

Welcome to Mt Hebron

UMM Breakfast Meeting –Sunday, Dec 12, at 7am in the cornerstone room (406). Tyler Jackson and crew will prepare a delicious breakfast, and we will discuss plans for 2022.

Live Nativity – Dec 12, 5-7pm, you are invited to join Friends in Christ Sunday School Class as we share the true meaning of Christmas with our community.

Flower Calendar has MOVED – If you would like to give flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign up on the 2022 flower calendar located in the *gathering area behind the sanctuary*.

Christmas Eve Services – We will have three Christmas Eve Services: 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary; 5:00pm will be children & family focused in the Family Life Center; and 7:00pm will be a traditional Christmas Eve service in the Sanctuary.

Contributions for 2021 are due in the church office at the close of business December 31, or must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31.

Missions

- **Alternative Christmas Gift Project** – Nov 28-Dec 12 every Sunday in the Family Life Center gathering area. Please consider using this way to honor and/or remember special persons on your list this Christmas. Ministries available for donations include Killingsworth Home, Alston Wilkes Society, Free Medical Clinic, Snack Sacks, Toby's Place, Methodist Student Network, and more.
- **Adopt-A-Soldier Ministry on Christmas Day.** We hope to provide all interested Trainees who remain at Fort Jackson over the holidays with the opportunity on Christmas Day to spend time with a family in our faith community. For those interested in partnering with us in this ministry, we ask you to host two trainees since the trainees learn their first day here never to go anywhere without a "Battle Buddy." For more information, please contact Mt Hebron member and Fort Jackson Chaplin, Hochang Min, at 803-751-9871 or hochang.min2.mil@army.mil

Parents, please accompany your child if they leave the worship area during the service.

Worship Attendance 11/28/2021 – 366 8:45 NewLife! – Online 32, In-Person 83; 9am Traditional –In-Person 99 11:15 Traditional – Online 37, In-Person 115	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$207,438.36 Current Loan Balance: \$2,011,955.18	Year-to-Date 11/28/21: Contributions: \$827,488.73 Expenses: \$881,991.11 Surplus/<Deficit>: <\$54,502.38>

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



11:15 A.M. December 5, 2021
Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Sleepers Wake, the Voice is Calling* J.S. Bach
Dr. Justin Robinson, trumpet; Dr. Louis Playford, organ

* Chimes

* Lighting of the Advent Candle

* Hymn, UMH #240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"	hail th' incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;	3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory *Comfort Ye, My People* Walther

* Doxology
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

A Service of Lessons and Carols

The First Lesson

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshadowed. Isaiah 40:1-5
“And the Glory of the Lord” (from **MESSIAH**)..... Handel

The Second Lesson

The prophet announces the birth of a King to the people in darkness. Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
“Fear Not, Ye O Israel” Buck
Dominic Armstrong, tenor

The Third Lesson

The wisdom and justice of Christ are foretold. Isaiah 11:1-2, 6, 9-10
“Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing”Hagenberg

The Fourth Lesson

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary. Luke 1:26-33
“Mary, Did You Know?” arr. Courtney
ensemble; Kevin Cooley, baritone; Lauren Tolcher, soprano

The Fifth Lesson

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Luke 2:1-7
“He Is Born” Schrader
Andy Gowan, flute

The Sixth Lesson

The angels announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. Luke 2:8-14
“Gloria in excelsis Deo” (from **GLORIA in D**)..... Vivaldi

The Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger. Luke 2:15-20
“Joy to the World” Antioch

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.	3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.	4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Eighth Lesson

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus. Matthew 2:1-9
“Follow that Star” Lewis

The Ninth Lesson

The mystery of the Incarnation. John 1:1-14
* “Hallelujah” (from **MESSIAH**)Handel

* Benediction

* Postlude *Comfort Ye, My People* Knecht

* Congregation is invited to stand, if able.



Participants in today’s service:
Rev. Dr. Gerald Watford, reader; Tom Brunson, director; Dr. Louis Playford, organ
Dr. Andy Gowan, flute; Matthew Jones, percussion; Dr. Justin Robinson, trumpet

*Altar Guild: Cathy Neeley & Sue Bruorton; Greeter: Edie Burritt
Ushers: Kellum Allen & Charlie Bruorton*

*Diane Senn and family give the altar arrangements to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Robert Senn.*