

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

November 13, 2022 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

#### **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.

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Excerpt from Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

# Welcome

# May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Greetings to everyone! We extend a warm welcome to those joining us in-person or for our live stream worship service this morning. As we celebrate together, we hope you will sense God's presence as we gather.

If you are a guest this morning, please fill out one of the connection cards located in the pew racks so we can get to know each other better. Simply, hand your completed card to an usher or place it in the offering box. In addition, we invite you to take a red Guest Bag from the table outside the Sanctuary as you leave today. If you need assistance at any time, please feel free to ask someone seated next to you or one of the ushers.

Children are welcome to sit with their families during worship or attend Junior Church in Lower Level B following the Children's Sermon. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

# Discipleship Classes

### 2022 Rooted in Grace Discipleship Opportunities

#### Women's Bible Study | MONDAY 6p-7:30p ZOOM

November 7, 14, 21: Habbakuk - Trusting God During Life's Trials Email Ruth Miller for details mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com

#### Women Alive | TUESDAY 10a-11:30a RESOURCE CENTER or ZOOM

Join Women Alive, which meets every Tuesday from 10a to 11:30a. Starting November 15, we will be studying, "The Daniel Prayer: Prayer that Moves Heaven and Changes Nations," by Ann Graham Lotz. Buy a book and come join us? Questions? Contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

#### Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAY 9:30a-10:30a PARLOR

Join us as our pastors lead a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the up-coming Sunday worship service.

#### Men's Bible Study | SATURDAY 8a-9a PARLOR

We are studying the gospel of Matthew. Contact dlconrads@yahoo.com for more information about this wonderful time of study and fellowship.

#### Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

Tab's Christmas Sunday Interludes in the Parlor include:

- November 20 The Story of Handel's, "Messiah" Come back to Tab this evening, November 20, at 6:45p for a video presentation of Part One of Handel's, "Messiah," performed by The Boston Baroque Orchestra and Chorus.
- November 27: History of the carol
- December 4: Festival of Lessons and Carols
- December 18: The First Silent Night—The Christmas Carol that United the World.

Sunday, November 13 - No Class (TabFest Weekend) & No Class on December 11, December 25, or January 1.

Mom's of Tab | THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH 6:30p-7:30p YOUTH ROOM

# 8 o'clock Worship

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community as you worship with us.

#### PRELUDE

"We Gather Together" Flor Peeters

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Passing of the Peace

"We Gather Together" Kremser

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. L. John Gable

from Psalm 118

- Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter in and give thanks to the Lord.
- People: This is the gate of the Lord and the righteous may enter through it.
- Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our sight.

Unison: Let us together worship the God of our salvation.

#### + HYMN #403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Unser Herrscher

#### CONFESSION & PARDON | Rev. James Pfeiffer

Prayer Of Confession

Holy and merciful God, we confess that there are so many things which keep us from responding to You as You desire. We confess our pride which does not recognize its own need, and our selfishness which does not recognize the needs of others. We confess our blindness which refuses to see what it does not wish to see, and our deafness which closes its ears to the cries around us. We confess our spiritual shallowness that does not acknowledge Your presence in our midst and claim on our lives. Forgive us, Lord, of these and all things which keep us from hearing Your voice or following Your call that we may, once again, listen, understand and obey You and You alone. This we pray together and in the silence of our hearts, in Jesus' name.

#### Moment for Silent Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me, and let those who believe in Me drink. As the Scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

#### Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Please stand if able.

# Today's Worship Participants

Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor

*Rev. James Pfeiffer, 8a Liturgist Betsy Brunette, 10a Liturgist* 

Valentina Huang, organ Val Phelps, vocals Leah Crane, vocals Rob Dixon, sax Steve Dokken, bass Kenny Phelps, drums Pavel Polanco-Safadit, piano

## **Offering Information**

If you would like to bring your offering to church on Sunday mornings, we have offering boxes available in both the 34th Street Narthex and Bell Tower Entrance to the Sanctuary. Extra envelopes are also available. Feel free to drop off your offering either before or after worship. Thanks for your continued support of the ministry and mission of Tab!

# Get in Touch, Stay in Touch

The easiest and most effective way to receive news about our church and church family is to subscribe to our email. The office sends out a digest every Thursday, with updates as needed at other times. To subscribe, go to tabpres.org, then scroll to the bottom of the homepage and tap "Sign up for email updates."

## **Prayer Requests**

Do you have a special prayer request that you would like the pastors or Tab's Prayer Team to lift up during their time together?

You can email your requests to: prayer@tabpres.org. We hope that this will be a way for our Tab family to make sure their requests and concerns are known and prayed for during this time.

Are you a Pray-ER? Every Tuesday evening from 6:30p-7:15p we have a faithful gathering of prayer partners meeting in McKee Chapel to pray. If you are a Pray-ER—we would love to have you join us in this ministry.

### Tab's Benevolence & Community Care Funds

Did you know that Tab has two distinct funds set up to support individuals and families during difficult times? Tab's Deacon Benevolence and Community Care Funds allow us as a church family to come alongside people with immediate, significant needs inside and outside the church. Please reach out to the church if you or someone you know is in need. If you are a member or friend of Tab in need, please contact Kristine Green at kristine.green@tabpres.org for more information and confidential application procedures.

If you know of one of our neighbors in need, let them know they can call the Community Care line at 317-805-1281 for an appointment with Terri Thorn.

#### + Response #581

"Gloria Patri" Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### **† THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 | Pew Bible page 153

John 7:25–44 | Pew Bible page 869

#### MESSAGE | Rev. L. John Gable

#### Speaking For God - Christ the Prophet

*"I shall put My words in the mouth of the prophet who shall speak to them everything that I command."* 

#### **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYER**

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### + HYMN #634

"To God Be the Glory" To God Be the Glory

#### **† BENEDICTION**

#### **† POSTLUDE**

"We Gather Together" Wilbur Held

#### Please join us in McKee Hallway immediately following worship for Coffee/Conversation & Fellowship time.

# 10 o'clock Worship

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#### **† OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

"Open Up the Heavens"

"Look to the Son"

#### **CONFESSION & PARDON | Betsy Brunette**

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#### **† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Barmen Declaration (1934)**

Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures. Amen.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | Charles Willard Greg Miller

CHILDREN'S SERMON | Rev. L. John Gable

### If You Lose The Worship Stream on Sunday

Check to make sure that your home internet is working. If it is, that means there's an interruption at Tab or between Tab and your house. If the issue is fixable at Tab, we will usually fix it within a few minutes, but that also means we have to start a new stream on YouTube. Keep refreshing your browser until the new stream appears on our YouTube page.

Better yet, subscribe to Tab's YouTube page, tabindy. Hit the big red SUBSCRIBE button on the page, then the little notification "bell" next to the button. Set your notifications to "All" and you will be notified via email or on your phone whenever we go live with the new stream or post a new video. You can always change this setting later. Do it today.

If the problem is not fixable, (e.g., power failure, interruption of Tab's internet service) we will post the service or sermon later, often later that day, but always within 48 hours. Thank you for all of your patience and support!

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"You Say" Lauren Daigle

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#### **† BENEDICTION**

#### **† CLOSING SONG**

"Look to the Son"

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#### STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY – November 20

Next Sunday is Stewardship Dedication Sunday. If you are attending in-person worship, you will have the opportunity to place your 2023 Commitment Card in baskets provided at each entrance. If you are not attending in-person, please remember to mail in your 2023 Commitment Card to the church office or log into your Realm account to make your pledge. If you forget your Commitment Card next Sunday morning, additional cards will be available at each entrance and the table in McKee Hallway. Please prayerfully consider how you can more fully support Tab's mission and ministry through your gifts and involvement. Your support is so appreciated as we continue to minister in all the special ways that God is calling us. Thank you so much!

#### Missed A Sermon?

Did you miss a sermon? Or want to hear it again? Or read it? All of the sermons our pastors have delivered are available on the Tab website under sermons. Check it out!

# Announcements

### Week of November 6 – November 12, 2022

#### BAPTISM

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Charles Willard Greg Miller, son of Ryan and Ruth Miller, brother of Julian and grandson of Greg and Kathy Miller born July 15, 2022. Congratulations!

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to my Tab family and friends for their cards and prayers during my recent time away. I am now home at Hoosier Village, but your expressions of love and comfort helped so much. Thanks again! Louise Willson

#### **THANK-OFFERING DINNER RETURNS!**

Plan now to give thanks with your Tab family with the return of our Annual Thank-Offering Dinner on Sunday, November 20, following the 10a worship service. The meal includes turkey, dressing and all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings. There is no cost for this meal, however, we will collect a freewill offering to help cover the costs of the meal. Sign-ups will be in McKee Hallway. Due to social distance planning, reservations will be limited to 200 people—so sign up soon! You can also make your reservation by emailing frontdesk@ tabpres.org or by contacting Paula Daum at (317) 502-1698.

#### FRESH STOP PRODUCE

Do you want more local, fresh produce in your diet? Are you concerned that Tab is located in a "food desert?" Would you like to do something to help those with low food access? You can order a Fresh Stop share by going to freshstop.org/tab. There is only one Fresh Stop left in this season (November 19). Deadline for your order is tonight at midnight. Everyone gets the exact same array of freshly harvested, local produce but pays differently according to income. For more information, there are brochures in McKee Hallway, or you can contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

#### **UMOJA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

This morning we welcome Leonard Otieno for a Minute for Mission at both worship services. He will also share a project update during the Christian Education Hour at 9a in the Parlor. Please plan to attend and hear how this program is feeding and helping these children' stay in school in Kenya.

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES DUE 11/14**

If you took a box home to fill with Christmas love for a child overseas, it needs to be returned to Tab no later than Monday, so it can be taken to a central collection site for processing before being shipped overseas. Thanks for your participation in this terrific ministry to children around the world who may not yet have heard about the saving love of Jesus Christ.

#### PRETEEN SERVICE PROJECT

All Tab 5th and 6th graders are invited to a special Preteen Service Project on Monday, November 21, from 6:30p-8p in Lower Level B. We will be making Christmas "love bags" for our neighbors who come to Tab's Open Door, and we would like YOUR help! We will also have dessert and, if time permits, play a couple of rounds of the ever-popular "hide and seek in the dark!" Friends are welcome! The more - the merrier!

#### **"JUST FOR MOMS" ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT**

All Tab moms are invited to a special craft night on Wednesday, November 30, from 6:30p-8:30p in Lower Level B. We will have a couple of the more detailed projects from the main Advent Workshop, as well as a couple of crafts "just for moms" available to do in a child-free environment. We will serve dessert, have some Christmas music and enjoy some terrific fellowship! Childcare arrangements can be made available upon request. Please contact Jennifer Wirt at 317-923-5458 x140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org for more information.

#### **ADVENT PRAYER AND PIE SERVICE**

As we enter the Advent season, the Mission Committee will offer a reflective prayer service during which we will remember and lift Tab's mission and ministry partners in prayer on Monday, November 28, at 6p in McKee Chapel. Afterwards, we will gather for a time of fellowship and dessert in the Parlor. We hope you will join us for this special service as a way to begin your own Advent season.

#### **TAB TUTORING**

Tab tutoring started their year on September 8 with 15 students signed up, and we are currently serving 22 students with a waiting list. We are so thankful to our church family for their support and prayers and would like to ask those who may be considering how they can serve the community to prayerfully consider tutoring a student. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about Tab tutoring please call Carolee Berry at 317-989-9064, Barb Babcock @ 317-730-3898 or Carol Newell @ 540-597-0794.

#### **PURLS OF WISDOM**

The only Saturday morning November meeting for Purls of Wisdom has changed to November 19 at 10a instead of November 26. We also will not be meeting on Christmas Eve. Contact Nancy Koehring for more information, 317-363-4634, or email nlrmk@hotmail.com

#### THANKSGIVING BOXES FOR SHORTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

For the third year in a row the Tab Mission Committee will offer Thanksgiving Boxes to 15 families from Shortridge High School. The school social workers, who are aware of specific needs, select the recipient families for us. The boxes are designed to feed a family of 6-8 people and will be delivered on November 21. The Tab family is invited to participate by either purchasing food from a pre-determined shopping list or sponsoring a box for \$100.00. Volunteer shoppers will make the necessary purchases for the sponsored boxes. Please contact Pastor Terri (terri. thorn@tabpres.org) or Community Ministry Assistant, Linda McCabe (lkmccabe@outlook.com), for more information or to sign up for a shopping list or sponsorship.

#### MID-NORTH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP

Thank you for your support of the Mid-North Food Pantry, both with your time and your treasure. Tab and its members continue to be major supporters of the Pantry, which seeks to enhance the health of our neighbors by providing supplemental food and basic necessities for residents of zip codes 46205 and 46208. Rising food prices have not spared the Pantry or our neighbors, so there is a current need for donations of food and money. Please prayerfully consider making volunteer time at the Pantry a small part of your routine. Making donations and signing up to volunteer is easy on the Pantry's website. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need. Visit www.midnorthfoodpantry.org/ or call 317-924-7900.

#### **MOZEL SANDERS THANKSGIVING DINNER 2022**

The Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Meal tradition has changed since the pandemic and is once again a challenge for the organizers of this great community effort. Due to precautions at Butler University, they are precluding the use of their commercial kitchen one more year. As we did last year, and the year before that, we will respond with a stepped up meal production. The plan is to provide around 1500 dinners. Here are the necessary changes for 2022:

We will scale back our hospitality efforts completely to focus on the extra meal preparation while still promoting Public Health Safety. Sadly, this means we will not offer "commodity" bags (including nothing from Gleaners or Taylors Bakery), nor will we invite guests into the building for pie, coffee and conversation. Furthermore, we will NOT run deliveries from our kitchen. There will be no need for pie donations from the congregation, and we will deploy our volunteers differently.

The specific volunteer needs are configured as they were last year. The operation will only require about 10 "hands on" volunteers positions per shift including: The specific volunteer needs are configured as they were last year. The operation will only require about 10 "hands on" volunteers positions per shift including:

- Assisting with food prep
- Dishing food into to-go containers
- Washing dishes
- Bagging the meals





 Assisting in the distribution of 200-300 meals from the parking lot doors to our neighbors

More information about specific volunteer duties, including shift assignments, please contact Mike O'Banyel at mike.obanyel@tabpres.org or 317-459-0560. Please note that all volunteers will be expected to follow Tab's health safety guidelines. Unfortunately, we do not foresee any opportunities for children to serve this year. We understand that this is disappointing for Tab family members who include serving at the Mozel Sanders Dinner as part of their Thanksgiving tradition.

We truly believe that this is the very best way we can assist this year. The meals we provide to our friends in the neighborhood will be picked up in a safe, low-contact, drive-thru manner. We will also be preparing additional meals to be taken to Butler University for similar distribution from their campus.

So, it is with gladness and thanksgiving in our hearts, we will provide a wonderful blessing to those in Indianapolis through our generous donation of time and effort on Thanksgiving Day.

