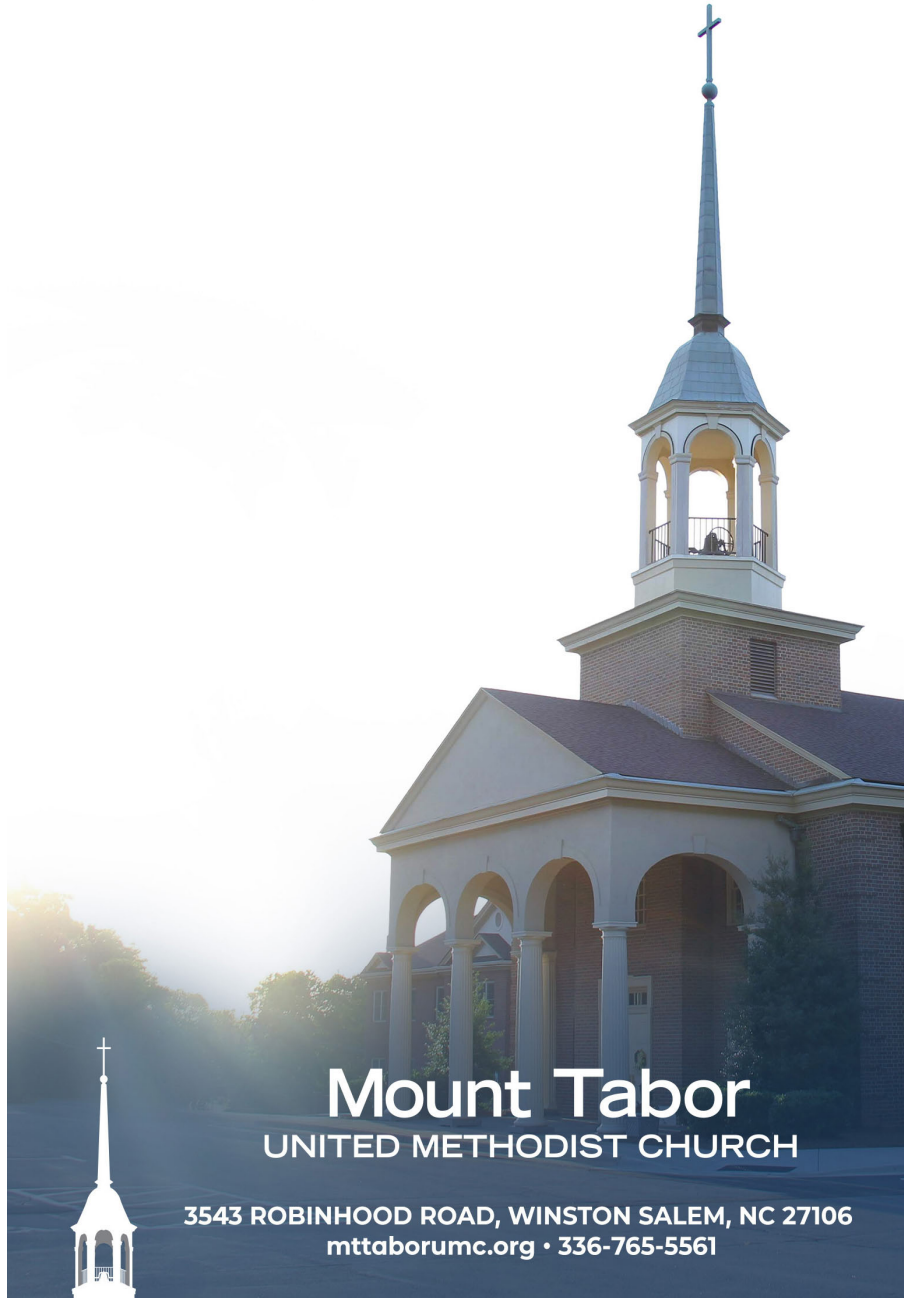


December 8, 2024

*Spiritual  
Engineering*



**Mount Tabor**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Modern Worship**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
**9:00am**

—Gathering Song—  
*Joy To The World*  
(Chris Tomlin)

— Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship —

— Lighting of the Advent Wreath—  
Andrew & Wende Rogers

— Praise Song—  
*O Come O Come Emmanuel*  
(Big Daddy Weave)

— Tabor KIDS Dismissal—

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —  
*Mary Did You Know*  
(Kathy Mattea)

—Scripture—  
**Luke 3:1-6**

— Message —  
**“Spiritual Engineering”**

—Closing Song—  
*Emmanuel God with Us*  
(Zachary Maurer)

—Sending Forth—  
*God with Us*  
(All Sons and Daughters)

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam  
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas  
Worship Host: Wende Rogers  
Prayer Leader: Billie Mason

## 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

- \* **The Christmas Eve Offering** will be split between North Hills 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.
- \* **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wed. , December 11, 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: Egg Hash Brown Casserole, Sausages, Biscuits, Pancakes, Fruit, and Drinks. **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.**
- \* **This year's Advent Devotional, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** with inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen will be available at the desk in the Trinity Welcome Center, the Sanctuary Narthex, and the Church Office. (Advent begins Dec. 1) 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, December 15 from 10:15-10:45am in the fellowship hall.

- \* **Tabor Troupers (Seniors 60+) will meet on Monday, Dec. 16, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.** The program will be "Biltmore Christmas," a presentation by Brian Hawley, Biltmore Scholar. Come and enjoy wonderful fellowship, a devotion, music, and a delicious meal of roasted turkey with gravy, roasted potatoes, vegetables, rolls, assorted cheese cakes for dessert, tea, coffee, and water. Please register in the Connect Corner in the welcome center or in your Sunday School Class.
- \* **TaborTWEENS** will go to dinner and take a hayride through the Tanglewood Lights on December 19 from 5:00-9:00pm. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/tweenhayride>.
- \* **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>
- \* **Dreading wrapping those Christmas gifts?** That's ok! Circle #2 has you covered. We will be having our annual Gift wrapping fundraiser to raise money for local organizations including Crossnore and Spark. We will be wrapping during Tabor Table on December 11 from 5:00-7:00pm, Saturday December 14 from 10-3, and after church on December 15 from 12-4. Let us help you so we can help others! Any questions contact Jessica Campbell- [jescampbell5@gmail.com](mailto:jescampbell5@gmail.com).
- \* **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](mailto:divorcecare@mttaborumc.org). Registration is easy at [www.divorcecare.org](http://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](mailto:griefshare@mttaborumc.org) or to register go to [www.griefshare.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:mamapete3@gmail.com)
- \* **2024 End of Year Contributions** – When making plans for a financial gift at the end of the year please remember the following: Cash and checks must be postmarked or delivered to the church office by December 31; Online gifts must be submitted by December 31; and Stock gifts must be sent by December 24 and you must notify Holly Smith of the stock name and number of shares by email at [holly.smith@mttaborumc.org](mailto:holly.smith@mttaborumc.org).
- \* **BEGINNING HANDBELLS COMING SOON!** In January 2025, Lauren Harris is planning to start a handbell ensemble for BEGINNERS. Youth and adults welcome! If you are interested, please sign-up TODAY. No obligation, and no experience required. If you have questions, please contact Lauren at [Lauren.Harris@mttaborumc.org](mailto:Lauren.Harris@mttaborumc.org) or 336-779-1049.



*Christmas*  
AT MOUNT TABOR UMC

**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

OUT OF DARKNESS... *Light!*



with the Mount Tabor  
United Methodist Church  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Sunday, December 15 at 4 PM



*Tabor Troupers*  
for senior adults 60+

FEATURING  
**"Biltmore Christmas"**  
with Brian Hawley, Biltmore Scholar

**\$6 LUNCH**  
**December 16 at 11:30 AM**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

Please register in your Sunday School class  
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**Everyone Has Them!**

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**Just a reminder: All Angel Tree Gifts need to be  
DELIVERED to the church office by  
Sunday, December 15.**

# “Spiritual Engineering”

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

## Luke 3:1-18 (NRSV)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler\* of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler\* of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler\* of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ <sup>13</sup>He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation and be satisfied with your wages.’ <sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with\* the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**“In light of Christ’s coming we are called to turn from sin and self, and turn toward God... allowing God, even now, to transform life!”**

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### 11:00am Traditional Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam  
Liturgist: Susan Miller  
Traditional Worship Arts Dir.: Lauren Harris

Organist: Mike Hendrix  
Acolytes: Mary Ines Johnson & Claire Love



**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

- Angel Tree Gift Selection Opportunity
- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 10:00 AM Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes
- 12:00 PM Nativity Rehearsal — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 5:00 PM Fusion Youth Main Event — Rm 113

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

- 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
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group — Rm 108
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting — Rm 113
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207
- 12:00 PM Band of Brothers — Foothills @ 4th Street
- 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting — Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

- 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 TaborKids — 263/265
- 6:00 PM TaborKids Junior Pray'n and Play'n — 166
- 6:30 PM DivorceCare Support Group — Rm 108
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom — Rm 306
- 6:00 PM B.E.L.L.S. Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh Worship Center

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

- 5:00 PM Circle #2 Wrapping Event — Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 PM Tweens & Tanglewood Lights

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

- 9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

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

<p><b>BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Dec. 2, 2024</b></p> <p><b># Pledges: 232 for Pledge Total of \$1,262,833</b></p>	<p><b>December 1, 2024 ATTENDANCE</b></p>																		
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