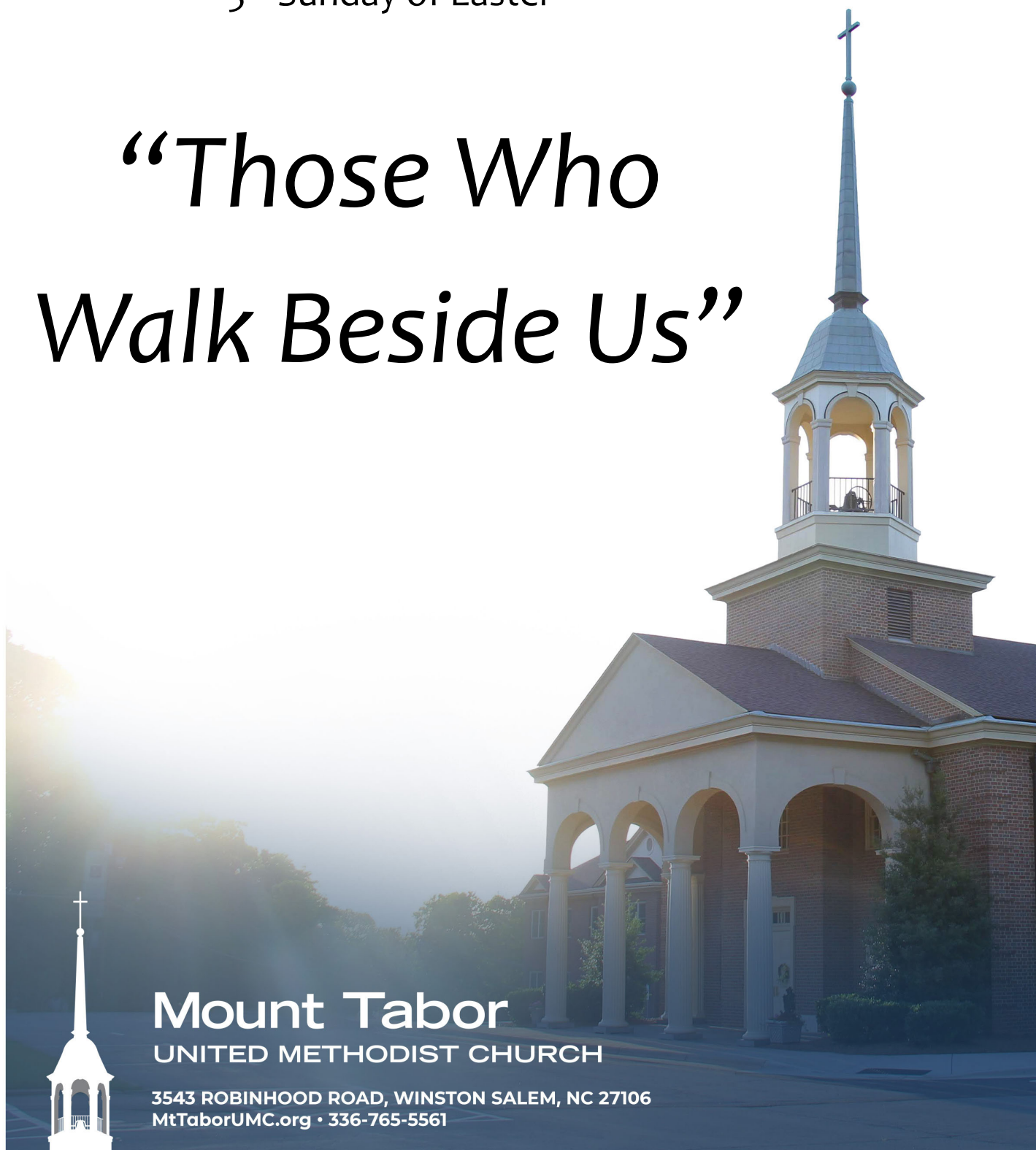


Graduation Sunday,

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

*“Those Who
Walk Beside Us”*



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Traditional Order of Worship — 5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 2025 — 10:30 am

Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Narthex.

Prelude	<i>Sonata in F Major</i>	Giovanni Pergolesi
Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Welcome		Campbell Koll

* Call to Worship

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it altogether.

You pursue me behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is high, I cannot attain it.

* Affirmation of Faith—UMH # 881

Faythe Madison

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

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Special Music	<i>Yet Not I, But Yet through Christ in Me</i> John Madison , guitar and Heather Hopkins, soloist	CITY OF LIGHT
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Time of Greeting	Will Busch
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Introduction of Graduates

Graduation Day Litany

Today is a special day. A day of celebration and accomplishment. Today, O God, we ask for your blessings upon each of us who is graduating. Most importantly, we ask for the greatest blessing we can find in life , and this can be found in the wisdom of Jesus' statement to...

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Today we remember. We look back and reflect on the moments of laughter and joy. We look at pictures and rewatch videos. We retell stories and think about all the wonderful events that shaped us over the years. In particular, we are reminded of the greatest joys life can provide when we...

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Today we also remember the moments that were difficult. The days when family and friends were a great help in times of trouble. The days when we desperately held on to hope in the midst of tears. We remember these moments as well, knowing and trusting in the great truth that we must...

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Yes Lord, today is a day full of so many other days. So many thoughts and so much emotion packed into a single moment. For us graduates and our loved ones, may this moment, and the moments to come in the days that follow, be full of your love, joy, peace, comfort, and grace. And in these moments may we continue to...

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Oh Lord, what shall we ask to be added onto those who are moving from one season to another? We ask that in seeking your kingdom and righteousness, we find that you will always be there. For the graduating class of 2025, we ask that you remind each of us how you have not only been with us through the process to get to this monumental point in our lives, but that you are with us today, and will be with us for all the days to come. When we ask ourselves to seek out your kingdom above all else, we ask that as we take our next steps, we see the path you have paved before us. We ask that we trust in you in all our decisions. When we have done this, all of the gifts from heaven will be showered upon us along the journey.

Oh Lord, send your Holy Spirit on us at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church. We thank you for our accomplishments to this point, and we look forward to our many more accomplishments to come. It is in Jesus Christ's name we pray...

Amen.

Presentation of Scholarships

Goodchild Scholarship

Petree Scholarship

Wes & Andy Burton Scholarship

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Will Busch

Offertory

Trains I Missed

Rev. David Beam, soloist

Balsam Range

*** Doxology # 95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Will Busch

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world.
Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with your love. Amen.

Scripture

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSV)

Message

“Those Who Walk Beside Us”
Matthew Nolan, Reese Wooten, and Tyler Beason

* Praise & Worship

Oceans
Krista Steinour, piano and solo

HILLSONG

* Benediction

Will Busch

* Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance

Sir Edward Elgar

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Finale Jubilante

Healey Wilan

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam

Director of Student Ministries: Will Busch

Guest Musicians: John Madison, Heather Hopkins, and Krista Steinour

Guest Graduate Speakers: Matthew Nolan, Reese Wooten, and Tyler Beason

Interim Director of Traditional Worship Arts: Robert Overman

Organist/Accompanist: Jessica Beitel

Graduating Class of 2025

- Isabelle Anderson — Reagan High School with plans to attend Elon University
- Tyler Beason — Mount Tabor High School with plans to attend California Polytechnic State University
- Rebecca Binford — Reynolds High School with plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology
- Robin Binford — Middle College with plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology.
- Kelly Carr — Reagan High School with plans to attend East Carolina University
- Keeghan Davis — Mount Tabor High School with plans to attend University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Henry Johnson — Reagan High School with plans to attend University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- Campbell Koll — Reagan High School with plans to attend University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Dylan Koppenheffer — Reagan High School with plans to attend University of North Carolina Charlotte
- Faythe Madison— North Carolina Cyber Academy with plans to join a Irish Dance Company
- John Madison — University of North Carolina School of the Arts continuing to attend University of North Carolina School of the Arts
- Matthew Nolan — Reagan High School with plans to attend North Carolina State University
- Joshua Sarfert — Reynolds High School with plans to attend University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- Andrew Shriver—Reagan High School with plans to attend University of North Carolina Wilmington
- Reese Wooten — Forbush High School with plans to attend North Carolina State University

Our College Graduates

- Caroline Bullard—Appalachian State University
- Laura Doughton — University of South Carolina
 - Leah Boone — Appalachian State University
- *Jill Kopenheffer — University of North Carolina Pembroke

Welcome to Mount Tabor United Methodist Church

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 ext. 1021 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., 1-4pm See the church website at www.mttaborumc.org for more information.

Announcements

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

GATHER Joyfully

- * **You can worship at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church** on Sundays at: Modern, 9:00am, in the Alspaugh Worship Center, or Traditional, 11:00am, in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and <https://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming>.

GROW Spiritually and GO Faithfully

- **You have probably noticed a change in our weekly Worship Bulletin.** The decision to change the bulletin was made to provide you with an easier worship experience. By changing the bulletin format, we are able to use a larger font size and provide more space between worship elements, which makes the bulletin easier to read. Also, we were able to eliminate the need for a weekly insert. Our weekly verbal announcements can be found on the back of our bulletin. We pray that you are just as excited about this change to our weekly worship bulletin as we are and that it will help you focus on worshipping our Lord and Savior.
- **Starting this Summer, we are excited to announce that we are planning on using the projection screen in the Sanctuary during worship.** This technical addition to our worship service will help us make our worship services more accessible and "guest-friendly" all while assisting us with responsive prayers, lyrics to our Hymns, Communion Liturgy, and so much more! More details coming soon!
- **All senior adults (60+) are invited to Tabor Troupers on Monday, May 19, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Rebecca Craps, Extension Agent, will present a program on supporting pollination in yards and flower boxes, and Beekeeping. The menu is: Hamburger steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, drinks, and desserts. Please register in the Connect Corner in the Welcome Center or in your Sunday School Class.
- **Register NOW for Portrait Appointments** - Our Church Yearbook portrait sessions will conclude on May 21. Help us provide the most useful tool possible to our new staff, our new members - and even our seasoned congregation. Take advantage of the last few dates and register your family now at bit.ly/MTUMCphotos, or contact Michael Cook at michaelmcook@gmail.com for assistance.
- **Registration is now open for kids and volunteers for VBS June 16-19!** All are invited to join the fun at VBS camp where kids (and volunteers!) will "wannastay" all summer! Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/91a6e7>

- **TaborTWEENS are invited to participate in a Mission & Adventure Camp July 7-9.** The cost is \$50. This opportunity is open to current 3rd - 5th graders. Tweens will have the opportunity to participate in service projects for local mission agencies and have a little adventure! Register now: bit.ly/tweencamp25
- **Message From the Cemetery Committee** - A limited number of graves are now available in our cemetery. If you joined Mt. Tabor between Jan. 1, 2003 and Dec. 31, 2006 AND you are an ACTIVE MEMBER of the church, you are eligible to request a grave. Requests must be emailed to cemetery@mttaborumc.org by May 28, 2025.
- **All women are invited to attend Wednesday Women's Bible Study**, Summer Sessions, on June 11, July 16, and Aug. 13 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and also via zoom. We will continue our study of The Gospel of Luke. Contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561 for questions or for the zoom link. There is nothing to purchase, just bring a Bible.
- **Please be aware that unknown persons are trying to scam Mount Tabor UMC staff and congregants.** These attempts are impersonating Pastor David (via text and email) asking for gift cards, money, and some of the emails even request that you speak with him. These requests are not coming from our Senior Minister or members of our church staff. Please know the church clergy or staff would never send cryptic messages or ask for any kind of money or gift card donations through email. Please do not respond to their messages, and please reach out to the church office (336-765-5561) if you ever have concerns of a message's authenticity.

Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at mttaborumc.org or scan the QR code.



Sunday, May 18, 2025

10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Graduation Sunday
12:00 PM	Graduation Celebration Lunch — Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 19, 2025

8:00 AM	Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline
9:00 AM	Church Business Admin Mtg— Rm 207
10:00 AM	Quilting Ministry — Rm 107
11:30 AM	Tabor Troupers — Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM	Nar-Anon Family Support Grp —Rm 108
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Trp 934 Mtg — Rm 113
7:00 PM	Outreach Meeting — Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Women's AA— Rm 102

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

10:00 AM	Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207
6:00 PM	A Church for All People Ministry Meeting — Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Circle 5 meeting — Rm 108
7:00 PM	Men's Basketball — Family Life Center

7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal —
Alspaugh Worship Center

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — FLC

Thursday, May 22, 2025

7:30 AM	Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom — Rm 306
6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal — Choir Room
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room
7:00 PM	Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh Worship Center

Friday, May 23, 2025

Saturday, May 24, 2025

9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

New Member Sunday

will be Sunday, May 25



Interested in joining the church on
New Member Sunday?

Contact Charity Goff, Church Administrator at
Charity.Goff@MtTaborUMC.org

VBS 2025
JUNE 16-19
Registration now
open for kids &
volunteers!

JOIN THE FUN AND HEAD TO
VBS CAMP WHERE
KIDS & VOLUNTEERS
WILL "WANNASTAY" ALL SUMMER!

Our Response to God's Grace...

May 11, 2025 Attendance

Online Worship	132
In-person Worship	453

BUDGET PLEDGES

FOR 2025
as of Jan. 26, 2025
Pledges: 252
for Pledge Total of
\$1,318,613

May 11, 2025 Giving

Budget Needs Each Week	\$34,811.00
Budget Gifts	\$22,002.70
Event Payments	\$2,208.00
Other	\$5,838.10
Total	\$30,048.80