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**11:00 AM—November 27, 2022—First Sunday in Advent**  
**Traditional Worship Service**

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### Setting Four—Holy Communion

#### INTRODUCTION

*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### PRELUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

*We stand*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter into this first Sunday of the Advent season, turning our attention to You, God. We acknowledge the darkness that is within us, and that permeates the world.

**Father, forgive us.**

We acknowledge the suffering, tragedy, and pain by which humanity is afflicted, which seems at times to overwhelm us.

**Draw near to us, Oh God.**

We consider the mystery of your ways, that you might choose to send our Savior as an innocent baby and not as a warrior or a king; as one who humbly accepted suffering and humiliation and called it glory.

**Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.**

We choose in this moment to focus our attention on HOPE; the hope of Jesus Christ and

all his coming represents for suffering people, the hope for restoration of all that is broken in the world, the hope of new life and resurrection.

**Hope is the light we wish to see by.**

Grant, Oh God, that when he comes, Christ may find us waiting in expectation, our souls quieted, our hearts soft and open.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

In Christ all things are made new, and we look forward to the day our hope is fulfilled, each heart reconciled, the work of Christ completed in all the earth.

**Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Amen.**

**HYMN 435**

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

**HELMSLEY**

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:  
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

## GREETING

ELW p. 147

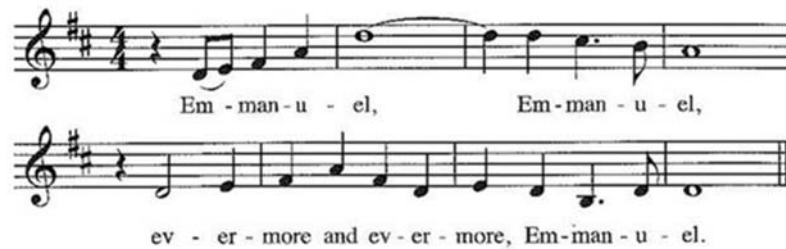
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

(Choir) Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he.

**(REFRAIN)**



**SPOKEN LITANY**

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.  
**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.  
**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can heal the wounded and mend the broken.  
**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.  
**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Today we light the first candle — the candle of hope — reminding us that Jesus was sent not only to be our Savior, but also to be our Wonderful Counselor; the one who hears our prayers with compassion, and who offers guidance when we seek it. As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that our rest can be found in God, and through the gift of God's son our hope is restored.

(Choir) Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing: powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.

**(REFRAIN)**

Choir) Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**ELW p. 150**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## FIRST READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 122



<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD. R

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David. R

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers. R

<sup>8</sup>For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good." R

**SECOND READING:****Romans 13:11-14**

A reading from Romans.

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****ELWp. 142**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia**

**GOSPEL:****Matthew 24:36-44**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON****Deacon Harry Prim**

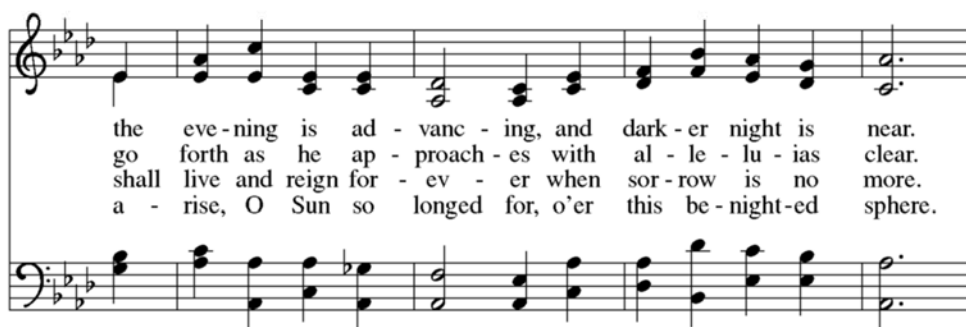
## HYMN 244

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

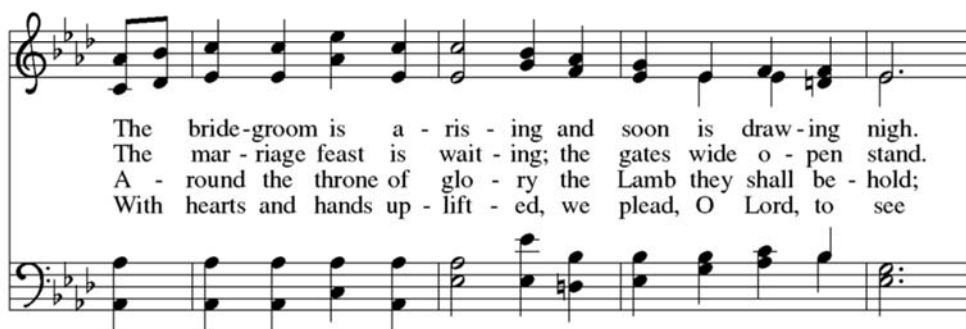
## HAF TRONES LAMPA FARDING



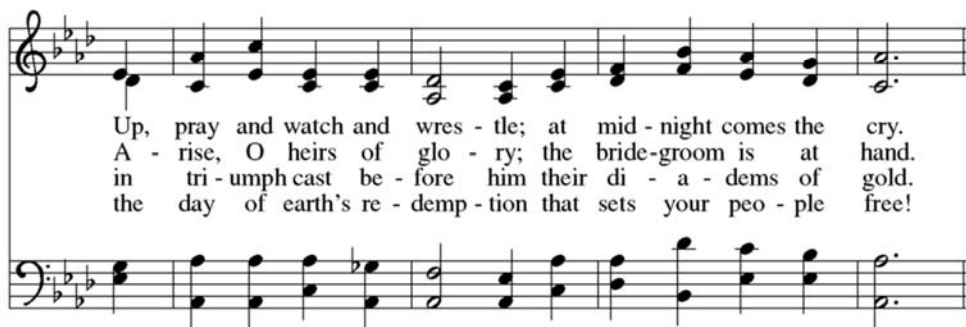
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

**CREED****ELW p. 152**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God, in your mercy,

**PEACE****ELW p. 143**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***Creation will be at peace***Anna Laura Page****OFFERING PRAYER****ELW p. 152**

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER****ELW p. 154**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

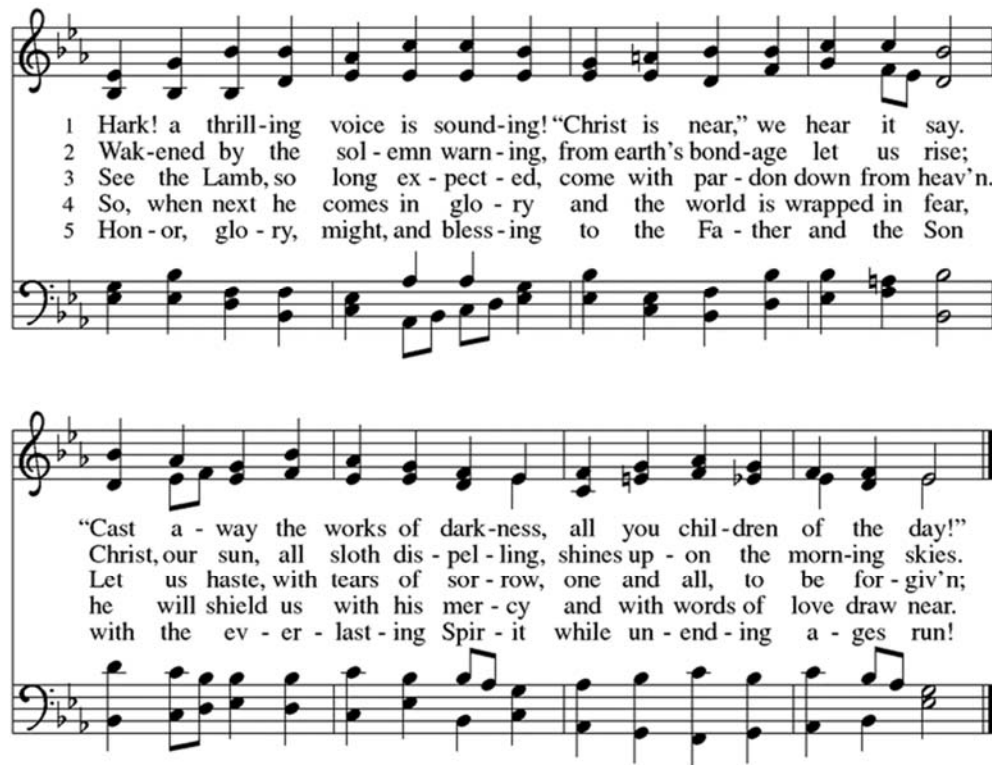
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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

# HYMN 246

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*

MERTON



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878  
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

# DISMISSAL

ELW p. 155

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Simon Sechter

**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!

**Altar Flowers.** Today's Altar Flowers are given by Dad, Mom & Olivia Williams in honor of Hannah Williams' birthday

**Bulletin Covers.** Today's Bulletin Covers are given by Dad, Mom & Olivia Williams in honor of Hannah Williams' birthday

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### ***Today's Worship Assistants***

Acolyte	Jackson Sox
Crucifer	Randy or Elizabeth Klapman
Lector	Lilli Sox
Greeter	Randy or Elizabeth Klapman
Communion Assistant	Tom Smith
Worship Assistant Coordinator	

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### ***Worship Leaders***

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor                      Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation  
Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Thank you! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ministry Feast last Sunday! We hope you enjoyed your time learning or re-learning about the various ministries that make Mt. Tabor a vibrant community!! There are currently 36 different opportunities to build connections with your Mt. Tabor family. Many of you signed up to participate in a ministry. The heads of those ministries will be in touch with you soon.

We also wanted to congratulate the winners of our drawing!!!

**\$50 gift cards to Ruth Chris' Steak House:**

Patsy Gambrell  
Linda Spainhour  
Dana Hutto

**\$25 gift cards to Lowe's:**

Susan Stillwell  
Carol Busbee

**Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church****November 27, 2022****FALL PARISH NOTES****This Week at Mt. Tabor...****Sunday, November 27 First Sunday in Advent**

8:00 am Matins Service/Holy Communion  
9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship /MT Cafe  
9:15 am ALIVE! Service  
10:00 am Christmas Play Practice  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Service/Holy Communion

**Monday, November 28**

9:30 am Quilting Ministry/Intern house  
5:30 pm Positively Fit/ECR  
7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

**Tuesday, November 29****10:00 am-12:00 Noon Chrismon Circle Ministry/Rm 124**

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR

**6:00 pm- 8:00 pm Chrismon Circle Ministry/Rm 124**

6:30 pm NA Meeting/ECR  
6:30 pm ALIVE Rehearsal

**Wednesday, November 30**

9:00 am Enews Deadline  
10:00 am Bulletin Deadline  
11:00 am Bible Study  
12:00 pm Noon Eucharist  
3:30 pm Sing & Celebrate  
4:00 pm Children's Choir  
6:30 pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, December 1**

5:30 pm Positively Fit/ECR

**Saturday, December 3**

9:30 am Christmas Play Practice/AR & ECR  
10:00 am Girl Scouts/Upstairs

**Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday in Advent**

8:00 am Matins Service/Holy Communion  
9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship /MT Cafe  
10:00 am Christmas Program/AR  
12:30 pm Confirmation/ECR  
3:00 pm AR reserved (Linda)  
5:00 pm Youth/AR

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

Love Offering  
Harvest Hope

**God's Helping Hands Needs**

Oatmeal, Mac n' Cheese, Grits,  
Jelly, Fruit Juice, Cookies, Rice, Jiffy Mix

**MOBILE GIVING**

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the above image using your phone's QR code reader. If you do not have a QR code reader app, here is how to get one and make your mobile donation:



- Go to iTunes store or Google Play store.
- Download a free QR code reader app.
- Use the app to scan the above QR code.
- Follow the steps to make your donation.



Don't forget about our **Blessing Box** by the Park. This box is to be filled with any blessing that someone else could use: food, blankets, water, etc... anything that could communicate God's love to God's people. Please bring something to add to our box & may God bless you for it! Please do not donate opened food items or things that will melt.

**Kids of Mt Tabor grab your friends & join us  
for**



**Dec 9<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-9pm**

**PARENTS! Drop the kids at the Assembly Room and have a date night, go on a Christmas shopping excursion, or just rest for a few hours! We will provide dinner, snacks, and entertainment. All Ages welcome!!**

**We encourage kids to come in there Pjs and bring a blanket for the movie!!**

**\*\*Get a registration form today!! Walk-ins are welcome the more the merrier, but if you register early you can drop & go!!\*\***

**WE CAN'T PROVIDE THE KIDS A FUN NIGHT AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS!!**

**If your older than 5<sup>th</sup> grader & this sounds like fun, sign up to volunteer through the Church Office or contact Megan Lyons  
meglyons09@gmail.com**

**You can wear your PJs too!**

**Join us for our annual Live Nativity**

**December 18, 2022**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



Our Chrismon Circle Ministry is hard at work to get our Chrismons done in time for the Advent and Christmas Season. As you may know, we have to redo all of our Chrismons due to the fire in April of this year. We have made great progress in remaking our ornaments and while we won't have all of them completed this year, we think you will be surprised at the work that our amazing group has done. Our circle is not just for a season but we will be working on Chrismons year round. We have already started identifying our plan for 2023. We meet on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm or 6pm-8pm. We have two groups times and you are welcome to either of the groups. If you would like to be part of our circle, please contact Pam Hoskins at 803-546-5655 or [pamhhoskins@gmail.com](mailto:pamhhoskins@gmail.com).

Finally, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Thursday, December 1st!!!! We will be decorating our Chrismon Trees. Plan to meet in the sanctuary at 5:45pm and we should start decorating by 6pm. This is a family event so please come be part of the fun evening. The decorating process takes about an hour and we will go to Zestos afterwards for food and fellowship.

# **Christmas Play News**

## **Practice & Production Dates**

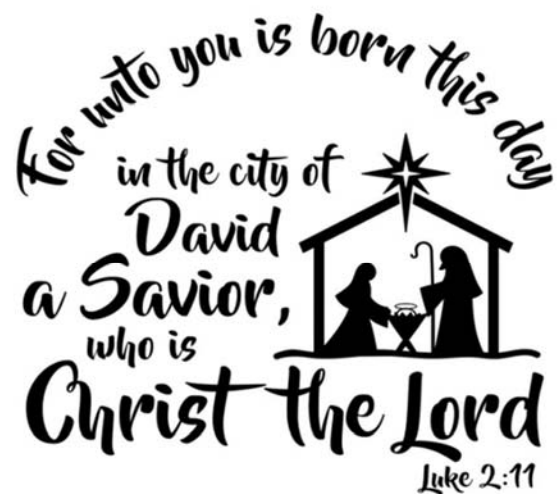
### **Practice:**

Sunday, November 20th & 27th 10 am

Saturday, December 3rd 9:30 am

### **Production:**

Sunday, December 4th 10 am



## Poinsettia, Greenery & Advent Wreath Orders

This year, we have received 30 Poinsettias (\$18.50 each); 2 Pots of Greenery (\$18.50 each); and 4 Advent Wreaths (\$75.00 per week each). If you would like to assist in beautifying Mt. Tabor this holiday season by providing any of the above items, simply fill out the below form and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office. If there is not sufficient space on the form, please write your information on a separate sheet of paper. If you wish to provide an Advent/Christmas Wreath, please contact the Church Office concerning the date you wish to provide this. (These will be placed in the Sanctuary each Sunday in Advent – November 27; December 4, 11 & 18. A list of these donations will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please print clearly the name(s) as you wish them listed in the bulletin.

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Poinsettias @ \$18.50 each

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Greenery @ \$18.50 each

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Advent Wreaths @75.00 each week (contact the Church Office with date)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_



The deadline for placing orders is December 9<sup>th</sup>.





Thanks to Mt Tabor Early Rising Men's HUGS Program and your generous donations, the Homeless of Columbia and Lexington are wearing warm clothes and sleeping more comfortably! Over 200 hoodies, 120 sleeping bags, 60 blankets, 60 gloves hats and socks have been distributed through Candyman Homeless Ministry and Christ Central Ministries Veterans Transitional Retreat. We plan to also work with MIRCI and Washington Street UMC. The HUGS program will continue through December. You may contribute by making a check to Mt. Tabor, 1000 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169, For HUGS. Or online <https://secure.myvanco.com/YNAH/campaign/C-11XC4>

**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:*

Brittany Carpenter, Rhys Boyd, Lindsey Witcher, Randy Klapman, Phil Hoffman, Brittany Raven, Kim Smith, Robert Wise, Becky Day, April South, Brad Pittman, Leah Miller

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Dr. Jimmy Williams, Gale McLeod, Edna Holton, Foster McLeod, Janet Smith, Pete Davis, Mary Davis, John Conrad, Paul Addy, Ronnie Hutto.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

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

Chuck Backman, Nancy Peters, Johnny Moore, William Sox, Brinlee Erwin, Molly Gilbert, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Henry Gainey, Stacy Carns, Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Steve Collum, John Bundrick.

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

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

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

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

**The Family Of:**

James Self, Bonita Taylor, Valerie Jan Brazell, Oscar Rabon, Jean Jones, William Florence, Bobby Lunn, Nancy Butler, Carroll Hutchinson, Rosemary C Roddy.

***Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.***

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