

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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First Methodist Church in Milford: 1843

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

*Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,
CHRISTMAS EVE**
December 24, 2013

Order of Worship

11:00 p.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

PRELUDE (10:45 p.m.) Christmas selections by the Bell Choir

LIGHTING OF THE AISLE CANDLES “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

INTROIT “Still the Holiest Night” arr. P. Kern

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” No. 234 (*Verses 1,2,3,6*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Traditional Byzantine Christmas prayer (alt.)

Leader: Christ is born; give him glory!

People: *Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!*

Christ is now on earth; exalt him!

Leader: O you earth, sing to the Lord!

People: *O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! Glory to God!*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (*seated*) *The Griggs and O’Shea families*

SUNG RESPONSE “Advent Song” The Faith We Sing, #2090, vs. 5

*Light the Christmas candle, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring.*

*Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

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THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT (*unison*) No. 231

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the World. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE MESSIANIC PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL “*The Snow Lay on the Ground*” rear cover of insert

THE BIRTH OF JESUS St. Luke 2:1-7

CAROL “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” No. 230

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS St. Luke 2:8-14

CAROL “*Angels, We Have Heard on High*” No. 238

MARY AND THE SHEPHERDS GLORIFY GOD St. Luke 2:15-20

CAROL “*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*” No. 240

*THE WORD MADE FLESH St. John 1:1-5, 10-14

*CAROL “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*” No. 224

THE MESSAGE “The Inn that Missed Its Chance” Dr. Bodt
(The landlord speaks, A.D. 28)
(*Prose by Amos R. Wells, recited by Dr. Bodt.*)

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*THE CHRISTMAS PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: *And also with you.*

(*Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “One Child” J.Gallina

The Adult Choir

*Presentation: “*In the Bleak Midwinter*” Hymnal #221, vs. 4

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him; give my heart.*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: *And also with you.*

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. P: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

(*Here the pastor gives thanks to the Lord, concluding*)

2093 The Snow Lay on the Ground



1. The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, when
 2. 'Twas Ma - ry, daugh-ter pure of ho - ly Anne, that
 3. And thus that man-ger poor be-came a throne; for



Christ our Lord was born on Christ - mas night. Ve -
 brought in - to this world the God made man. She
 he whom Ma - ry bore was God the Son. O



ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.* Ve - ni - te a - do -
 laid him in a stall at Beth - le - hem; the ass and ox - en
 come, then, let us join the heaven-ly host; to praise the Fa - ther,

Refrain



re - mus Do - mi - num.
 shared the roof with them. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus
 Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Do - mi - num. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

*Venite adoremus Dominum = Veh-nee-teh ah-doe-reh-moos Doe-mee-noom

WORDS: Anglo-English carol (Luke 2:1-20)

MUSIC: English melody; adapt. by Charles Winfred Douglas

VENITE ADOREMUS
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A Christmas Eve Welcome

December 24, 2013

11 p.m.

Dear church family, friends and neighbors,

Merry Christmas to all! I trust God has blessed you this Christmas.

If you are a visitor, we thank you for being in worship with us. If you do not have a spiritual home, we invite you to consider this church and learn more about us at www.mtm-umc.org. Our active congregation welcomes and supports people of all races, genders, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, nationalities, ethnicities, abilities and socio-economic situations.

If you are a member who has been away for a while, welcome back! May this Christmas be an opportunity to renew a vital relationship with Christ.

If you are an active member, seek out someone tonight whom you do not know and ask, "Are you new, or new to me?" May the welcome we promise be incarnate in you!

May God, who is rich in mercy, enfold us all with the love that came down at Christmas.

Christ the Savior is born!

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O'Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Administrative Assist.	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TONIGHT

Head Usher – John Henry

Greeters – The Bettencourt family

Liturgists – Carol Galloway, Kelly O’Hara and Stacey Riccardi

Acolytes – Jamie and Tanner Georgelos

Cross Bearer – Kaylyn Bettencourt

Communion stewards – Phoebe Repetsky and Joan Zauner

Communion celebrants - Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt and Carol Galloway, Rev. Jani Druck and Lisa Darak; Kelly O’Hara and Leigh Bak, Co-Lay Leaders; and Dawn and Nicholas Bettencourt.

Musicians: The Bell and Adult Choirs; Stephen Bennett, guitar; Sarah Brockett, flute; Mark Dennis and Rick Riccardi, trumpet; Brian Bodt, trombone; Lydia Smith, percussion.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins; and Hearing Assist Devices.

NOTICES

OUR SANCTUARY WAS DECORATED by Rick and Laura Perregaux, Brenda Pineau and Beth O’Brien.

CHRISTMAS DAY there is no worship service. The church office is closed until Mon., Dec. 30 to accommodate our floor replacement in the Wesley Center.

2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the rear table. Please take yours. If you do not have envelopes and desire them, e-mail Mary Lou Kampert at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASSIST WITH OUR MONTHLY COMMUNITY SUPPER? We serve our hungry neighbors tomorrow Thursday, December 26th in Dodd Hall. Preparation begins at 2:30 p.m.; serving at 5:30 and clean-up after. Please contact Deb Dubien (203.877.4959; debrad246@yahoo.com) or Phoebe Repetsky (203.874.8688; jimrepetsky@snet.net) to assist.

RECENT SERMONS are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY at 10 a.m. is the Wesley Covenant Service (by the Rev. John Wesley, founder of Methodism) concluding with healing anointing led by Pastor Hal. Sandy Morgan, Certified Lay Speaker will preach “Truth or Dare?” with Laura Perregaux, liturgist. Visitation Ministry meets after worship. No Sunday School.

PASTORAL COVERAGE will be provided Dec. 25-28 by the Rev. Doug Osgood, retired District Supt. and pastor. Contact Dennis Darak at 203.874.5881 to reach Rev. Osgood. Dec. 29 – Jan. 1 is covered by the Rev. Hal V.W. Vink, 203.878.8977. Pastor Brian will be off and return to the office on Thurs., Jan. 2, 2014.



**A
Very
Merry
Christmas,
the joy of a rich
Christmastide and
a happy and healthy
New Year to all our members,
friends and visitors; from your staff at
Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church:**
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**Hal,
Bruce
Rick, Nicole
Mary Lou and Brian**