

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.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am Communion Service
McKee Chapel

10 am Worship Service
Sanctuary
Service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50am.
You can find a link at tabpres.org

Join us as we worship together!

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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions should be emailed to the Tab offices at frontdesk@tabpres.org. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.



Pastoral Reflection

All I Want for Christmas...

Dear Friends,

As the calendar flips from November to December the one question I ask and am asked most often is, "What do you want for Christmas?"

Ann Weems, who happens to be a family friend, in her beautiful book of poetry titled *Kneeling in Bethlehem: Resources for Creative Worship* writes:

What do I want for Christmas?

I want to kneel in Bethlehem,
the air thick with alleluias,
the angels singing
that God is born among us.

In the light of the Star,
I want to see them come,
the wise ones and the humble.

I want to see them come
bearing whatever they treasure
to lay at the feet
of Him who gives His life.

What do I want for Christmas?

To see in that stable
the whole world kneeling in thanks
for a promise kept:
new life.

For in His nativity
we find ours.

Whatever you may want this Christmas, either to get or to give, I pray with you and for you that you give thanks for the gift that God has given us in Jesus Christ and in His promise kept which gives us our nativity: new life.

God's continued blessings in this Advent and Christmas season,

God's blessings,
Rev. L. John Gable

December 2021

Preaching Schedule

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| <p>5 Second Sunday of Advent
 “Comfort, Comfort”
 Isaiah 40 & Matthew 11:28–30
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
 <i>*“Christmas With Tab” Television Taping</i>
 <i>One Service only at 10:00a</i></p> <p>12 Third Sunday of Advent
 “Light Out of Darkness”
 Isaiah 9:2–7 & John 1:1–5
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 “The Living Tabernacle”
 Exodus 40:31–38 & John 1:14–18
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> | <p>24 Christmas Eve Services
 5p Family Christmas Eve Service
 8p Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 “Hearing, Seeing, Believing, Telling”
 Luke 2:1–22
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>26 “The Truest Thing in the World”
 Isaiah 9:6–7 & Matthew 1:18–25
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
 <i>*One Service at 10a only, no Education Hour</i></p> |
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Read Through The Bible printouts can be picked up at the Front Office

Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 4** 2:00p Women’s Ministries
 Christmas Tea
- 5** 10:00a “Christmas with Tab” Taping
 11:00a Annual Christmas Tea
 Pre-Teen Christmas Party
- 8** 6:30p Mom’s Advent Craft Night
- 11** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 12** 9:00a Advent Workshop
- 21** 6:30p Session & Deacons Joint Mtg
- 24** 5:00p Family Christmas Eve Service
 8:00p Traditional Candlelight
 Christmas Eve Service
- 27** CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab’s Open Door
- TUE** 9:30a Women Alive
 6:30p Prayer Group
- WED** 9:30a Pastors’ Bible Study
- THU** 6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- FRI** 7:00p Circle of Hope
- SAT** 8:00a Men’s Bible Study
- SUN** 8:00a Communion Service
 9:00a Education Hour
 10:00a Worship
 Junior Church
 4:30p IMPACT Youth Group

MONTHLY

- 1st MON** 12:00p HR Comm.
- 1st TUE** 7:00p Spiritual Growth
 & Development
- 2nd MON** 5:30p Facilities Committee
- 2nd TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.
 7:00p Children’s Ministries Comm.
 7:15p Worship, Music, Arts Comm.
- 2nd WED** 5:30p Missions Committee
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Mtg.
- 3rd WED** 6:30p Moms of Tab
- 4th TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life Comm.
 7:00p Deacons’ Meeting
 Media Committee

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events.

Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 12 9a-11a

Join us in Lower Level B for crafts, music and cookies for adults and older children, as well as special crafts for toddlers and preschoolers in the Preschool Room.

- For the entire church family
- Crafts for children, teens & adults
- Nursery care is available



Gracious Gifts

Tab's Alternative Gift Market



We have already heard much about Christmas gift-giving this season and the backlog of delivery in time for the holidays. Consider a timely alternative as the Gracious Gifts table returns to McKee Hallway for the 13th year December 5, 12 and 18. You can select a thoughtful monetary gift(s) for the following ministries chosen by the committee: Circles, Freewheelin' Bikes, Katy's Kids, Mid-North Food Pantry, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, The Oaks Academy, Raphael Health Center. The three Global Ministries are: Colombia Sports Ministry (Wittig), Justice Ventures International (Pankratz) and the Kellers.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Libby Pike (elizabethmpike@icloud.com) or Wendy Wilkerson (lobsterlady2@gmail.com).

Missions Spotlight

Nourish to Flourish Event

by Terri Thorn



On Thursday, November 4th, Tab hosted a gathering of 29 community leaders from agencies, ministries, schools and churches to provide an opportunity for folks to step away from the stresses of leadership during a pandemic and gather with others for a nourishing of their bodies, minds and spirits.

In a dedicated time of lament and hope, participants were encouraged to share some of the pandemic-driven losses, or changes, that weighed heavily on their hearts, as well as to celebrate the exciting things emerging from the pivot toward new opportunities and ways of doing their work.

One of the most common laments heard was the losses experienced when organizations were forced to scale back programming, personal contact and (sometimes) staffing. As leaders whose vocation is to serve others in the community, the grief of the losses is still real and present. It was cathartic to hear that they were not alone.

There were, too, many joys celebrated. For example, some shared that they discovered that working from home can be productive and their organizations are now able to offer job-flexibility that wasn't in place before the pandemic. Another participant celebrated the realization that his group rose to the challenge and actually served more people with less workers than before. Another named the Nourish to Flourish Gathering as a celebration from the pandemic, citing how it brought them into contact with other leaders that they may not have met, were it not for coming together for this day of spiritual care.

Throughout the day, participants were fed physically with a delicious meals prepared by Chef Andre of Delectable Catering. Spiritual food came in the form of a Lament and Hope ritual led by Tab Associate Pastor Terri Thorn, as well as in original poetry readings by Rev. Brian Shivers, Poet and Senior Associate for Formation at Second Presbyterian. Tab's own, Amy Rexroth, offered encouragement and practical tactics in a talk on mindfulness, and friend of Tab, Rod Smith, inspired all with a keynote address.

Feedback has been very positive, and plans for a quarterly gathering with additional topics is in the works.

*A Poem by Brian Shivers written
for the Nourish to Flourish Day*

*There you stood
on the precipice,
teetering on the edge
of calamity,
of uncertainty,
of despair,
of death,
of an ending,
of perhaps,
a beginning
and here you are.*

*Bruised.
Wounded.
Tired.
Grieving.
Yes, grieving
losses too numerous to tally;
change too grand to imagine,
and yet, here you are.*

*Burdened and weary;
Different and resolute;
Transformed and devoted.
What's next?
Only the divine knows,
and today that's enough.
For, here you are.*

*Today,
you breathe;
you rest;
you acknowledge
your own presence
right here.*

*And you . . .
Yes, you
have given
beyond what is reasonable.
You have done
all you can and more.
You have been
who you are.
That is enough.
And here you are.*

*Here we are.
Ordinary heroes
in street clothes.
Ordinary heroes
without fanfare.
Ordinary heroes
of extraordinary valor.
Ordinary heroes.
Here you are.
Thank you.*



Christmas with Tab

Sunday, December 5, at 10:00a

The Sanctuary Choir with strings, harp and brass

JOHN GABLE, PREACHING

Invite your friends to watch the telecast on:

Sunday, December 19 at 5:00p

WFYI TV 20.1

Christmas Eve at 10:00p

Christmas Day at 6:00p

WHMB TV 40.1



Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24

5:00p Family Candlelight Service

8:00p Traditional Candlelight Service

Childcare for children age 2 and under available upon request

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:00a Worship Service

Tab News

Announcements & Events

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

December 24 – Offices close at 12n

December 27 – Offices closed for Christmas holiday

December 31 – Offices close at 12n

January 3 – Offices closed for New Year's holiday

MOMS CRAFT NIGHT

Children's Ministries is hosting a "Moms Craft Night" on Wednesday, December 8, from 6:30p–8:30p in Lower Level B. We'll have three or four crafts available from the main Advent Workshop as well as one special "Just for Moms" craft. We'll serve dessert, and childcare for children younger than 5 will be offered upon request so moms can work on their crafts without their little ones underfoot.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Tab's annual Advent Workshop will take place on Sunday, December 12, from 9:00a–11:00a in Lower Level B. We'll have crafts, music, and cookies for adults and older children, as well as special crafts for toddlers and preschoolers in the Preschool Room. This is an event for the entire church family, not just those with children, so everyone is welcome to participate in the fun and fellowship!

PRETEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Tab 5th and 6th graders are invited to our annual Preteen Christmas Party on December 5. We'll leave Tab immediately after the 10:00a worship service concludes, traveling in the Tab van to Buca di Beppo for lunch and festivities. There's no cost to families for the lunch, but each participant is asked to bring a wrapped gift suitable for either gender (\$10 spending limit, please) for a small gift exchange. If your student would like to join us, please RSVP to Jennifer Wirt by December 1.

CALLING ALL COOKS & THOSE WHO LOVE GOOD FOOD!

We would love to have your favorite cookie or dessert recipe for any season! Please drop your recipes off to the Front Office or email to jakukolla@icloud.com. Your delicious recipes will be wonderful additions to Tab's new Centennial Cookbook!

MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's nearly time for all Tab elementary students to begin their "trip around the world" during this year's Missions Unit. On January 9th we'll 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 16th, and continuing through February 27, we'll be visiting a new country each week to learn about the geography, culture, religious practices, and Christian mission efforts in that country. This year's countries include Peru, Ghana, Romania, China, Iran, the United States (New Orleans), and Portugal. We need many adult and teen helpers to make the Missions Unit a success; to volunteer you can sign up beginning November 21 in McKee Hallway. We'd love for you to join us as we help Tab's kids to see the world!

SUNDAY PARENTS' CLASS DURING MISSIONS UNIT

Children's Ministries and Tab Missions will be partnering this winter to offer a class at 9:00a each week for parents of elementary students while their children are participating in the Missions Unit. The focus will be on raising "mission-minded" children and will discuss not only international missions, but mission opportunities right here in Indianapolis. The class will begin on January 16 in a location yet to be determined.

TAB'S LIBRARY - BOOK GIVEAWAY

After discussions with our volunteer Tab Librarians, it has been determined that our library resources are rarely used anymore. As such, the librarians have identified a small number of resources to keep, and we will reduce the overall size of the library/resource center dedicated to storing these items. The remainder of the current resource center will be renovated to create some additional meeting space for groups and, specifically, for Tab's Missions teams to have storage for supplies. This includes the Purls of Wisdom group and the Women's Sewing for Raphael group.

On Sunday, December 12, and Sunday, December 19, Tab members are invited to come to the Resource Center to take any of the books, dvds and publications that we will not be keeping. These will be free of charge. Please bring your own bag to carry your selections. Any questions please contact Paula Daum at Paula.Daum@tabpres.org.

A Look Back

The Windows of Tab

by Matt Kauffman

Over the next few months we will be discovering some interesting details surrounding the stained glass windows of Tab. As we near our centennial celebration it is important to note that the windows were not part of the original building in 1923. The large north window was installed in 1924, one year after the dedication in 1923. The large south window was installed and dedicated in 1951. You will find out more about our magnificent windows in The Chimes beginning in 2022.

A little history about stained glass is interesting. The origins of the first stained glass windows are lost in history, but technique for making stained glass most likely evolved from jewelry making in the Middle Ages. Stained glass was used extensively in cathedrals to tell biblical stories to a mostly illiterate people. The glass was manufactured as single piece, cut into interlocking shapes and secured with lead canes and putty. Details were fired on the glass using a mixture of lead and ash. Each of the different colors were achieved by mixing metallic salts and oxides with the molten glass. Gold produces a stunning cranberry (thus making red glass the most expensive); cobalt makes blues; silver creates yellows and golds; and copper makes greens and brick reds.



During the Renaissance (from the 14th to the 17th centuries) the art of producing stained glass was lost and replaced by painted white or clear glass panels. Formulas for reproducing the colored (stained) glass were not rediscovered until the mid-1800's. A return to the "lost" art of stained glass began.

The windows of Tab were manufactured by Willet Studios in Philadelphia, a premier studio of stained glass artistry in the US.

2021 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Friday, December 31, is the final day Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2021 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2021 giving even if received in 2022.

Online giving must have a December 31 processing date for credit in 2021. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green at extension 111 in the Finance Office well in advance of year end.

2022 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2022 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 2022, they will be mailed the week of December 12.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on Sunday, December 20, or give online at tabpres.org/giving. 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 Sunday morning for your convenience. Please give generously.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. See your tax professional for full details.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Alex Peterson who passed away on November 3, 2021. A memorial service was held on Friday, November 12. Alex is the son of Julie and the late Pete Peterson, brother of John and the grandson of John and Nancy Peterson. Please keep the Peterson family in your thoughts and prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,738,849
YTD actual income:	\$1,767,884
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$29,035

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,900,448
YTD actual expenses	\$1,719,315
Under budget by:	\$181,133

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

DECEMBER

- 4 Chad & Stephanie Lynn 17 years
- 18 Kyle & Brittany Barnett 11 years
- Nick & Maggie Birk 11 years
- Greg & Kathy Miller 45 years
- 19 Bill & Nancy McLane 24 years
- 20 Glenn & Nancy Koehring 46 years
- Frank & Cathy Schubert 24 years
- 21 David & Paula Means 8 years
- 23 Jeff & Julie Swiatek 8 years
- 24 Mike & Pat Cracraft 54 years
- 26 Johnny & Dawn Miles 21 years
- 28 Dave & Mary Mills 49 years
- 29 William & Karen Jefferies 31 years



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Lily Sturgis | 17 Bloor Redding |
| 2 Janet Lewis | 18 Sherry Mitchell |
| 3 Charlton Browning | 19 Jane Kukolla |
| Hannah Malito | Jim Pfeiffer |
| Don White | Carol Lukemeyer |
| Linda Fledderjohn | 20 Emily McClelland |
| 4 Ace Rodriguez | Grace Schubert |
| Brodie Sears | 21 Bob Shaw |
| Mariah Buchanan | Truman Finnell |
| 5 Phillip Luzader | Greg Kashman |
| Kelly Donaldson | 22 Noelle Wilson |
| Scott Ledger | Jack Thompson |
| Emma Fraser | Emma Lynn |
| 6 Jennifer Hamilton | 23 Carolyn Rembusch |
| Ron Harvey | Annie Krueger |
| Hunter Browning | Lisa Evans |
| Mary Dougherty | Nick Hill |
| Gayle Berger | 24 Theresa Roberts |
| 7 Thomas Summers | Audrey Howe |
| Whitney Hatter-Barbosa | Rod Smith |
| 8 Kate Warren | Carolyn Queisser |
| Vicki Rude | 25 Robert Darku |
| Ethan Dieterich | 26 Jeannie Byers |
| Marvin Parish | Donna Garrett |
| 9 John Reynolds | Johnny Miles |
| 10 Hannah Canterbury | 27 Samantha Miller |
| 11 Shannon Woller | Gavin Green |
| Kathryn Gilroy | 28 Ruby Scott |
| Lily Donaldson | Tom Lapp |
| 13 Grace Schumm | 29 Chris Buchanan-Schwanke |
| Diego Urfalian | 30 Jeff Hotchkiss |
| 14 Scott Browning | Kathy Miller |
| 15 John Woller | Terra Seidel |
| Sarah Schroeder-Mohr | Kevin Ahearn |
| Margaret Teague | James Fairley |
| Leona Lingeman Kistler | 31 Sara Butler |
| Heidi Hoopingarner | Kate Ems |
| Missy Mocek | Rita Lingeman |
| 16 Jane Harvey | Maya Mocek |
| Robin Pfeiffer | |
| Jessica Wentworth | |

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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 5. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Poinsettia".