:camdyn.davis@mttaborumc.org) by Sunday, November 3, 2024.
- \* **In Appreciation of your Service** - All veterans are invited to attend a reception in their honor on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be light refreshments served, a prayer of thanksgiving, recognition, and a time of fellowship to connect with other veterans. Thank you for your service to our country! You are greatly appreciated! For questions contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care and Spiritual Formation, at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) or 336-765-5561.
- \* **Moms Fellowship meets the first Thursday of each month** (November 7) 9:15 - 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. This is a time for mothers of young

children to meet for a heartfelt prayer, a short devotion with discussion, and fellowship. Childcare will be provided with registration done by 5 PM the night before the meeting. Register here: [bit.ly/mtmomfellowship](https://bit.ly/mtmomfellowship)  
Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser [SandyLHauser@gmail.com](mailto:SandyLHauser@gmail.com)

- \* **Our Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING.** Please come by the workroom in the church office to claim any of your lost items by November 11. All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill on November 12.
- \* **All women are invited to Women's Night of Worship** on Nov. 15 at 7:00 pm in the Alspaugh Worship Center. Join us as we come together as a community of faith to worship, sing, and support and encourage one another through a special time of prayer, the reading of scripture, a skit, and devotions. A dessert bar reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Due to the time of this event, you are encouraged to invite those who may prefer not to drive at night, and give them a ride. For questions, contact Kim Harvey at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) or 336-765-5561.
- \* **Next Steps – Everyone Has One!** Would you like to learn more about the ministries of Mount Tabor or learn about joining our church family? Is so, you are invited to join us on Sunday, November 17 from 10:15-10:45am in the fellowship hall.
- \* **TaborTWEENS will meet on November 24** from 3:00-5 PM. We will travel to the Community Coat Closet where we will help sort, organize and pack deliveries of coats, gloves, scarves and hats with the Community Coat Closet. Please register by November 20. [bit.ly/tweens1124](https://bit.ly/tweens1124)
- \* **Save the Date! Breakfast in Bethlehem** is December 7 at 10 AM. This annual advent experience for young families is open for registration now! [bit.ly/mtbfast2024](https://bit.ly/mtbfast2024)
- \* **BEGINNING HANDBELLS COMING SOON!** You are invited to a special Handbell Introduction on January 5, 2025 at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested, please sign-up [HERE](#). No obligation, and no experience required. If you have questions, please contact Lauren at [Lauren.Harris@mttaborumc.org](mailto:Lauren.Harris@mttaborumc.org) or 336-765-5561.

### **All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024**

*Today we remember the Saints of Mount Tabor UMC that have passed away since All Saints Sunday 2023.*

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| * Mary Pitts                     | * Marianne Livengood |
| * Paulette Jeffers               | * Bill Blackard      |
| * James Robert (Bob) Reddick, Jr | * Patricia Lineback  |
| * Paula Tuttle                   | * Rick Worf          |
| * Wayne Ketner                   | * Patricia Lineback  |
| * Miller Council                 | * Dianne Moser       |
| * Robert Love                    | * Mike Callison      |
| * Malinda Huffstetler            |                      |
| * Jean Bradford                  |                      |
| * Dianne Moser                   |                      |
| * Abi Buie                       |                      |
| * Emma Philpott                  |                      |
| * Mona Branscomb                 |                      |



## 2024 Poinsettias

Red, White or Red / White Variegated petals in 6" pots, wrapped with bow \$17 each. Orders as well as payment must be received in the church's Financial office by **noon, Sunday, November 3, 2024**.

*The poinsettias will be used during worship December 15, 2024 and Christmas Eve. You may pick up your plants following the Christmas Eve service.*

Fill out an order form (found in your bulletin) or order online at [bit.ly/mtpoinsettia24](https://bit.ly/mtpoinsettia24)




### ★ *In Appreciation of your Service* ★

All veterans are invited to a reception with light refreshments, a prayer of thanksgiving, recognition, and fellowship with other veterans.

**Sunday, November 10 at 10 - 11 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Questions? contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care and Spiritual Formation, at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org)



## Thanksgiving Service & Potluck Dinner

**Sunday, November 24**

**4:30 PM Drop Off Food**  
Please bring a side or dessert. Turkey, ham, drinks and paper products will also be provided.

**5:30 PM Worship Service**  
Potluck line will open following the service

**Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar**  
Real-time calendar is available at [TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar](https://TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar)



### Our Response to God's Grace...

<p><b>BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Oct. 28, 2024</b></p> <p><b># Pledges: 179 for Pledge Total of \$1,088,923</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 27, 2024 ATTENDANCE</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Online Worship</td> <td style="text-align: right;">130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-person Worship</td> <td style="text-align: right;">400</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 27, 2024 GIVING</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Budget Needs Each Week</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$31,382.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Budget Gifts</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$27,772.17</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disaster Response</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CROP Walk</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poinsettias</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$238.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fall Festival</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,462.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$36,163.06</b></td> </tr> </table>	Online Worship	130	In-person Worship	400	<b>Budget Needs Each Week</b>	<b>\$31,382.00</b>	<b>Budget Gifts</b>	<b>\$27,772.17</b>	Disaster Response	\$400.00	CROP Walk	\$50.00	Poinsettias	\$238.00	Fall Festival	\$240.00	Other	\$7,462.89	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,163.06</b>
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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Elise Eslinger

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “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 your 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.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—*Mary Pitts, Paulette Jeffers, James Robert (Bob) Reddick, Jr, Paula Tuttle, Wayne Ketner, Miller Council, Robert Love, Malinda Huffstetler, Jean Bradford, Dianne Moser, Abi Buie, Emma Philpott, Mona Branscomb, Marianne Livengood, Bill Blackard, Patricia Lineback, Rick Worf, Patricia Lineback, Dianne Moser, and Mike Callison.*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes 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 God, now and for ever.



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