

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# TOWER CHIMES



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# TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

## OUR MISSION

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is called by God, led by faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through worship, discipleship and outreach. Honoring our heritage at 34th and Central, we will faithfully serve our community, city and world in the present and prepare expectantly for the future.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00a** Communion Service  
*Located in McKee Chapel*
- 9:00a** Contemporary Service  
*Connect with God and with one another  
in authentic, relational worship in the Sanctuary*
- 10:00a** Christian Education Hour  
*Programming for all ages*
- 11:00a** Traditional Worship  
*Located in the Sanctuary featuring organ and  
choir music*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: [www.tabpres.org](http://www.tabpres.org)

All submissions should be emailed to Kristine Seals at [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org). The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.

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# Pastoral Reflection

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## The Apostles' Creed

Dear Friends,

The earliest of the Christian confessions was “Jesus is Lord!”

That proclamation was the conviction that, in Jesus of Nazareth, God had fulfilled all of His promises given in the Old Testament and it laid the foundation for the essential teaching of the Christian church in every time and place.

I bring this to your attention for two reasons.

First, we are now in the season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord AND make ready for His second Advent in time and history.

Secondly, we are beginning a sermon series on the Apostles' Creed which will take us, believe it or not, all the way to the end of June. Together we will look at each phrase in the creed and along the way take a journey through John's Gospel as we look at various aspects of Jesus' life and ministry.

Why the Apostles' Creed? This creed is the earliest of the creeds and confessions of our Church. It began to be formulated as early as the end of the 2nd century as believers around the “then known” world sought a unified statement that all believers could embrace. It was edited and modified for the next century or two, but finally found a form that all who called themselves Christians/Jesus followers could agree on by the middle of the 4th century.

All this to say, believers, like us, have been reciting and affirming this creedal statement for a very long time. So, when we stand and say together, “I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth....” we are standing in the midst of a great cloud of witnesses.

In this Chimes, you will see all of the different worship, service, study and fellowship opportunities we offer at Tab this season. It is my hope and prayer that you will participate in, and enjoy, each of them as we celebrate the birth of the One we call “Savior and Lord.”

I look forward to worshiping with you.

Rev. L. John Gable

# December 2018

## Preaching Schedule

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| <p><b>2</b> How Are You Related?<br/>Apostles' Creed - "I Believe in God, the Father"<br/>Matthew 11:27<br/>Romans 8:12-17<br/>Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching</p> <p><b>9</b> Why Does God Care for Us?<br/>Apostles' Creed - "Maker of Heaven and Earth"<br/>Genesis 1:1-5<br/>Psalm 8<br/>Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p><b>16</b> The Living Tabernacle<br/>Apostles' Creed - "In Jesus Christ, His Only Son"<br/>Exodus 40:31-38<br/>John 1:14-18<br/>Rev. L. John Gable, preaching<br/><i>Christmas With Tab</i><br/><i>One service at 10:00a</i></p> | <p><b>23</b> Do You Believe in the Virgin?<br/>Apostles' Creed - "Conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary"<br/>Isaiah 10:10-17<br/>Luke 1:26-38<br/>Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p><b>24</b> "It Happened This Way"<br/>Luke 2:1-20<br/>Rev. L. John Gable, preaching<br/><i>5:00p Family Service</i></p> <p><b>24</b> "Common Glory"<br/>2 Corinthians 4:5-12, 16-18<br/>Luke 2:1-20<br/>Rev. L. John Gable, preaching<br/><i>8:00p Traditional Candlelight Service</i></p> <p><b>30</b> Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching<br/><i>One service only at 10:00a</i><br/><i>No Education Hour</i></p> |
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## Weekly Bible Readings

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| <p><b>2</b> Jeremiah 33:14-16<br/>Psalm 25:1-10<br/>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13<br/>Luke 21:25-36</p> <p><b>9</b> Malachi 3:1-4<br/>Luke 1:68-79<br/>Philippians 1:3-11<br/>Luke 3:1-6</p> <p><b>16</b> Zephaniah 3:14-20<br/>Isaiah 12:2-6<br/>Philippians 4:4-7<br/>Luke 3:7-18</p> <p><b>23</b> Micah 5:2-5a<br/>Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 80:1-7<br/>Hebrews 10:5-10<br/>Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)</p> <p><b>30</b> 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26<br/>Psalm 148<br/>Colossians 3:12-17<br/>Luke 2:41-52</p> |
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## December Event Schedule

### SPECIAL

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| <p><b>1</b> 2:00p Women's Ministries Tea</p> <p><b>2</b> 10:00a Advent Workshop</p> <p><b>9</b> 2:30p "Messiah" Performance</p> <p><b>10</b> 6:00p Children's Ministries<br/>Christmas Dinner<br/>7:30p "Messiah" Performance</p> <p><b>16</b> 10:00a "Christmas With Tab"<br/>Service<br/>11:00a Annual Christmas Tea<br/>11:45a Preteen Christmas Party</p> <p><b>18</b> 5:00p Youth Confirmation Class<br/>6:00p Session/Deacon Dinner</p> <p><b>24</b> 5:00p Family Christmas Eve<br/>Service<br/>8:00p Candlelight Christmas Eve<br/>Service<br/>11:00p "Christmas With Tab"<br/>Television Broadcast</p> <p><b>25</b> Church Offices Closed<br/>2:00p "Christmas With Tab"<br/>Television Broadcast</p> <p><b>30</b> 10:00a Family Worship Service</p> |
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### WEEKLY

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| <p><b>SUN</b> 5:00p IMPACT Youth Group</p> <p><b>MON</b> 6:00p Cub Scout Pack<br/>6:00p Women's Bible Study<br/>6:45p Boy Scout Troop 72</p> <p><b>TUE</b> 9:45a Women Alive<br/>6:30p Prayer Ministry</p> <p><b>WED</b> 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study<br/>12:30p Arts Academy Lessons<br/>6:00p Purls of Wisdom<br/>6:00p Wednesdays@Tab<br/>6:30p Contemporary Service<br/>Music Rehearsal</p> <p><b>THU</b> 3:45p Tab Tutoring<br/>6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:15p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>FRI</b> 7:00p Circle of Hope</p> <p><b>SAT</b> 8:00a Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>MWF</b> 11:00a Tab's Open Door</p> |
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### MONTHLY

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| <p><b>1st TUE</b> 5:30p Missions Committee<br/>6:00p Adult Ministries</p> <p><b>2nd MON</b> 5:00p HR Committee Meeting<br/>5:30p Facilities Committee</p> <p><b>2nd TUE</b> 5:00p Budget &amp; Finance<br/>7:00p Children's Ministries<br/>7:15p Worship, Music &amp; Arts</p> <p><b>3rd TUE</b> 7:00p Session Meeting<br/>7:15p Prayer Team Meeting</p> <p><b>2nd WED</b> 10:30a Ladies Quilting Group</p> <p><b>4th WED</b> 10:00a Ladies Quilting Group</p> <p><b>2nd SAT</b> 10:00a Purls of Wisdom</p> <p><b>4th SAT</b> 10:00a Purls of Wisdom</p> |
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Please visit [tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org) for a complete calendar of events.

# *Christmas with Tab*

Sunday, December 16, at 10:00a

The Sanctuary Choir with Strings, Harp and Brass  
John Gable, preaching

Invite your friends to watch the telecast of this worship service on:

Christmas Eve at 11:00p

Christmas Day at 2:00p

WHMB-TV 40.1

Check your provider's channel guide for channel number

## *Stories of the Carols*

Thursday, December 13, at 10:00p

WFYI TV 20.1 (PBS)

Check your cable or satellite provider for channel number

John Gable and Matt Kauffman will serve as your guides to deeper understanding of some of our most beloved Christmas Carols, presented by the Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir. This telecast is a production of Tab Media and Music Ministries.



# Congratulations to Sandra Reid!

Tab member, Sandra Reid, is the newly installed Moderator of Whitewater Valley Presbytery for 2019. Sandra was installed November 3, at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne as a group of Tab supporters were on hand to celebrate the event.

As the moderator, Sandra's official duties will include moderating all quartile presbytery meetings, installing and ordaining ministers into the presbytery and being present to act as the face of the presbytery for official events hosted by the city. One of the responsibilities she is looking forward to is revitalization work with at least seven churches as they rediscover their vision as a church and for their communities.

We are very proud to have a Tab member in such an honored position and pray many blessings on her year of service!



Handel's  
**MESSIAH**

December 9 at 2:30 pm  
Full Presentation of "Messiah" at Tab

December 10 at 7:30 pm  
"Messiah" Sing-a-Long at Tab  
Christmas portion and selected choruses

Discount tickets are available to Tab members and friends.  
Please see Matt Kauffman for more information.

# Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 2, 9a-11:45a

Join us in Lower Level B to make Christmas decorations, new friends & nice memories!

- Free for the entire family
- Crafts for children, teens and adults
- Nursery care is available



## Christmas Eve, December 24

**5:00p Family Candlelight Service**

**8:00p Traditional Candlelight Service**

Chilcare for children age 2 and under available for 5:00 and 8:00 services.

**Sunday, December 30**

**10:00a Worship Service**





# Tab News

## Announcements & Events

### **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 2 - Children's Ministries' Annual Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 16 - "Christmas With Tab" Television Taping (10:00a)

One Service of Worship

*No Education Classes*

Annual Christmas Tea (11:00a)

Monday, December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service (5:00p)

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (8:00p)

Sunday, December 30 - One Service of Worship (10:00a)  
*No Education Classes*

### **ADVENT WORKSHOP**

Our annual Advent Workshop will take place this year on December 2 from 9:00a-11:45a in Lower Level B. We will have ten crafts for adults, teens, and older children and several additional crafts in the Preschool Room designed for children ages two through five. We'll also have regular nursery care in our Infant and 1s/2s rooms. This year's crafts include an add-on Nativity set as well as a copper Christmas tree, several types of ornaments, an edible snowman, the traditional Narcissus bulbs, a Christmas card for our home-bound members and several other crafts. We'll also have holiday music, refreshments, and plenty of good fellowship. This event is free of charge and designed for children and adults alike, so please come and make Christmas decorations, new friends and nice memories.

### **UPCOMING PRETEEN EVENTS**

We're having our Preteen Christmas Party at Buca di Beppo on Sunday, December 16, immediately following worship. Please RSVP to Mrs. Wirt by December 13. Also, we'll be having our annual "Lunch and a Movie" outing on Monday, January 21, (MLK Day) from 11:15a-3:00p.

### **MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

It's almost time for all Tab elementary students to begin their "trip around the world" during this year's Missions Unit. On January 6 we will prepare for our journey by making passports and name pins, decorating our travel bags and learning a bit about the steps involved in becoming a missionary. Then on January 13, and continuing through February 24, we will be visiting a new country each week to learn about the geography, culture, religious practices, and Christian mission efforts of that country. This year's countries include Poland, Argentina, Tanzania, Alaska, Italy, the Philippines and Turkey. We need many adult and teen helpers to make the Missions Unit a success. To volunteer please sign up on December 2 in Lower Level Hallway or in McKee Hallway on December 9 and 16.

### **2018 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS**

Monday, December 31, is the final day Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2018 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2018 giving even if received in 2019. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green in the Finance Office well in advance of year end.

### **2019 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS**

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2019 we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your pledged gifts of support assist the Session in planning for the coming year, and we thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Tab. If you have indicated that you would like pledge envelopes for 2019, they will be available for pickup in McKee Hallway beginning December 16.

### **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on Sunday, December 23. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Special envelopes will be available in that morning's worship bulletin. Please give generously.

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA - CALLING ALL BAKERS**

As is our tradition, homemade baked goodies are part of the special treats for our Annual Christmas Tea. Get out your aprons, turn on your ovens and bring those fresh baked holiday treats to share with everyone on December 16. Treats may be brought to the church the week of December 10 and dropped off at the Front Office, or you can simply bring them with you on Sunday morning, December 16. Let's fill our trays with your favorite holiday treats!

### **OWL MUSIC GROUP GOSPEL JAZZ EXPERIENCE**

Join Kenny Phelps and Owl Music Group this holiday season for the annual Gospel Jazz Experience at the Landmark Center on December 14, at 7:30p. This event covers a variety of musical genres with leading local and national artists and is known for its level of outstanding musicianship and inspiration. To purchase tickets please go to [Owlmusicgroup.com](http://Owlmusicgroup.com). Contact: Kelisa Walker at 317-281-2371

### **ROD SMITH INSTALLATION**

Rod Smith will be commissioned to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, New Castle on Sunday, December 30, at 10:30a. It promises to be a wonderful celebration as Rod's brother will be coming from Australia and his sister from South Africa. Rev. Bob Hunter will be preaching at the service and members of the Presbytery will share in prayer and the laying on of hands as Rod is welcomed to this ministry. Members of Tab are invited to attend the service. Please keep Rod and the New Castle Church in your prayers.

### **MISSION DIRECTOR RESIGNATION**

We are saddened to accept the resignation of our Mission Director, Paula Means. Paula has led us faithfully for three years in caring for our neighbors near and far, and we will miss her dearly. Paula will continue to work until December 21. Thank you, Paula!

### **HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES**

December 24 - Christmas Eve (closing at noon)

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 31 - New Years' Eve (closing at noon)



# December 2018

## Read Through the Bible

1	Galatians 5:1-15	Lamentations 5	Psalms 147
2	Galatians 5:16-26	Ezekiel 1	Psalms 148
3	Galatians 6	Ezekiel 2-3	Psalms 149
4	Ephesians 1	Ezekiel 4-5	Psalms 150
5	Ephesians 2	Ezekiel 6-7	Isaiah 40
6	Ephesians 3	Ezekiel 8-9	Isaiah 41
7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ezekiel 10-11	Isaiah 42
8	Ephesians 4:17-32	Ezekiel 12-13	Isaiah 43
9	Ephesians 5:1-20	Ezekiel 14-15	Isaiah 44
10	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ezekiel 16	Isaiah 45
11	Ephesians 6	Ezekiel 17	Isaiah 46
12	Philippians 1:1-11	Ezekiel 18	Isaiah 47
13	Philippians 1:12-30	Ezekiel 19	Isaiah 48
14	Philippians 2:1-11	Ezekiel 20	Isaiah 49
15	Philippians 2:12-30	Ezekiel 21-22	Isaiah 50
16	Philippians 3	Ezekiel 23	Isaiah 51
17	Philippians 4	Ezekiel 24	Isaiah 52
18	Colossians 1:1-23	Ezekiel 25-26	Isaiah 53
19	Colossians 1:24-2:19	Ezekiel 27-28	Isaiah 54
20	Colossians 2:20-3:17	Ezekiel 29-30	Isaiah 55
21	Colossians 3:18-4:18	Ezekiel 31-32	Isaiah 56
22	Luke 1:1-25	Ezekiel 33	Isaiah 57
23	Luke 1:26-56	Ezekiel 34	Isaiah 58
24	Luke 1:57-80	Ezekiel 35-36	Isaiah 59
25	Luke 2:1-20	Ezekiel 37	Isaiah 60
26	Luke 2:21-52	Ezekiel 38-39	Isaiah 61
27	Luke 3:1-20	Ezekiel 40-41	Isaiah 62
28	Luke 3:21-38	Ezekiel 42-43	Isaiah 63
29	Luke 4:1-30	Ezekiel 44-45	Isaiah 64
30	Luke 4:31-44	Ezekiel 46-47	Isaiah 65
31	Luke 5:1-26	Ezekiel 48	Isaiah 66

### NOVEMBER WEDDINGS

November 3 - Ian Brinskey & Alicia Bennett

### BAPTISMS

November 4 - Grayson Thomas Luzader

### WELCOME LITTLE ONES

Congratulations to Brandon and Lindsay Rust on the birth of their baby boy Elijah James Rust, on October 28; and Steven and Elizabeth Bruder on the birth of their baby boy, Samuel David Bruder, on November 3. Samuel is the grandson of Dave and Jennifer Streit. Congratulations to these families!

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies to Marcia Belt in the passing of her sister, Barbara Kissmeyer, on November 4; and to the family and friends of Florence (Dovey) West who passed away on Friday, November 16. Please keep these families in your prayers.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,687,481
YTD actual income:	\$1,714,988
Income exceeds budget by:	\$27,507

#### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,878,217
YTD actual expenses:	\$1,821,769
Expenses under budget by:	\$56,448

We thank you for your commitment to God's work here at Tab!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 1 Lily Sturgis
- 3 Charlton Browning  
Linda Fledderjohn  
Don White
- 4 Brodie Sears  
Mariah Buchanan
- 5 Phillip Luzader  
Kelly Donaldson  
Scott Ledger
- 6 Hunter Browning  
Mary Dougherty  
Jennifer Hamilton  
Ron Harvey  
Gayle Berger
- 7 Lucia Oerter  
Thomas Summers







## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

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| 8 Vicki Rude          | 21 Bob Shaw                |
| Kate Warren           | Truman Finnell             |
| Ethan Dieterich       | 22 Noelle Wilson           |
| Marvin Parish         | Jack Thompson              |
| 9 John Reynolds       | Emma Lynn                  |
| Shaun Souers          | 23 Carolyn Rembusch        |
| 11 Shannon Woller     | Annie Krueger              |
| Kathryn Gilroy        | Lisa Evans                 |
| 13 Diego Urfalian     | Nick Hill                  |
| Grace Schumm          | 24 Theresa Roberts         |
| 14 Scott Browning     | Audrey Howe                |
| 15 Heidi Hoopingarner | Rod Smith                  |
| John Woller           | Carolyn Queisser           |
| Sarah Schroeder       | 26 Jeannie Byers           |
| Margaret Teague       | Donna Garrett              |
| Leona Kistler         | 27 Gavin Green             |
| 16 Daniel Brunette    | 28 Ruby Scott              |
| Emmie Smith           | Tom Lapp                   |
| Jane Harvey           | 29 Chris Buchanan-Schwanke |
| Robin Pfeiffer        | 30 Kathy Miller            |
| 17 Bloor Redding      | Terra Seidel               |
| 19 Carol Lukemeyer    | Kevin Ahearn               |
| Jane Kukolla          | James Fairley              |
| Jim Pfeiffer          | 31 Sara Butler             |
| 20 Emily McClelland   | Kate Ems                   |
| Grace Schubert        |                            |
| Carole Krider         |                            |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### December

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| 4 Chad & Stephanie Lynn (14 years)      |
| 12 Jim & Jeannine Stokes (59 years)     |
| 18 Greg & Kathy Miller (42 years)       |
| Nick & Maggie Birk (8 years)            |
| Kyle & Brittany Barnett (8 years)       |
| 19 Bill & Nancy McLane (21 years)       |
| 20 Glenn & Nancy Koehring (43 years)    |
| Frank & Cathy Schubert (21 years)       |
| 21 David & Paula Means (5 years)        |
| 23 Jeff & Julie Swiatek (5 years)       |
| 24 Mike & Pat Cracraft (51 years)       |
| 28 Dave & Mary Mills (46 years)         |
| 29 William & Karen Jefferies (28 years) |
| Pete & Julie Peterson (28 years)        |



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# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



*Help make Tab even more  
gorgeous at Christmas!*

Purchase a poinsettia and donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone you love. It will decorate our beautiful Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

Cost for each plant is \$20

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print clearly*

☐ In Memory of:      ☐ In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*please print clearly*

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, December 2. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Poinsettia."