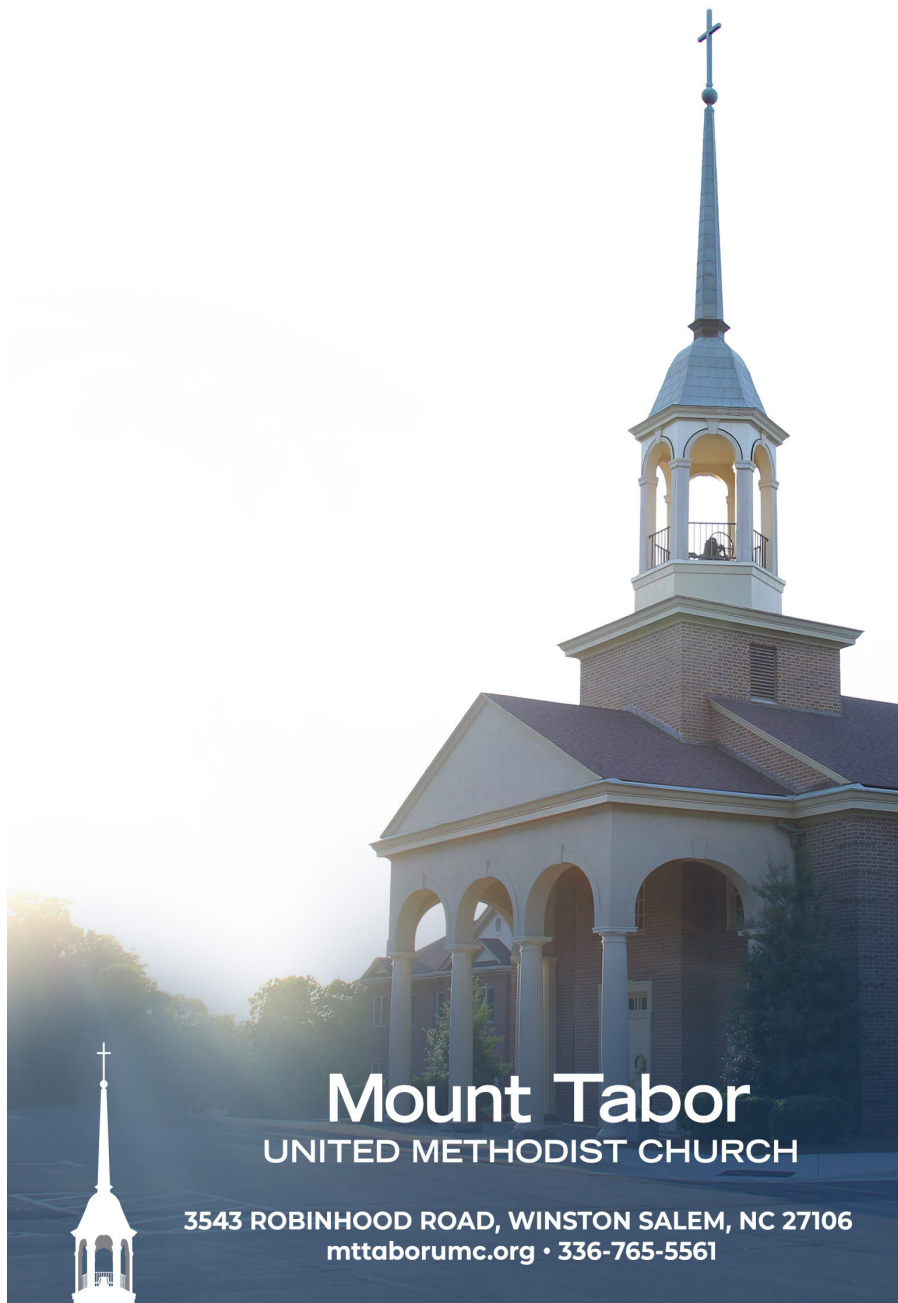


December 22, 2024

Jumping for Joy

Luke 1:39-45



Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Traditional Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024 — 11:00am

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

Prelude *Star of Wonder* arr. Jeffrey A. White
Believers who Expect to Live and Love Selflessly

Welcome Lyn Worf

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Lyn Worf and Caroline, Joshua, Finley,
Hallie, & Lilly Long

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Introit *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

* Call to Worship

Greetings, and welcome to all who watch and wait for love to find us here and now.

Love dwells among us, between us, around us, and through us.

Come and find love in the light of salvation and darkness of rest!

God made both light and darkness because God loves us.

Ready your soul to be filled with good things as we gather to worship the living God.

We are ready. Let us worship in spirit, in word, and in song.

* **Hymn # 251** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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

* Prayer of Confession

God of loving-kindness, you showed us a way of love and compassion, yet so often we choose apathy, ignorance, prejudice, or even hate. We confess the hateful words, ignorant thoughts, and careless deeds we have foisted upon each other, in spite of your love and sacrifice. We confess the jokes, smirks, eye rolls, mockery, disrespect, condescension, and all the ways our hate leaks out upon other humans, made in your image. We confess our long history of associating lightness with goodness and darkness with evil, for we know good and evil may be found in light and dark places, among all kinds of people. Forgive us, God, and call us to a deeper understanding of what it means to love one another. 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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Patricia Hurlbutt
B.E.L.L.S.

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

* **Hymn # 218** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

Scripture Luke 1:39-45

Message "Jumping for Joy"

* **Hymn # 216** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES 1ST EIN ROS

* **Benediction** Pastor David Beam

* **Benediction Response** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Hallelujah* George Frederick Handel

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

11:00am WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Dir. Of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris
Organist: Mike Hendrix

Liturgist: Lyn Worf
Acolyte: Lilly and Hallie Long

Modern Worship
Sunday, December 22, 2024
9:00am

—**Gathering Song**—
O Come All Ye Faithful
(Third Day)

—**Praise Song**—
Go Tell It On The Mountain
(Crowder)

— **Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship** —

— **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**—
Larry & Ann Pitts and Sharon & Steven Burris

— **Praise Song**—
Christmas Day
(Tomlin/We the Kingdom)

— **Tabor KIDS Dismissal**—

— **Congregational & Offertory Prayer** —

— **Offertory** —
What Child Is This
(All Sons and Daughters)

—**Scripture**—
Luke 1:39-45

— **Message** —
“Jumping for Joy”

—**Sending Forth**—
He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)
(Meredith Andrews)

Worship Leaders
Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas
Worship Host: Kim Harvey
Prayer Leader: April Surber

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.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

- * **The Christmas Eve Offering** will be given to the 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 9:00am-12:00pm on Monday, December 30 & Tuesday, December 31 during the upcoming holiday season.**
- * **Stock Donations:** If you chose to donate stock to the church, please email Holly Smith at holly.smith@mttaborumc.org with the name of the stock and number of shares. We recently received a stock gift that has no name attached to it. If you have recently donated stock, please contact Holly Smith so she can attribute it to the correct donor.
- * **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 are Adult(s) (age 13-older) \$10; Child(ren) (ages 3-12) \$7; Family in same house \$30 cap.*
- * **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>
- * **Job Opening** -- Mount Tabor UMC has an opening for a part-time Nursery Worker and is now accepting applications. This is a 4-5 hour per week hourly position that reports to the Nursery Coordinator. The full Job Description 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!

- * **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** will study the Gospel of Luke on Wednesdays, Jan. 8 - 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.
- * Everyone is invited to attend the study, "**Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition**" by Steve Harper. This is a 6 week study that will meet on Wed. evenings 6:00 - 7:00 pm , Jan. 22-Feb. 26 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor David and Kim Harvey. Whether you are new to the United Methodist Church, or a member of many years, this study will teach you about John Wesley's devotional life and how we can apply this to our own life. Some of the topics we will cover include prayer, scripture, the Lord's Supper, and others. Participants are encouraged to purchase their own copy of the workbook. For questions contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org.
- * **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
- * **On Sunday, January 12, 2025 anyone currently a Worship Volunteer or you are interested in becoming a Worship Volunteer** is invited to join us for a special Worship Servants Training Session at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our session will begin with lunch and end with volunteer training in our various ministry areas on Sundays. At 12:45p.m. we will celebrate and share a vision for our worship and talk briefly together about expectations and information concerning the parts each of us plays in worship. This special session is designed to support, encourage, and offer you basic instructions and training for each area of worship. These ministry areas include liturgists, worship hosts, leaders, ushers, A/V operators, and acolytes. Please plan to join us as we seek to continue to serve and praise our God through our worship services here in Mt Tabor UMC. You can confirm your plans to attend by clicking this link bit.ly/mtservanttraining
- * **TaborTWEENS (4th & 5th Graders)** are invited to have snow much fun - Sunday, January 5 3:30-5 PM at MTUMC! Games and special treats are planned so we can have snow much fun! Sign up here: bit.ly/mtumcsnow
- * **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. The pilgrimage will include a large selection of the places Paul traveled to and wrote letters to. Contact Mark Key at mkey@wnccumc.net for more information.



Sunday, December 22, 2024

- 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

Monday, December 23, 2024

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM Church Business Admin Mtg — Rm 207
- 5:30 PM Nativity Camp-DRESS REHEARSAL— Alspaugh
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Rm 102

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

- 2:00 PM Nativity & Family Christmas Eve — Alspaugh
- 4:00 PM Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Worship Service
— Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Modern Christmas Eve Worship Service — Alspaugh
- 8:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

- Church Office Closed - Christmas Holiday*
- 7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

Thursday, December 26, 2024

- Church Office Closed - Christmas Holiday*
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Music/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh

Friday, December 27, 2024

Church Office Closed - Christmas Holiday

Our Response to God's Grace...

<p>BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Dec. 16, 2024</p> <p># Pledges: 244 for Pledge Total of \$1,297,713</p>	<p>December 15, 2024 ATTENDANCE</p>																				
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“Jumping for Joy!”

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Luke 1:39-45 (NRSV)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be * a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

Why do you think Mary goes to visit her relative Elizabeth?

What is the author of Luke’s Gospel saying about who Mary’s child is?

Three times Elizabeth announces “blessings” upon Mary... what do these blessings reveal?

Both Mary and Elizabeth experience God’s blessing through the Holy Spirit and both respond with faithfulness. How can we learn and grow from their witness?

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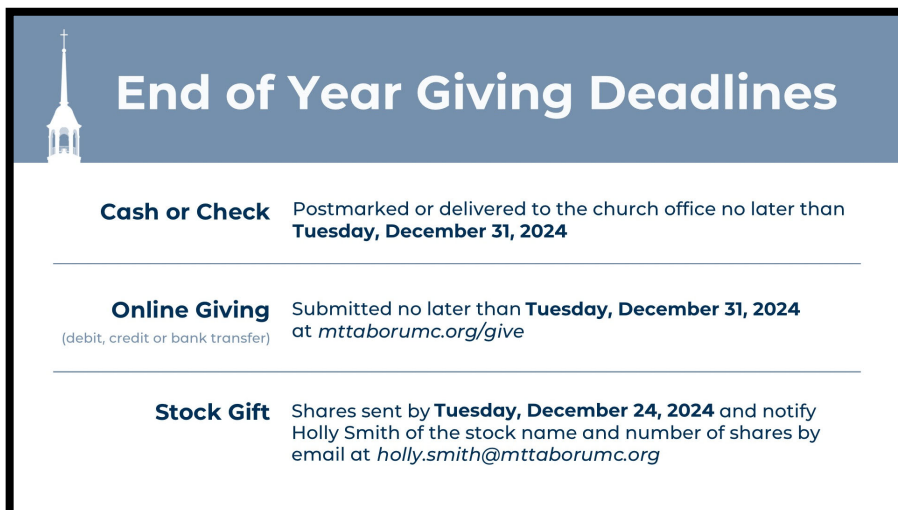
Give Online at mttaborumc.org/give



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Tuesday, December 24

- 2 PM Family Service & Nativity**
a retelling of the birth of Jesus by TaborKIDS
in the Alspaugh Worship Center
- 4 PM Lessons & Carols**
with Candlelight Communion
in the Sanctuary
- 6 PM Modern Worship**
with Candlelight Communion
in the Alspaugh Worship Center
- 8 PM Traditional Worship**
with Candlelight Communion
in the Sanctuary



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End of Year Giving Deadlines

Cash or Check Postmarked or delivered to the church office no later than **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

Online Giving Submitted no later than **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**
(debit, credit or bank transfer) at mttaborumc.org/give

Stock Gift Shares sent by **Tuesday, December 24, 2024** and notify Holly Smith of the stock name and number of shares by email at holly.smith@mttaborumc.org