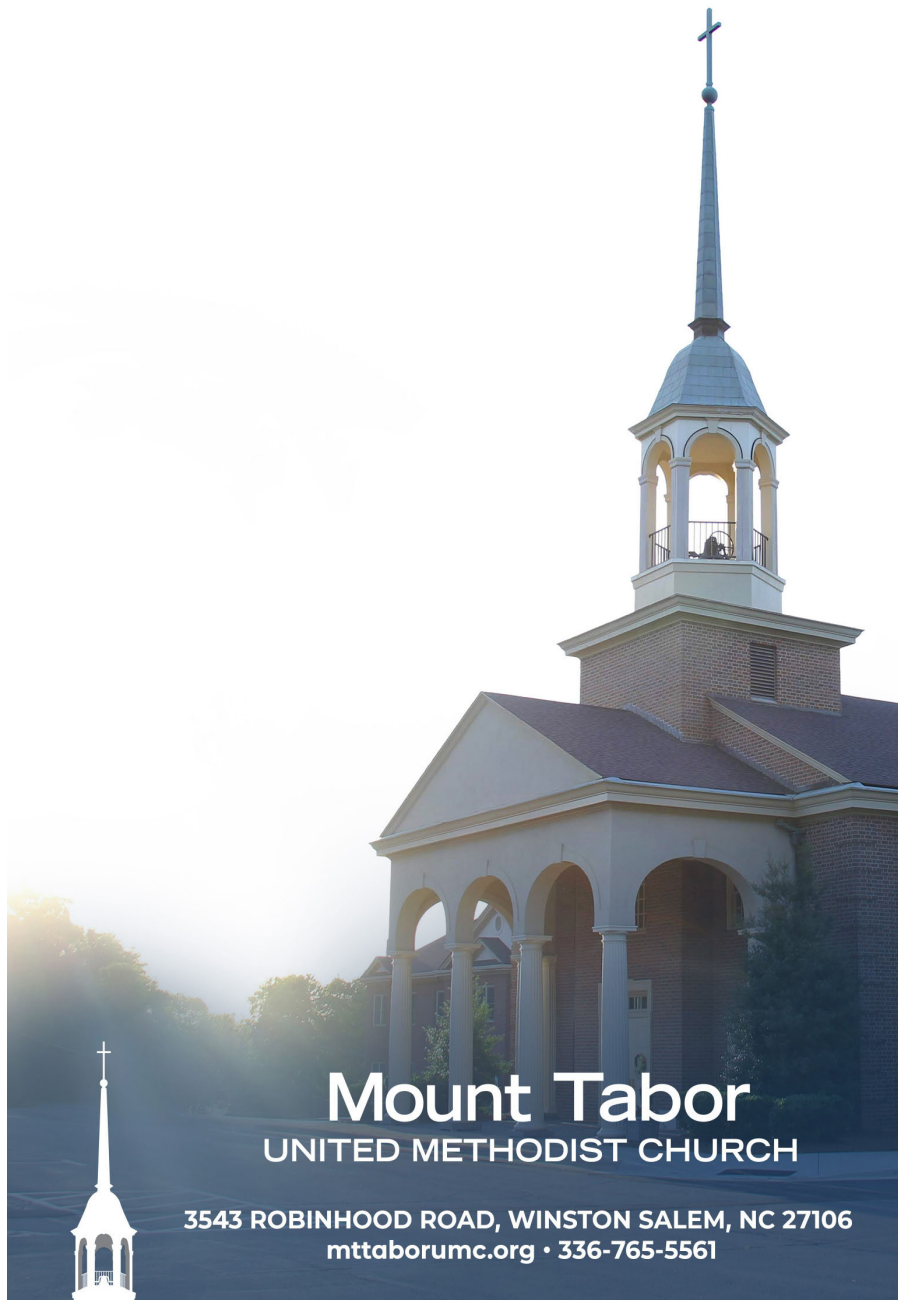


March 9, 2025

*An Opportune
Time*



Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Traditional Order of Worship
1st Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 9, 2025 — 11:00am

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

Prelude *Healing Waters* Angela Kraft Cross

Welcome John Giles

Introit *My Song Is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN

*** Call to Worship**

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

God, rescue us within the wilderness!

Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

God, rescue us through the wilderness!

Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

*** Hymn # 269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* LAND OF REST

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

*** Prayer of Confession**

Jesus, we confess that when we read about your temptations, we excuse ourselves. We reason that we are not You and have no expectation that we can withstand evil like You did. Then we are reminded that You are not only Savior; You are example. You faced the temptation to prove Yourself, to be spectacular, and to have consuming power. And You walked away, resisting. Forgive us when we have not resisted, when we have yielded to temptation. Forgive us for loving power and prestige more than You. Help us to choose a life rooted in God's word and grace. 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 Anthem *We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace*
arr. Undine Smith Moore

*** Doxology # 95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

*** Hymn # 295** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory (1-4)* RATHBUN

Scripture Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV) Bob McHone

Message "An Opportune Time"

*** Hymn # 521** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER

*** Benediction** Pastor David Beam

*** Chiming of the Trinity**

*** Benediction Response** *Lead Me, Lord* LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude *Fantasy from Suite No. 1* Florence Price

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Liturgist: John Giles & Bob McHone

Dir. of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris
Interim Organist: Jessica Beitel

Modern Worship
Sunday, March 9, 2025
9:00am

Gathering Song
What a Friend — Matt Maher

Praise & Worship
My Jesus — Anne Wilson

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

Praise & Worship
Lead Me To The Cross — Hillsong

Tabor KIDS Dismissal

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Offertory
Once And For All — Lauren Daigle

Scripture
Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

Today's Message
"An Opportune Time"

Closing Song
One Thing Remains — Passion

Sending Forth

Today's Worship Leaders
Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas
Worship Host: Michele Roberts
Prayer Leader: Madison Griffis

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

- * **Easter Plant Orders are now being accepted on the church website, www.mttaborumc.org/event/2024-easter-plant-order . For \$12 each, you may buy your choice of a white Easter lily, 6-inch yellow mum or 6-inch salmon geranium plant in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Mount Tabor UMC Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please remember to memo EASTER PLANT on all payments. If paying online, also select “Special Contribution” in the FUND drop-down menu. Order deadline is Sunday, March 23, 2025.**
- * **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 or 336-765-5561.
- * **Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant** – Hey Youth! Don’t forget to apply to the 2025 Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant which was established in May 2002 to celebrate Ryan’s life and encourage MTUMC youth to participate in summer activities that brought him joy. 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. Please complete the application online then save and email to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org or print and place in the designated box in the church office area workroom by 5:00pm on Sunday, March 16.

- * **Tabor Troupers (Seniors 60+) will meet on Monday, March 17, at 11:00 am** starting in the Alspaugh Worship Center and enjoying a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a presentation by Carroll Academy of Irish Dance. The menu will be Shepherd's Pie, Fruit Salad, Rolls, drinks, and dessert. Please register in the Connect Corner in the welcome center or in your Sunday School Class.
- * **As a spiritual practice for Lent, we are offering a church-wide study, "The Hardest Part - hurt we carry, hope we find" by Kate Bowler** (katebowler.com) Everyone is invited to participate either individually or in a Sunday School Class or Small Group. Study guides will be available at no charge at the Welcome Center Desk, in the Sanctuary Narthex, and in the Church Office Area. Contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org for questions. In conjunction with the church wide study, **"The Hardest Part," Wednesday Night Gatherings will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 pm** from March 12 - April 16 in the Fellowship Hall (Conference Room on April 9) led by Pastor David and Kim Harvey.
- * **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! (Additional portrait prints will be available for purchase during portrait sessions.) You can 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.
- * **Living on the Edge Experience on Sunday, March 23 from 4:00 – 5:30pm** 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 discussion of how poverty affects our community and how we can interact with people caught in the web of poverty as part of our Christian lives. Questions? Please email Anne Wallen at cawallen@gmail.com.
- * **Great Day of Service on Saturday, March 29** is our annual church-wide morning of serving community service organizations across Winston-Salem. It's an opportunity to build relationships while serving community organizations that provide crucial services throughout the year. Here is the list of 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.
- * **We love our leaders! TaborKIDS** is so blessed by the many folks that give of their time and love to serve in the Children's Building. All TaborKIDS leaders and volunteers are invited to a brunch in room 161 of the Children's Building on Sunday, March 23 9:30-11:30 AM. Drop by anytime so that we may say thank you for being a blessing!
- * **Save the Date! Families are invited to an EGG-stravaganza** on Sunday, April 6 from 12-2:00pm. This EGG-stravaganza is going to be EGG-stra amazing! We hope you will be as EGG-cited as we are! Questions? Contact Marcey Davis at marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org
- * **Women's Day Away, "Finding and Practicing Peace Along the Path"** will be held on Saturday, April 12th, 9:30 - 3:30 pm at Starrette Farm in Statesville with speaker, Ann Starrette. Cost is \$25 which includes materials and lunch. Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center, Sanctuary Narthex, Church Office or online at mttaborumc.org.



Sunday, March 9, 2025

- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service Alspaugh
- 10:00 AM Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Beginning Handbells Choir Room

Monday, March 10, 2025

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM Church Business Admin Mtg Rm 207
- 9:00 AM TABOR TALK newsletter submission deadline
- 11:00 AM Cemetery Committee Rm 200
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Grp Rm 108
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Mtg Rm 113
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Music Endowment Mtg Rm 202

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting Rm 207
- 3:00 PM TaborWomen Circle 8 Rm 108
- 6:45 PM Finance Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rhrl Alspaugh

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- 9:30 AM Weds Women's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 PM GriefShare Support Group Rm 101
- 6:00 PM The Hardest Part Lenten Study Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM DivorceCare Rm 108
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game Family Life Center

Thursday, March 13, 2025

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers Rm 306
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rhrl Alspaugh

Friday, March 14, 2025

Saturday, March 15, 2025

- 9:00 AM Pickle Ball Family Life Center

GATHER JOYFULLY • GROW SPIRITUALLY • GO FAITHFULLY

Our Response to God's Grace...

<p>BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Jan. 26, 2025</p> <p># Pledges: 252 for Pledge Total of \$1,318,613</p>	<p>March 2, 2025 ATTENDANCE</p>										
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Lenten Series: “The Hardest Part”

“An Opportune Time!”

The First Sunday in Lent — March 9, 2025

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ ⁴Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’ ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ ⁸Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, ¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ ¹²Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. “We, like Jesus, are given the presence of the Holy Spirit to face temptation, and with God’s help, remain faithful to God’s will.”

Within your power, with what are you being tempted?

In our times of trial, does Scripture comfort and inform our decisions?

Are we asking the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us?

How will you prepare for your “opportune times” of temptation, and seek to be obedient to God’s will?



Easter Flowers

For \$12 each, you may buy your choice of a white Easter Lily, 6-inch yellow mum, or 6-inch salmon geranium plant in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

Deadline is Sunday, March 23, 2025

Download order form at MtTaborUMC.org/event/easter-flowers/2025

Email completed form to Charity.Goff@MtTaborUMC.org
Payment can be made online at MtTaborUMC.org/give



Next Steps Everyone Has Them!

Want to learn more about the ministries of Mount Tabor or joining our church family?

**Sunday, March 16
at 10:15 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**



New Member Sunday

will be Sunday, March 30

Interested in joining the church on New Member Sunday? Contact Charity Goff, Church Administrator at Charity.Goff@MtTaborUMC.org

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.

Questions? Call Steve Mann at 336-926-1028



EASTER EGG HUNT

FOR INFANTS THROUGH 5TH GRADERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 12:15 PM

LOWER PARKING LOT

SNO-CONES ~ POPCORN ~ LAWN GAMES ~ EGG HUNT

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO...

- CHECK IN TO BE ASSIGNED THEIR EGG HUNT TIME BEGINNING AT 12:15 PM
- BRING CHAIRS AND/OR BLANKETS TO SIT ON
- BRING A PICNIC LUNCH OR RESERVE LUNCH FROM MS. SHERI BIT.LY/MTEGGHUNT25
- LEAVE THEIR EASTER BASKETS AT HOME - WE PROVIDE BAGS!



WOMEN'S DAY AWAY

Saturday April 12
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Starrette Farm
with Speaker, Ann Starrette

Register online:
<https://forms.gle/2MZvBxFj5KJvMfM9>
or pick up a form in the welcome center, narthex of sanctuary, or church office

FIND PRACTICING
Peace Along the Path