

Advent and Christmas Season Events at Mt. Hebron

Dec 11 – Adult Fellowship Christmas Celebration, 12:00 noon

Bring an hors d'oeuvre or sweet treat and enjoy entertainment by Rev. Kevin and Amy Cooley

Dec 15 - Joyful Sound Choir Christmas Medley, 9:00am Traditional Service

Join us as the Joyful Sound Choir sings a collection of traditional Christmas carols.

Dec 15 - Live Nativity, 5:00-7:00pm

You are invited to join Friends in Christ Sunday School Class as we share the true meaning of Christmas with our community. We would love for you to dress up and participate in the nativity scene or bring refreshments to share with the community. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering areas. Contact Diana Harmon at 803-381-4140 if you have any questions.

Dec 21 - Service of the Longest Night at 7:00pm

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services 12:00 noon, 5:00pm, 8:00pm

12:00 noon, unplugged, Sanctuary

5:00pm, children & family focused, Family Life Center

8:00pm, traditional Christmas Eve, Sanctuary

Advent Sermon Series 'Glory' – Dec 1, Looking for Glory, Isaiah 40:3-5; Dec 8, Longing for Glory, Psalm 24:7-10; Dec 15, Glory Made Flesh, John 1:1-5, 14; Dec 22, The Impact of Glory, Hebrew 1:1-4; Dec 24, The Call of Glory, Luke 2:8-20; Dec 29, The Everlasting Glory, Revelation 21:22-27

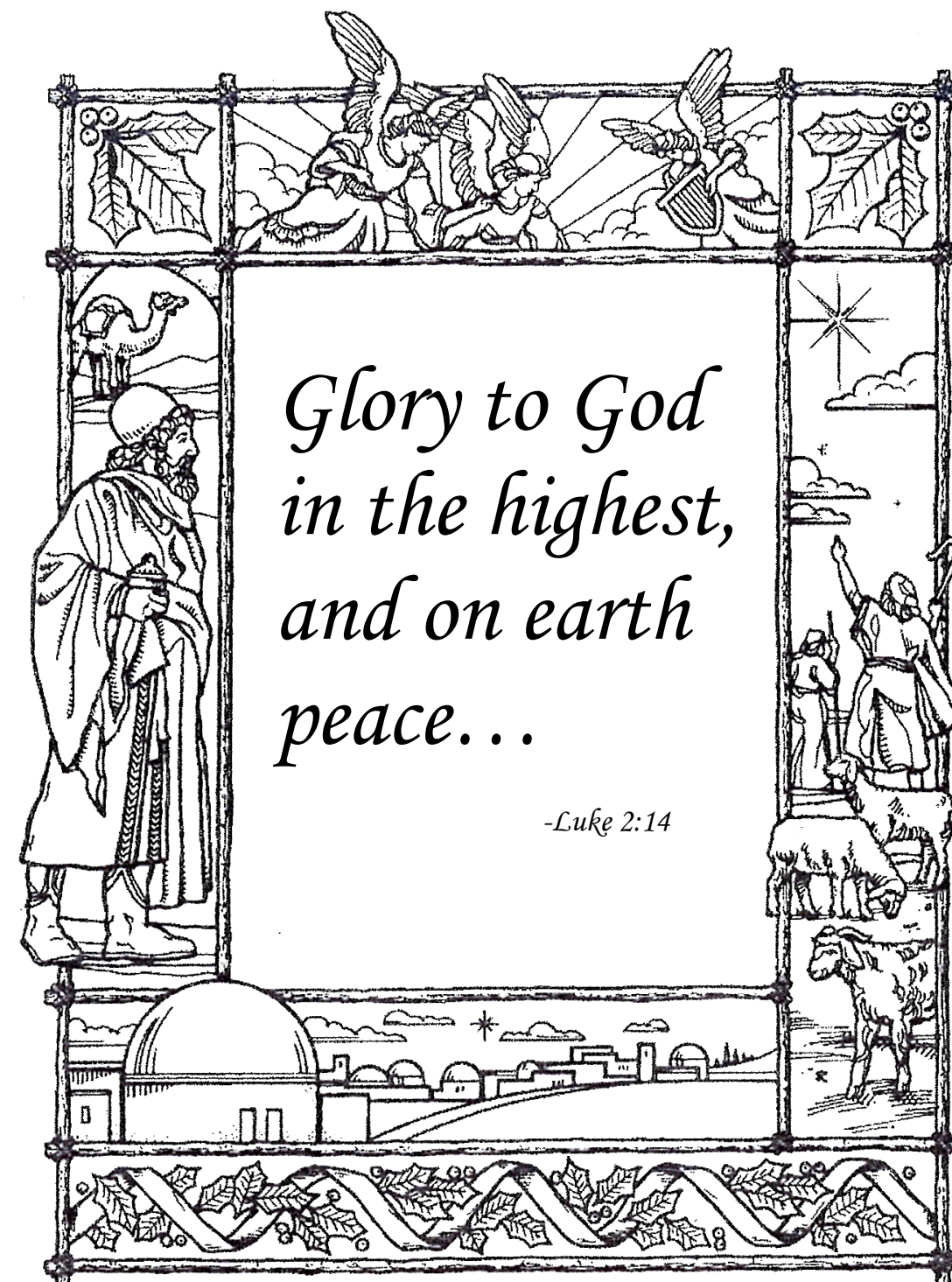
Alternative Christmas Gift Project continues through Dec 15. Located in the Gathering Area of the Family Life Center, someone will be there to help you. Please consider using this way to honor and/or remember special persons on your list this Christmas.

It's time to order poinsettias! You may purchase your poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$15 per plant and the deadline for ordering is Monday, Dec 9. Order forms are available in the Gathering Areas, attendance pads, and online. Please return the form and your check to the church office or place them in the offering plate.

Flower Calendar – If you would like to give flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign up on the 2020 flower calendar located on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

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

Worship Attendance 12/01/2019 - 403 New Life! Service – 101 Traditional Services – 9:00 – 143 ~ 11:15 – 159	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$215,572.60 Current Loan Balance: \$2,175,830.46	Year-to-Date 12/01/19: Contributions: \$905,817.36 Expenses: \$970,923.18 Surplus/<Deficit>: <\$65,105.82>



A Festival of
Nine Lessons and Carols

11:15 A.M. December 8, 2019

Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *My Sprit Be Joyful* JS Bach
Palmetto Brass Ensemble

* Chimes

* Hymn, UMH #246 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

* Lighting of the Advent Candle

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895
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. Amen

Offertory Dr. Louis Playford

* Doxology UMH #95
*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. Amen.*

A Service of Lessons and Carols

The First Lesson

The prophet announces the birth of a king to the people in darkness. Isaiah 9:2-7
“The Yearning”Craig Courtney

The Second Lesson

The wisdom and justice of Christ are foretold. Isaiah 11:1-4, 6
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” arr. Dan Forrest

The Third Lesson

The peace that Christ shall bring is foreshadowed. Isaiah 40:1-5
“And the Glory of the Lord” (from Messiah)G.F. Handel

The Fourth Lesson

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary. Luke 1:26-33, 46-49
“Ave Maria”JS Bach / Charles Gounod
Johnnie Felder, tenor

The Fifth Lesson

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Luke 2:1-7
“Run to the Manger”Johnson

The Sixth Lesson

The angels announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. Luke 2:8-14
“Gloria Fanfare” Jeffery Ames
*Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.*

The Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger. Luke 2:15-20
“Rise Up, Shepherd” Buryl Red
Junior Choir

The Eighth Lesson

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus. Matthew 2:1-9
“A Star” Pepper Choplin

The Ninth Lesson

The mystery of the Incarnation. John 1:1-14
* “Hallelujah” (from Messiah)G.F. Handel
* Benediction
* Postlude *Carol Fantasy* Jon Iveson
Palmetto Brass Ensemble

* Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

Participants in today’s service:
Rev. Dr. Gerald Watford, reader; Tom Brunson, director; Dr. Louis Playford, organ;
Gena Turner, piano; David Allison, Randolph Love, trumpets; Eric Gilfus, horn; Evan Robinette,
Morgan Skelley, trombones; Ronald Davis, tuba; Tom Henke, percussion

Altar Guild: Cathy Neeley & Sue Bruorton; Greeters: Pam Gowan &Doris Layton
Acolyte: Joe Alley; Ushers: Steven Burritt, Jim New, Robert Cline, Marla Downey

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of Anne Fryga who today celebrates her 99th birthday.
She has faithfully honored God with a lifetime of Christian service and her Pew Doll Ministry.
We love you-from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*