



TAB

Welcome

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

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.

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 Alive | TUESDAY 10a–11:30a RESOURCE CENTER or ZOOM

Join Women Alive, which meets every Tuesday from 10a to 11:30a. We are 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:

- December 4: Festival of Lessons and Carols
- December 18: The First Silent Night—The Christmas Carol that United the World

No Class on December 11, December 25 or January 1.

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

Cover Art:

Journey to Bethlehem

by Mike Moyers

8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE

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People: And give thanks to God for His continuing faithfulness.

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Prayer Of Confession

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Moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: “Praise my soul, the King of Heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing. Alleluia!” Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

*Valentina Huang, Organist
Sanctuary Choir*

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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" *Greatorrex*

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 LESSON

Luke 1:5–7 | Pew Bible page 831

MESSAGE | Rev. L. John Gable

From Silence to Singing

First Person Presentation of Zechariah

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (please join in singing)

Our Father, which 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.

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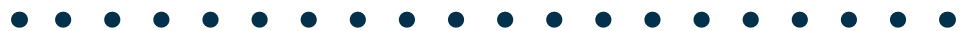
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Please join us in McKee Hallway immediately following worship for Coffee/Conversation & Fellowship time.



● CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BANQUET ●

- Please mark your calendars for our Centennial Celebration
- Banquet being held on February 4. We look forward to an
- evening dinner celebrating Tab and its beautiful history.
- Reservations are coming soon!



10 o'clock Worship

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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!

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† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete His mission. Therefore, the church calls all men and women to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

We will not have a Children's Sermon this morning because our Children's Ministries team is busy hosting the Advent Workshop. Please feel free to dismiss yourself with child(ren) to Lower Level B for crafts and fellowship. Childcare is available in the nurseries.

ANTHEM

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” *Michael Praetorius*

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.*

*This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.*

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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!

Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee/Conversation & Fellowship.

Announcements

Week of December 4 – December 10, 2022

IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Karen Jefferies on the passing of her mother. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time of grief.

WELCOME TO THE TAB STAFF, JANNA CLEGG!

We are very pleased to welcome Janna Clegg to the Tab staff as our new Front Office Administrator. Janna brings us an extensive work experience in the church world having served in several different churches through the years in front offices and administration. She has a degree in Visual Communications and has wonderful skills in various software platforms. Janna is married and has two daughters and five grandchildren. We are thrilled to have her join the Tab staff and hope that you will do your part to welcome her to the Tab family.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Tab's annual Advent Workshop takes place this morning from 9a-11a in Lower Level B. We will 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!

CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

On Sunday, December 11, we will be recording the 10a worship service, "Christmas With Tab," for broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This special service is an annual event with some of your favorite carols, the Sanctuary Choir and guest musicians. Plan to join us for this special celebration of the Christmas season followed by our Annual Christmas Tea.

TAB'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Tab's traditional Annual Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 11, immediately following the taping of our "Christmas With Tab" television special. As we have done in the past, we are looking for your special holiday, home-baked goodies to share during this special time of celebration. Please bring your cookies to church on December 11 or drop them by the Front Desk the week before. Thanks for your help in making this special Tab tradition a great time of fellowship!

GRACIOUS GIFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Gracious Gifts Christmas Market table will be in McKee Hallway December 4, 11 and 18. Consider giving a monetary gift in honor of someone for the holiday season. You can choose your donation to be directed to the following local ministries chosen by the committee: Circles, Horizon, Indy Grace Place, Katy's Kids, Mid-North Food Pantry, Open Door Ministry Cafe & Community Closet and the Neigh-

borhood Christian Legal Clinic. In addition there are three global mission opportunities: the Pankratzes (JVI), the Parlatos and Marshall McKenna. Questions? Contact Libby Pike (elizabethmpike@icloud.com) or Wendy Wilkerson (lobsterlady2@gmail.com).

RECITAL INVITATION

On Sunday, December 11, at 4p our Music Intern, Valentina Huang, will present an organ recital at All Saints Episcopal Church (16th Street & Central Avenue) as part of her degree requirements. Her recital will feature the works of Dietrich Buxtehude, César Franck, Robert Schumann, J.S. Bach, Franz Liszt and Petr Eben. This is a free concert and open to the public. We hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on Sunday, December 18, or you may 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 that Sunday morning for your convenience. Please give generously.

MISSIONS UNIT 2023

It is nearly time for all Tab elementary students to begin their "trip around the world" during this year's Missions Unit. On January 7 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 14 and continuing through February 26, we will 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 Chile, Nigeria, Greece, India, New Zealand, Hawaii and Switzerland. We need many adult and teen helpers to make the Missions Unit a success. To volunteer you can sign up beginning this morning in the Lower Level B Hallway and the following Sundays in McKee Hallway. We would love for you to join us as we help Tab's kids to see the world!

2023 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2023 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 2023, they will be in McKee Hallway for pickup on December 11.

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.

2022 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Friday, December 30, is the final day Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2022 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2022 giving even if received in 2023.

Online giving must have a December 31 processing date for credit in 2022. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green at x111 in the Finance Office well in advance of year end.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT TAB DURING DECEMBER

As we begin December, we would like to highlight the Sunday morning schedule for the next several weeks:

December 11

- 9a – Children’s Ministries Programming in Lower Level B
**No Adult Education Hour*
- 10a – “Christmas with Tab” television taping (no 8a worship)
- 11a – Annual Christmas Tea in the Dining Room
**Nurseries will be available this morning*

December 18

- 8a – Communion Service in McKee Chapel
- 9a – Education Hour
- 10a – Worship in the Sanctuary

December 24

- 5p – Family Christmas Eve Service
**Nursery available for children two and younger*
- 8p – Traditional Christmas Candlelight Service
**No childcare available*

December 25

- 10a Worship service on Christmas Day
**No Education Hour, Early Childcare available in the Preschool Room*

January 1

- 10a Worship service on New Year’s Day
**No Education Hour, Early Childcare available in the Preschool Room*

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 4. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked “Poinsettia.”