

DECEMBER 31, 2023  
**ONE** *Worship*  
**SERVICE**  
*@ 10 AM*  
 in the Sanctuary

Nursery available for Kindergarten and younger. No Sunday School for all ages.



## 2023 Contribution Deadlines

<b>Cash or Check</b>	deliver to church office* no later than <b>11:59 AM on Sunday, December 31, 2023</b> , or USPS mail, <b>post-mark cancelled no later than December 31, 2023</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b> (debit, credit or bank transfer)	Complete online no later than <b>11:59 PM on Sunday, December 31, 2023</b>
<b>2023 IRA Contribution</b>	Complete online no later than <b>11:59 PM on Sunday, December 31, 2023</b>
<b>Stock Gift</b>	Shares must be deposited in the Mount Tabor UMC brokerage account and you must send an email to Church Business Administrator, Holly Smith, at <a href="mailto:holly.smith@mttaborumc.org">holly.smith@mttaborumc.org</a> no later than <b>5 PM on Wednesday, December 27, 2023</b>

\*The last week of December, the Mount Tabor UMC office will be open  
 Tuesday, December 26 – Thursday, December 28 from 10 AM – 2 PM and Friday, December 28, 10 AM – NOON

### Christmas Eve Worship Leaders:

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown

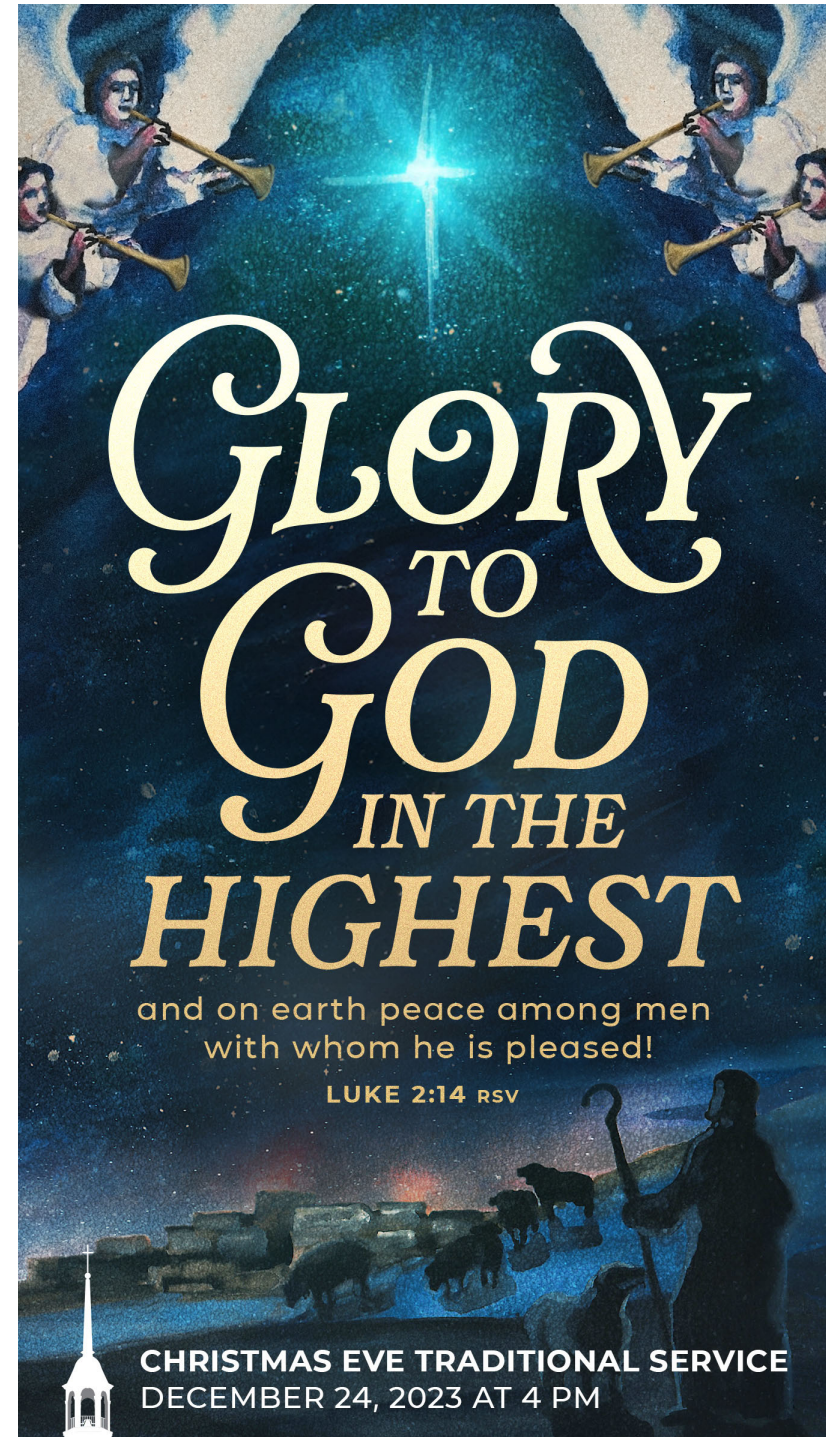
Liturgists: Rev. Beth Orrell and Bob McHone

Traditional Worship Arts Director: Charli Mills Organist/Accompanist: Mike Hendrix

Acolyte: Leah Heitman

Guest Musicians: Chris Woods and Nico McLaurin, trumpet; Tim Papenbrock, horn;  
 Patrick Sweet, trombone; Avery Greene, tuba; Kristen Bruce, harp; Antoni Olesik and  
 Dante Thomas, percussion; Laura Hutchins, soprano

*Childcare is available for small children in the Children's Building during worship.*



# Christmas Eve Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:00pm

**Prelude** *Yuletide Echos* William Hodson

**Welcome and Invocation** Rev. Michael Brown

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Beth Orrell

Come, hear the news the angels bring from heaven:

**Glory to God in the highest!**

Come, hear them proclaiming peace on earth:

**Glory to God in the highest!**

Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming;

**Glory to God in the highest!**

Let the heavens answer with joy:

**Glory to God in the highest!**

Come, hear the angels singing 'Christ is born'.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Festival First Nowell* arr. Dan Forrest

*Congregation:*

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

*Choir only:*

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

*Congregation:*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Don Guilbault and Melissa Davis

**Choral Response** *Come, Lord Jesus* Anna Laura Page

**Scripture** John 1:1-14 Beth Orrell

**\*Hymn #234** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1, 2, 3, 6) ADESTE FIDELES

**Scripture** Luke 2:1-20 (NKJV) Bob McHone

**Homily** "The Birth Of Hope" Michael Brown

**\*Hymn #238** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verses 1, 3) GLORIA

**\*Hymn #240** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (all verses) MENDELSSOHN

**Offering** Beth Orrell

**Offertory** *All My Heart this Night Rejoices* arr. Trevor Manor

All my heart this night rejoices, As I hear, far and near, Sweetest angel voices; Christ is born, their choirs are singing, Till the air ev'rywhere Now with joy is ringing.

Softly from his lowly manger Jesus calls one and all, "You are safe from danger. Children, from the sins that grieve you, You are freed; all you need I will give you."

Come, then, banish all your sadness; One and all, great and small, Come with songs of gladness. Love Him who with love is glowing; Hail the star, near and far Light and joy bestowing. All my heart rejoices! Choirs are singing, joy is ringing: Christ is born!

**\*Doxology** *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** Michael Brown

**Music for Communion**

*Angel's Carol*

John Rutter

*Mid-Winter*

arr. Bob Chilcott

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

*O Holy Night*

Adolph Adam

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Michael Brown

**Lighting of the Congregation's Candles**

**Hymn #239** *Silent Night* (all verses) STILLE NACHT

**\*Hymn #246** *Joy to the World* (all verses) ODE TO JOY

**\*Benediction** Michael Brown

**\*Response** *Hallelujah Chorus* arr. Fiona Evans

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

**Postlude** *The Birthday of a King* W. Neidlinger