



## **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**December 28, 2025 — First Sunday of Christmas  
Lessons and Carols — 10:00 AM**

## INTRODUCTION

*During Christmastime, our attention is drawn to the holy family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We, too, are God's children and part of a holy family, set apart through the baptismal waters in which we have been washed. As we end one year and begin another, we ask how God's likeness in Christ may become more visible in us, God's new offspring.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## CHRISTMAS DIALOG

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty,

**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

**A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

## HYMN 275

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

REGENT SQUARE

## OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts. **Amen.**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS:

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

### HYMN 274

*On Christmas Night*

**SUSSEX CAROL**

### SECOND READING

**Micah 5:2-5a**

### HYMN 269

*Once in Royal David's City*

**IRBY**

### THIRD READING

Luke 1:26-35, 38

**Hymn 265**      *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

**GABRIEL'S MESSAGE**

### FOURTH READING

Matthew 1:18-25

**HYMN 272**      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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### FIFTH READING

Luke 2:1-7

**HYMN 279**      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**ST. LOUIS**

### SIXTH READING

Luke 2:8-20

**HYMN 282**      *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**CAROL**

### SEVENTH READING

Luke 2:21-22, 25-33

**HYMN 292**      *Love Has Come a Light in the Darkness*

**UN FLAMBEAU**

### EIGHTH READING

Matthew 2:1-18

**HYMN 294**      *In the Bleak Midwinter*

**CRANHAM**

### NINTH READING

John 1:1-14

**HYMN 283**      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**ADESTE FIDELES**

*Silence for Reflection*

### OFFERING

**VOLUNTARY**      *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

**Noel Regney &  
Gloria Shayne**

**HYMN 288**      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**IN DULCI JUBILO**

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger  
**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger  
**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger  
**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life  
**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God, all creatures here below!**  
You are the shepherds telling the story.  
**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**  
You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.  
**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**  
You are the angels announcing peace.  
**We live with joy and go now in peace.**  
Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**HYMN 267**

*Joy to the World*

**ANTIOCH**

## DISMISSAL

**Go in Peace, Serve the Newborn King!  
Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** *We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!*



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Little Joe's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by The Morris Family.

Today's bulletin covers are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Marshall O'Quinn's birthday on December 27<sup>th</sup>  
by his mother, Tammy O'Quinn.

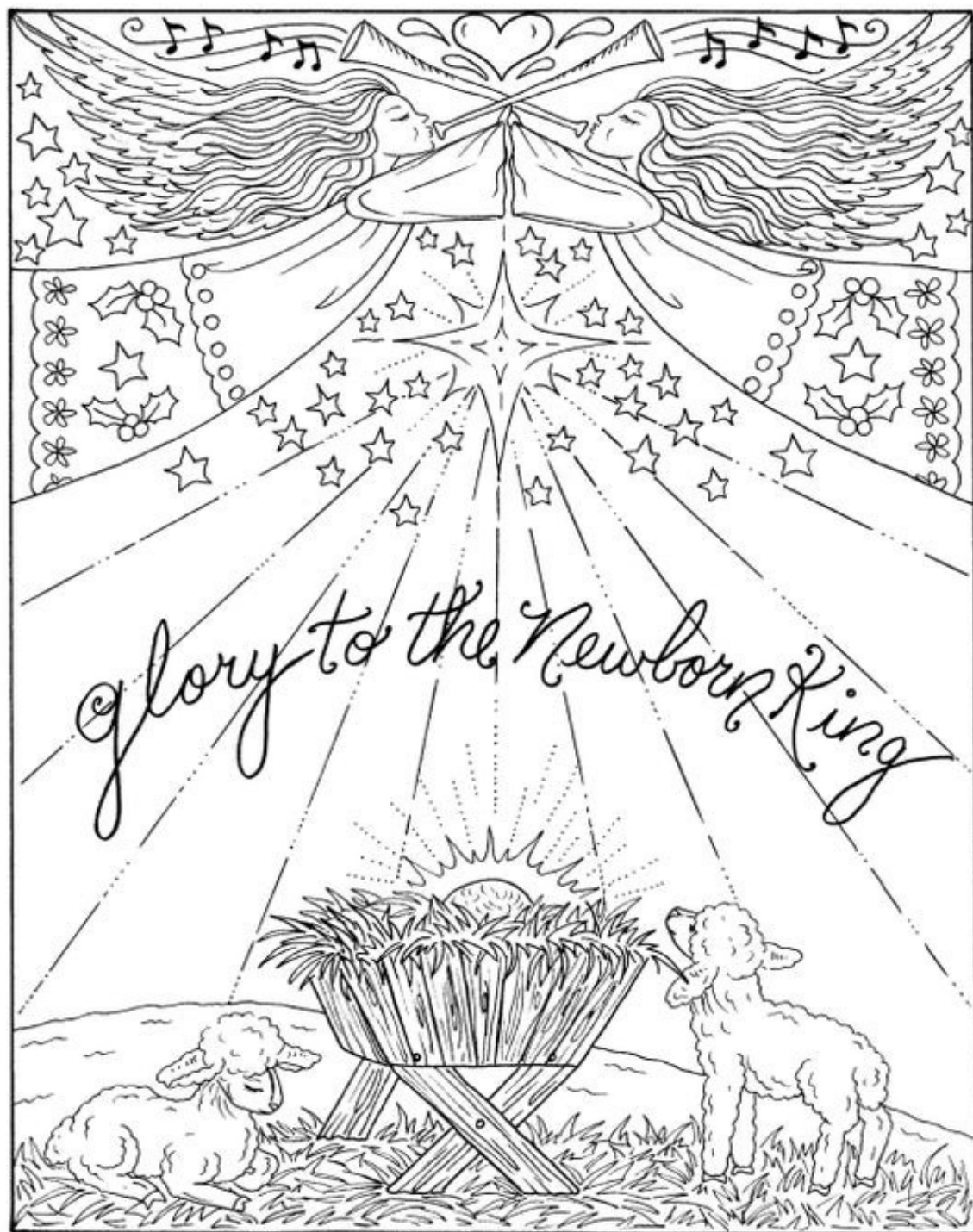
Today's Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Elbert & Diane Wise and Carroll Wise  
by Sally and Wolfgang Kleber.

Today's Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Randy and Elizabeth Klapman by Tammy O'Quinn.



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# Sunshine Club!

We will meet at Noon on January 8<sup>th</sup> !



Please bring dishes that go with soup. The soup will be provided.

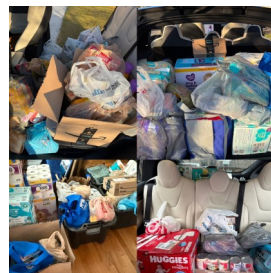
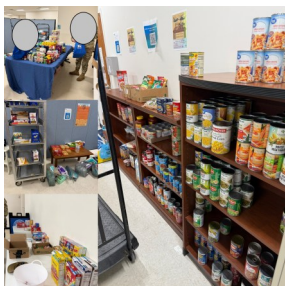
Our guest will be Charles Hite, a local artist who paints landscapes and cityscapes.

Start your New Year off with some fun & fellowship!

Plan to join us on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January!

Thank YOU so much Mt Tabor Family!

Because of your generosity, we were able to take multiple car loads for the temporary food pantry at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. We can't thank you enough for your overflowing support for this need during this holiday season. Mt Tabor always responds so generously when there is a need. Thank you for the impact you make!



The Livingston Family



The Church office will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

We hope you have a safe New Year's Eve and a great start to 2026!

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## Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Foster McLeod  
Daniel Conrad, Sara Fulmer, Dennis Rybicki, Jr.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Murray Hoskins, Melvin Manus, Paul Dufries, Addie Wilkerson Pinner, Natalie Cook  
Karen Holton, Barbara Raulerson

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Jana Payne, Grace Kelly, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, John Conrad, Linda Price, Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Alice Pollock  
Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy  
Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Suzanne Oxner Stello, Dr. Chris Wicker, William & Janet Wood, Judy Lazarczyk  
Bobby LoVine, Robbie Burgess, Ronnie Boland, Tonia Boland, Andy Rauch, Peggy Roessler, Sherwood Williams, John Bailey, John Sharpe, Bishop Ginny Aebischer  
Bobby Brown, Steve Blake, Zach Wash, Tyler Corbitt, Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh  
Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill, Anne Moyer

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Cory Fabian, Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

**The Family Of:**

Otis Amick

***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*