

8:30 AM SERVICE

As you are seated, please say a brief prayer for our worship today.

GATHERING

Gathering, Announcements, Peace and Reconciliation
Rev. Jonathan Marlowe

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Smith
Woody Washam/Shelley Little

Introit "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Shelley Little

*Call to Worship

The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

The darkness that surrounds us is gone!

Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. AMEN.

*Hymn "The First Noel" UMH 245

The Children's Time Rev. Jonathan Marlowe
"Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1 sung as children come forward and chorus sung as children return to their seats) UMH 191

PROCLAMATION

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe
Pastor: "The Word of God for the people of God." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon: Gifts For A King Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 15
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Offering
(Please bring your offering forward and place it in the baskets located on either side of the center aisle. Gluten free elements are available. Persons wishing to do so may leave a communion offering at the altar rail for our Helping Hands Fund.)

Communion Music "Taste and See" Helman Laura Freeman/Shelley Little

The Prayer After Receiving and Dedication of the Offering

*Hymn "We Three Kings" UMH 254

SENDING OUT

*The Benediction
*The Benediction Response
"In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 4) UMH 221

Postlude "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" Smith Woody Washam

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9:45 AM SERVICE

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ...

Welcome

Song: "Hosanna"

Song: "You Are My King"

Song: "Who You Say I Am"

Passing of Peace and Announcements

Children's Time

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD...

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon: Gifts For A King

Holy Communion with Lord's Prayer

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Song

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD ...

Closing Song "Everlasting God"

Benediction

Sending Out Music

Rev. Dr. Angela Marlowe
Rev. Tony Moreau
Melanie Kalkan
Eric and Nancy Johnson
Debbie Jackson
Mike Jackson
Jason Suggs

Message
Worship Leader
Praise Team Leader
Hospitality Ministry
Sacred Arts Ministry
Sound Board
PowerPoint

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Celebrations and Concerns

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to Dixie Cashion and family on the death of her husband, Mack Cashion on December 22nd, and to the family of Sheri Howard who passed away on December 24th.

Prayer Concerns: Judy Aho, Buddy Caldwell, Gail Brackett, Jerry Bustard, Randy Cameron, Day Case, Dixie Cashion, Bobby Cavin, Ruby Cook, Bob Deaton, Lamont Donaldson, Ron Eller, Lou Harviel, Lilyan Hunter, Pat Houston, Lee Kyle, Avery Masters, Heck McAlister, Mary McAlister, Sandy McCall, Doug Miller, Gil Millsaps, Jane Molle, Linda Nance, Nancy Neal, Diana Russell, Hailey Schwab, Phyllis Sherrill, Rev. Tom Sigmon, Kay Sims, Alina Sossamon, Pat Tritt, Sam Westmoreland, Rodney Whisnant, Todd Wissinger.



Each member of the Body of Christ is a valued and important part of the mission and ministries of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. We are followers of Jesus Christ who said we would be known as disciples by the way we love one another. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 4:17)

These are characteristics we strive for:

To be faithful to the church in our prayers, presence, gifts, service and Christian example.

To be models of the highest Christian ideals and values, through the gifts of grace, mercy, and good will.

Speak the truth in love; listen with open hearts and minds.

Build up the church in everything we say and do.

Be responsible and accountable for our own behavior showing compassion, integrity and love.

To encourage an inclusive spirit to everyone, honoring different opinions as blessings. To always honor our mutual love for Christ and the witness of our church.

To make decisions based on God's vision for the whole church.

To practice and encourage one-on-one reconciliation, and forgiveness in all things.

To be strong when facing adversity, holding to Christian faith and unity.

It is central to our fellowship to give priority to Jesus' commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12).

We honor His prayer for the disciples; that "they may become completely one so that the world might know that I was sent from You." (John 17:23)

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Child Care: Available on Sunday mornings with a well trained staff for children age 4 or younger. It is located on the lower level of the Education Building in rooms 101/103.

Bathrooms: Located on the lower level in the Sanctuary. Located up the ramp in the Family Life Center Gym.

Guests: Please fill out a Green "Guest Card" and drop it in the offering or bring it to a Welcome Station. We would love to be in touch with you and give you more information about the church.

On-line Giving
www.mtzionumc.net/online-giving



Announcements

Today

FUEL PARENT MEETING - We are having a Parent Meeting **Today- January 6, 2019, from 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the Youth Room #3.** At this meeting we plan to discuss fundraising, upcoming events, and new opportunities. Hope to see you there.

FUEL WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE - **Today- Sunday, January 6, at 4:30 PM.** Bring a gift from your house or a gift you may want to re-gift, that you are sure someone will love. Please keep gifts under \$10 if possible. Wrap it up and bring it to our FUEL White Elephant Gift Exchange Extravaganza. **This week we will be meeting in the Youth Room.**

TESTIFY YOUTH CHOIR will be performing their program, "Wonderful Joy" **TODAY, January 6th at 6 PM in the Family Life Center.** This is their make-up concert from the canceled concert on December 9th due to the snow storm. **We would love to have you join us!**

More Announcements

HIS MINISTRY 2ND ANNUAL WINTER BALL will be held **January 13th from 4:30 to 7 PM.** WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for this event! We can use whatever you are willing to offer. Volunteer opportunities include: host/hostesses, escorts, food servers, restroom attendants, special event service volunteers, room set up and decoration assistants, cleanup crew. If you have professional services you are willing to share or ideas that might make the evening even more special, please let us know! Volunteer at His@mtzionumc.net

2019 Martin Luther King Celebration-There will be a conference-wide celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on **Saturday, January 19 at 10 AM at University City UMC in Charlotte.** Visit www.wnccumc.org for details and registration.

FUEL – WINTER JAM 2019: Join us January 20, 2019, as we go to Winter Jam 2019. We will be leaving the church at 1:30 PM. Having lunch before the concert at Buffalo Wild Wings. And returning from the show around 11 PM. Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and admission to Winter Jam)

MT. ZION'S CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM- Pastor Tony is asking all Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders (past and present) to contact him. In 2019, Mt. Zion is officially kicking off a new ministry, Congregational Care Ministry. We are putting together a team of Congregational Care Ministers (CCM's), laypersons who work alongside pastors to provide quality care for our church family. We are interested in including those who have trained in Stephen Ministry. Please contact Tony via email at tmoreau@mtzionumc.net, text or voice at 828-447-8992, or call the church office.

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL - Are you or someone you know looking for a great preschool next fall? Registration for the 2019 – 2020 preschool year begins January 23. Please contact the preschool office for more information, **704-892-0654.**

THE ROOM IN THE INN - Mt. Zion participates during the winter months in partnership with the Urban Ministry Center. Every first and third Tuesday night from December to March we will provide housing and food for 10 people who are homeless. We need volunteers and donations. **WE HAVE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR Inn Keepers and scarves, socks and hats.** We are so thankful to everyone that has stepped up to the plate and volunteered their time, and energy to prepare meals, drivers and Inn Keepers. We are so blessed as a church and disciples for doing the work Christ asked of us!! Thank you!! Please contact: Barbara Broadway for meals, drivers for pick-up and return trip at 704-996-7000 or bbroadway47@gmail.com or Richard Little for innkeepers at 704-516-9761 or littledeepcove@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP -Wednesday Night Worship will resume on **February 6 at 6:40 PM** in the sanctuary.

2019 ALTAR FLOWERS Would you like to honor someone dear, a special occasion or a group of people? Maybe you would like to remember a loved one in a very special way. Church Altar Flowers offer a way to express your love and gratitude. Flowers may be purchased for \$100.00 for two arrangements or \$50.00 for one. On your designated Sunday, you may take the flowers to someone of your choice after the 11:00 service. A special notation of your gift will be made in the bulletin. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate. The church office will bill you for the flowers requested. We want to continue placing live flowers in the Sanctuary for worship, but need your help. Thank you for using this as a way to honor or remember someone special.

Your Name _____

Phone # _____

Date Requested _____ (no flowers during Lent 3/10-4/14)

Number of arrangements (1 or 2) _____

Wording for bulletin: _____



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January 6, 2019

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Welcome to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Thank you for sharing in our worship

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion

Located in the Sanctuary

9:45 AM Praise and Worship Service

Located in the Family Life Center

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Located in the Sanctuary