

### 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

Minister: Rev. Wm. Kevin Cooley; Director of Music: Tom Brunson  
Organist: Dr. Louis Playford; Altar Guild: Cathy Neeley & Sue Bruorton  
Greeters: Frances Ackerman & Barbara Harpe; Lay Reader: Margaret Canova  
Ushers: Don Ackerman, Jim Harpe, Gary Lain, Angie Lain

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

#### **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>



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**December 5, 2021 ~ 9:00 am**

*Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives  
Embrace... Engage... Empower*

December 5, 2021 at 9:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism and Service of Church Membership

*Wade Kellum Allen & Ellery James Allen*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these children now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live accordingly to the example of Christ. We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

...Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which You promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

...He called his disciples to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare His works to the nations, His glory among all the people.**

... and being raised with Christ, they may share in His final victory.

**All praise to You, Eternal Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Now it is our joy to welcome these children in Christ.

**Through baptism you are made a new creation by God's Holy Spirit and given the tools of faith. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

Prelude

\* Chimes

\* Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* arr. Hayes  
Joellen Woods, soprano

\* 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.*

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Sermon 'A Mighty One Who Will Save'

\* Hymn, UMH #203 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

\* Benediction and Congregational Response  
*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

\* Postlude

\* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*