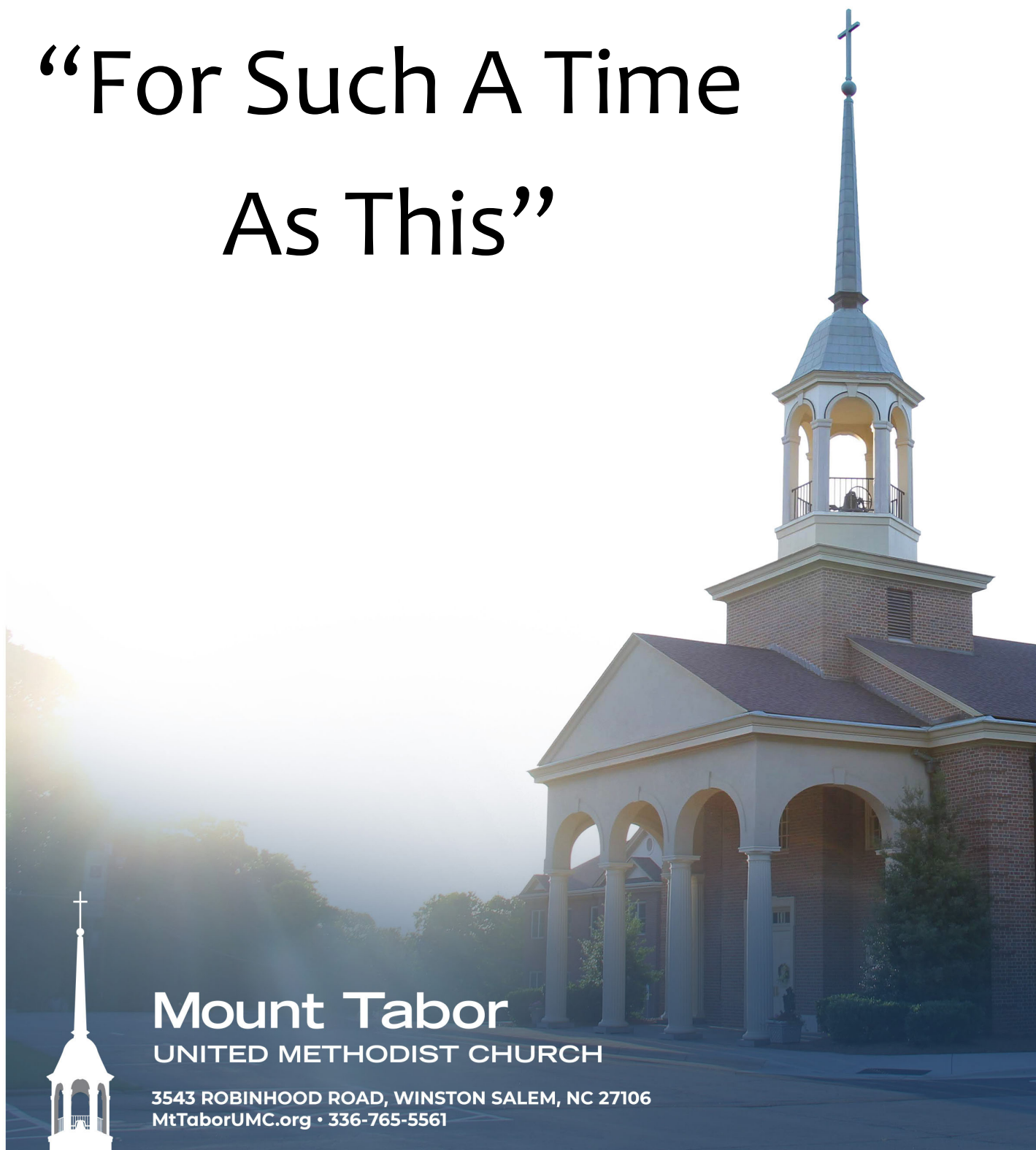


Sunday, September 14, 2025

“For Such A Time As This”



Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Modern Worship

Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 9:00am

Gathering Songs

Good God Almighty — Crowder

Today Is The Day — Lincoln Brewster

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Come As You Are — Crowder

Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Historical Bible

Presentation of Bibles to our Children

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Called Me Higher — All Sons and Daughters

Scripture

Esther 4:1-14 (NLT)

Today's Message

"For Such A Time As This"

Prayer of Response

***Closing Song**

Unfailing Love — Chris Tomlin

Sending Forth

Today's Worship Leaders:

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam **Executive Pastor:** Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas **Worship Host:** Marcey Davis

** If you wish to attend Sunday School this morning and would like to leave the service early, you are welcome to do so by quietly exiting during the closing song. Thank you for joining us today.*

“For Such A Time As This”

Esther 4:1-14 (NLT)

When Mordecai learned about all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on burlap and ashes, and went out into the city, crying with a loud and bitter wail. ² He went as far as the gate of the palace, for no one was allowed to enter the palace gate while wearing clothes of mourning. ³ And as news of the king’s decree reached all the provinces, there was great mourning among the Jews. They fasted, wept, and wailed, and many people lay in burlap and ashes. ⁴ When Queen Esther’s maids and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, she was deeply distressed. She sent clothing to him to replace the burlap, but he refused it. ⁵ Then Esther sent for Hathach, one of the king’s eunuchs who had been appointed as her attendant. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was troubling him and why he was in mourning. ⁶ So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the square in front of the palace gate. ⁷ Mordecai told him the whole story, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ Mordecai gave Hathach a copy of the decree issued in Susa that

called for the death of all Jews. He asked Hathach to show it to Esther and explain the situation to her. He also asked Hathach to direct her to go to the king to beg for mercy and plead for her people. ⁹ So Hathach returned to Esther with Mordecai’s message. ¹⁰ Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: ¹¹ “All the king’s officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days.” ¹² So Hathach gave Esther’s message to Mordecai. ¹³ Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. ¹⁴ If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

Where might God be calling you to be bold and step out in faith?

What is holding you back?

Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, September 14, 2025 — 11:00 am

Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

Voluntary in A Minor

Anonymous

Welcome

Marcey Davis

Introit

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH SONG

Call to Worship

Makaria Burroughs

We gather to worship God, who speaks through stories and shows up in ordinary moments in our lives.

Today we remember Queen Esther, who was brave and wise— and who listened when God called her “for such a time as this.”

We believe God is still calling— calling us to kindness, to courage, to love.

Some of us are receiving our first Bible today. It might look big, but it’s full of amazing stories about real people who chose to trust God.

We give thanks for God’s Word! It is a light for our path, a lamp to guide our journey.

Whether you are receiving your very first Bible or holding your well-worn one from many years ago—

Let’s open our hearts today.

Let’s listen, let’s worship, and let’s be ready to say “yes” to God...

For such a time as this!

*** Hymn # 203**

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

ELLACOMBE

*** Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

Cecilia Davis

Loving God,

You call us to follow You.

But we confess that we don’t always listen.

We are afraid, distracted, or unsure.

You give us your Word to guide us,

yet we forget to open it.

You invite us to live with courage and love,

but we often hold back.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us to trust you,

to say “yes” when you call,

and to follow your path with open hearts.

Amen.

*** Gloria Patri # 71**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Historical Bible Presentation

Mike Petree

Presentation of Bibles to our Children

Marcey Davis

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
at church, and in worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Prayer

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)

arr. Hal Hopson

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

French Suite No. 4 in E-Flat major: III Sarabande

J.S. Bach

* Doxology # 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

**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.**

Scripture

Esther 4:1-14 (NLT)

Message

"For Such A Time As This"

Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

* Hymn # 129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

May the Lord Bless You

William G Harbinson

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 553

J.S. Bach

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam

Executive Pastor: Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

Director of Traditional Worship Arts: Robert Overman

Organist/Accompanist: Jessica Beitel

Acolyte: Eli Deen

Liturgists: Marcey Davis, Colleen Carr, Makaria Burroughs, and Cecilia Davis

Welcome to Mount Tabor United Methodist Church

The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ. 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. We are glad you are here!

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 in the Children's Building.
- Children (2 year old-5th grade) interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service while we share the Peace of Christ during the service. Please pick up your children from the children's building following the service.
- Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property. Please notify an usher if you have need of one and they would be happy to assist you.
- The Church Office is open Mon.-Thurs., 9:00am-4:00pm and Friday 9:00am-NOON.
- Please submit ministry announcement information at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

Please visit our church website, www.mttaborumc.org for more information on our ministries and outreach programs.

A complete and real-time Church Calendar can be found by scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website.



GATHER Joyfully

- Worship at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church on Sundays: Modern Worship, 9:00am in the Alspaugh Worship Center and Traditional, 11:00am, in the Sanctuary.
- As a gift to each other and to our guests, our adults and staff members will begin wearing name tags. Please plan to pick up your name tag before or after the worship services in the Welcome Center.
- Both services are also available via Facebook Live and YouTube at youtube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming

GROW Spiritually and GO Faithfully

- **TaborKIDS Hands On Bible Event** - On Sunday, Sept. 21 during the Sunday School hour in room 263/265 of the children's building all TaborKIDS are invited to this special class where we will learn how to use our Bibles.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible Study**-- All women are invited to attend and study the Book of Acts on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall and via zoom. There is nothing to purchase, just bring a Bible. For questions or the zoom link, email Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org
- **Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, September 17 from 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made at www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table. The cost is \$10 for adults (age 13 and up), \$7 for children (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$30. The menu is: Baked Spaghetti, Pasta & Sauce, Rolls, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Children's option: Grilled Cheese.

- **Adult Church Wide Study** - Join our Church-Wide Study, *In Search of God's Will: Discerning a Life of Faithfulness and Purpose* by Trevor Hudson. Please purchase your own copy of the book. There are several options for study: read individually, join a Sunday School Class/Small Group, or attend Weds. Night Gatherings (Sept. 10 - Nov. 19) 6:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom. Weds. Night Gatherings will be led by Pastor David, Kim Harvey, and Will Busch. For more information please contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org.
- **Tabor Troupers —a ministry for senior adults 60+.** You are invited to join us on Sept. 15 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship, a delicious meal for \$6, and a program. The program is "For the Love of Reading" given by Beth Hale from Love Literacy. Please register in the Connect Corner in the Welcome Center, in your Sunday School Class, or online.
- **The Way of Prayer Small Group** -- Do you think God ever intended us to be so overwhelmed by prayer? Maybe we've made it difficult. If you ever wanted to learn more about prayer join us for *The Way of Prayer* a study for adults who wish to grow in their prayer life, on Tuesdays, Sept. 23 - Oct. 28, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Conference Room. No purchase necessary. Questions? Contact Brenda Wills at politicalsciencemajor@gmail.com
- **Moms Fellowship** meets the first Thursday of each month (Oct 2) 9:15 - 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time for mothers of young children to meet for a heartfelt prayer, a short devotion with discussion, and fellowship. Childcare will be provided with registration done by 5 PM the night before the meeting. Register here: bit.ly/mtmomfellow Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser SandyLHauser@gmail.com.
- **TaborKIDS** – Our Bread & Juice class will be on October 5 at 10:00am upstairs in the Children's Building. This class will introduce Communion to children grades 1st- 5th grades and an adult who loves them. In addition, that Sunday will also be a Family Worship Sunday (no TaborKIDS Worship for 1st-5th graders) so that children may receive communion with their families.
- **Our Methodist Men's Breakfast** will take place on Sunday, October 5 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30am. All men of Mount Tabor are invited to join us!
- **PRAYER CHAIN** - Mount Tabor has a dedicated group of people that faithfully pray for all prayer requests received. If you would like to have a prayer request sent to the Prayer Chain, please contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561.



Our Response to God's Grace from Sunday, August 31, 2025

Through our Attendance: Online Worship — 132

In-person Worship — 475

Through our Giving: Budget Needs Each Week— \$34,811.00

Budget Gifts — \$21,229.51

Budget Pledges for 2025: Number of Pledges — 252 for a Pledge Total of \$1,318,613



The Way of Prayer

A study for adults who wish to grow in their prayer life

Tuesdays 7-8 PM in the Conference Room

September 23 – October 28

Questions? Contact Brenda Wills at politicalsciencemajor@gmail.com

Bishop Ken Carter will join us on Sunday, September 21, 2025 as our guest preacher at both services.

Join us as we welcome Bishop Carter back to Mount Tabor UMC.

Want to learn more about the ministries of Mount Tabor or joining our church family?

Next Steps

**Sunday, September 21 at 10:15 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

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For more information on the ministries and ministry opportunities of Mount Tabor United Methodist Church, please visit our website, www.mttaborumc.org.