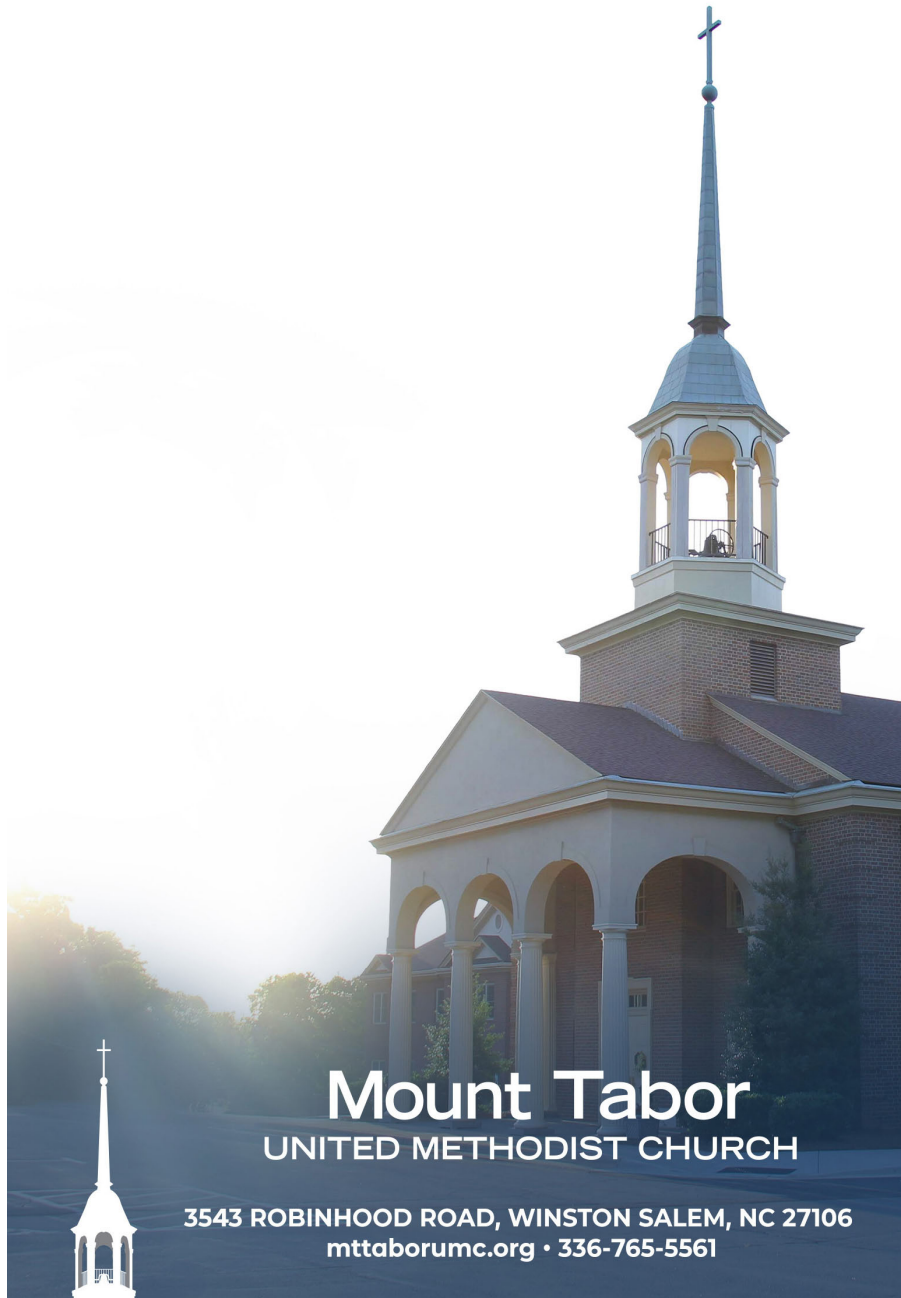


February 23, 2025

*“Are You  
Listening?”*



**Mount Tabor**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Traditional Order of Worship**  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
**Sunday, February 23, 2025 — 11:00am**

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

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Elevation in A Major</i>	César Franck
<b>Welcome</b>		Lauren Harris
<b>Reception of New Members</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	<i>We Are Standing on Holy Ground</i>	HOLY GROUND
<b>* Call to Worship — Psalm 37</b> Come, beloved, and release your frenzied fear. <b>We come, trusting the enduring promises of the Holy One.</b> Let meekness rise as strength of soul. <b>May our promised inheritance of love shine brightly all around.</b> May it strengthen us in our waiting and our working. <b>May all that is evil wither, and all that is good grow to fullness.</b> May the grace of God rest on us all as we gather.		
<b>* Hymn #66</b>	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	LAUDA ANIMA
<b>* Affirmation of Faith #881</b>	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	
<b>* Prayer of Confession</b> God of the grand reversal, we confess our easy attachment to revenge in its many forms. Instead of interrupting violence, it has been easy to practice it in word and deed. It has been easy to worship the lie of scarcity instead of trusting your promise of abundance. By this, the way of the world has worked into our hearts and minds. Forgive us and free us from ourselves. Equip us anew with an outpouring of Your love, and form us into channels of grace. Deepen our love, expand our generosity, and mold us and the world with Your abundant mercy. Let the heart and mind of Christ take up residence in us anew. Amen.		
<b>* Gloria Patri #71</b>	<i>Glory Be to The Father</i>	GREATOREX
<b>* Assurance and Time of Greeting</b>		Pastor David Beam
<b>Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	<i>What Shall I Offer My God</i>	Lloyd Larson
<b>* Doxology #95</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
<b>* Hymn #435</b>	<i>O God of Every Nation (1,3,4)</i>	LLANGLOFFAN
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)	Bob McHone
<b>Message</b>	<b>"Are You Listening?"</b>	
<b>* Hymn #89</b>	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	HYMN TO JOY
<b>* Benediction</b>		
<b>* Benediction Response</b>	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
<b>* Chiming of the Trinity</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Voluntary on KREMSER</i>	Gordon Young
<b>*Please stand in body or in spirit</b>		

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam  
Liturgist: Bob McHone  
Dir. of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris  
Acolytes: Grant Shipley and James Campbell  
Guest Organist: Jessica Beitel

**Modern Worship**  
Sunday, February 23, 2025  
9:00am

**Gathering Song**  
*Glorious Day* — Passion

**Praise & Worship**  
*Even in EXILE* — Crowder

**Welcome, Reception of New Members,  
and Call to Worship**

**Praise & Worship**  
*How He Loves* — Crowder

**Tabor KIDS Dismissal**

**Congregational & Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**  
*Chasing After You* — Tyrone Tribbett

**Scripture**  
Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)

**Today's Message**  
***"Are You Listening?"***

**Closing Song**  
*You Make Me Brave* — Bethel Music

**Sending Forth**

**Today's Worship Leaders**  
Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam  
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas  
Worship Host: Chad Marion  
Prayer Leader: Deborah Daniels

## 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

- \* **Mount Tabor's Afterschool Program** is hosting a Registration and Information Fair on Sunday, Feb 23 3:00-5:00pm and Thursday, Feb 27 5:30-7:00pm. This is an opportunity to tour the program, ask questions and get a jump start on registration before it opens to the public on March 3. Want more information about our Afterschool program? Contact the program director, Jeanna Hagan, at 336-760-0363 or visit their website at [mttaborumcafterschool.org](http://mttaborumcafterschool.org)
- \* **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, February 26 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 \$10 for adult (age 13 and up), \$7 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$30. The menu is: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Drinks, and Desserts with a kids option of Chicken Tenders.
- \* **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** will study the Gospel of Luke on Wednesdays through May 14 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom. There is nothing to purchase, just bring a Bible. For questions or the zoom link, contact Kim Harvey at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) or 336-765-5561.
- \* **Our March/April Upper Rooms** are here and available in the Church Office, Welcome Center, and the Sanctuary.
- \* **Mount Tabor UMC has two job openings** for a part-time Nursery Worker and Traditional Organist. The full Job Descriptions and a Job

Application can be found on the MTUMC website at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities>. We look forward to hearing from you if you are interested!

- \* **Message from the Cemetery Committee** – A limited number of graves are now available in our cemetery. If you joined Mt. Tabor between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2002 AND you are an ACTIVE MEMBER of the church, you are eligible to request a grave. Requests must be emailed to [cemetery@mttaborumc.org](mailto:cemetery@mttaborumc.org) by February 28, 2025.
- \* **Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant** – Hey Youth! Don't forget to apply to the 2025 Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant. Presented annually, the grant is open to all 6th-12th grade youth who plan to participate in a summer opportunity such as a music or art school, scouting camp, or foreign travel experience. Applications are available [www.mttaborumc.org](http://www.mttaborumc.org). Complete the application and email to [charity.goff@mttaborumc.org](mailto:charity.goff@mttaborumc.org) or print and place in the designated box in the church office area by 5:00pm on Sunday, March 16.
- \* **Pictorial Directory time is here!** It is time to practice your best family smiles, as we prepare to update our Mount Tabor UMC Pictorial Directory. Portrait appointments are available on April 23-26. Every family is asked to make an appointment for a FREE photo session - and you will each receive a FREE 8x10 and a FREE printed pictorial directory! Sign up for a portrait session for your family on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center and outside the children's building, on Wednesday nights during Tabor Table - or online at [bit.ly/MTUMCphotos](http://bit.ly/MTUMCphotos).
- \* **Great Day of Service on Saturday, March 29** is our annual church-wide morning of serving community service organizations across Winston-Salem. Here are the project teams you can serve on: Ronald McDonald House, Crossnore Children's Home, Crisis Control Ministries, Open Arms, Samaritan Ministries, Sunnyside Ministries and more. Signup boards will be in the Welcome Center soon. Please call Steve Mann 336.926.1028 with questions.
- \* **Calling all Men! Mt. Tabor has a new Men's Chorus**, and we would love to have you join us! Rehearsals are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the sanctuary.
- \* **Living on the Edge Experience on Sunday, March 23 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The Church for All the People and the Youth Ministry invite the church to a presentation and discussion led by Sydney Angel, from Crisis Control. This 75-90 minute interactive experience will offer a better understanding of the causes of poverty with ample time for discussion. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Anne Wallen at [cawallen@gmail.com](mailto:cawallen@gmail.com).
- \* **TaborTWEENS** (4th & 5th Graders) will gather on March 3 3:30-5:00pm at Alex's Grill in Lewisville. RSVP to [marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org](mailto:marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org).
- \* **Moms Fellowship** meets the first Thursday of each month (March 6) from 9:15 - 10:30am in the 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](http://bit.ly/mtmomfellowship) Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser [SandyLHauser@gmail.com](mailto:SandyLHauser@gmail.com)
- \* We would like to invite church members of ALL ages to contribute original artwork that can be displayed in the gallery area outside the choir room during the Lenten season. You can use the theme, "Journey to the Cross" to guide your selection process. Bring your items to the church office no later than Monday, March 3, and be sure to include your name and contact info with the artwork. Forms are available in the office. Question? Contact [Lauren.harris@mttaborumc.org](mailto:Lauren.harris@mttaborumc.org).



**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 10:00 AM Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 2:30 PM Afterschool Ministry Registration Fair
- 4:00 PM Beginning Handbells — Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Fusion Youth Main Event — Rm 113

**Monday, February 24, 2025**

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM Church Business Admin Mtg — Rm 207
- 11:00 AM TaborWOMEN Circle 7 Mtg — Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Support Group — Rm 108
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Voices of God's Children — Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 — Rm 113
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207
- 6:30 PM Pack 934 Meetings — Alspaugh Worship Center

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

- 6:50 AM High School Prayer Breakfast — Bagel Station
- 9:30 AM Weds Women's Bible Study — Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 PM GriefShare Support Group — Rm 101
- 5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal — Family Life Center
- 6:00 PM Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition
- 6:00 PM TaborKids — 263/265
- 6:00 PM TaborKids: Jr Pray'n & Play'n — Rm 166
- 6:30 PM DivorceCare — Rm 108
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person & Zoom — Rm 306
- 1:00 PM Afterschool Ministry Registration Fair
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rhrl — Alspaugh Worship Center

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

- 9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

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

<p><b>BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Feb 9, 2025</b></p> <p><b># Pledges: 252 for Pledge Total of \$1,318,613</b></p>	<p><b>February 16, 2025 — Attendance</b></p>												
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## **“Are you listening?”**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany — February 23, 2025

Luke 6:27-38(NRSV)

27 “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; 28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

- ❑ Jesus’ next words after the Blessings and Woes in Luke’s Gospel to those who will hear, is “Love your enemies”, and then gives examples of mistreatments saying, “bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you, offer the other cheek if someone strikes you, and if anyone takes from you, offer them more than they have taken.” How challenging are Jesus’ words?
- ❑ Are you (we) trying to live what Jesus is teaching?
- ❑ Think of some times when Jesus’ words have brought tension or conflict in how you respond to an offense?
- ❑ Did you notice the Golden Rule in v. 31?
- ❑ Who should you love? How do you deal with enemies?
- ❑ What do we learn about the nature and character of God from Jesus’ teachings?
- ❑ How might our lives and the world be different if we practiced Jesus’ commands?
- ❑ Jesus’ teachings about generosity, forgiveness, and not judging are also explicit. What are the consequences of not following what he says?



Rev. James Bellamy Preaching Series

## Rev. Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr

will preach at Mount Tabor UMC on Sunday, March 2

**9 AM Modern Worship Service**  
*in the Alspaugh Worship Center*

**11 AM Traditional Service**  
*in the Sanctuary*

..... followed by .....

**3:30 PM** Talk on "Who We Are As United Methodists in the Wesleyan Tradition, Where We Go From Here, Our Purpose, and Our Mission"  
*in the Fellowship Hall*

*Ash Wednesday*  
SERVICE

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary**

Nursery will be available.

*Great Day of Service*  
**March 29, 2025**

**Annual church-wide morning of serving local community service organizations.**

Projects:  
Ronald McDonald House,  
Crossnore Children's Home,  
Crisis Control Ministries,  
Open Arms,  
Samaritan Ministries,  
Sunnyside Ministries  
and more.

**Signup boards will be in the Welcome Center soon.**

**THE HARDEST PART**  
*hurt we carry, hope we find*  
BY KATE BOWLER

**Church Wide Study for Lent  
March 5 - April 19**

Study Guides available starting March 2 in the Welcome Center, Sanctuary Narthex, and Church Office

**Wednesday Night Gatherings**  
**6-7 PM from March 12 – April 16 in the Fellowship Hall**  
*led by Pastor David and Kim Harvey*

For questions or to connect with a class or small group study, contact Kim Harvey at [Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org](mailto:Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org)

Download the study guide online at [katebowler.com/lent](http://katebowler.com/lent)