



# 10 o'clock Worship

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

## 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.**

© 2009

## PRELUDE

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** | Rev. L. John Gable  
Psalm 118:24; Psalm 95:6-7

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our God our Maker;

Leader: For He is our God.

People: And we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

*Unison: Come, let us worship God.*

✠ **CAROL** | #136

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain” —*Go Tell It*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | Dan Rexroth

Psalm 25

Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions. According to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright are You, Lord; for You instruct sinners in the way. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of our hearts and bring us out of our distress. In Your tender mercy, consider our afflictions and grant us Your forgiveness.

These and all things we pray in, through and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the words of our Risen Lord! “Behold, I am making all things new! It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. I will be their God and they will be My people.” Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | 1 Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Dan Rexroth

SPECIAL MUSIC | Erica Koehring, soloist  
“Midnight Noel” —arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 51:1-12 (Pew Bible p. 452)  
Philippians 4:8-9 (Pew Bible p. 955)

SERMON | Rev. L. John Gable  
Off To A Good Start

“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen, and the God of peace will be with you.”

SILENT REFLECTION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

✝ CAROL | #146

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” —*Tempest Adest Floridum*

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ POSTLUDE

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 9:00a

In accordance with the By-laws, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for the purpose of: reviewing the Annual Report, receiving the approved Operating Budget for 2023, acting on the Pastors’ Terms of Call, electing an elder for the Class of 2025 and the 2023 Church Nominating Committee and any other business that may be properly discussed.

The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the Annual Report will be available online; printed copies available upon request.

Rev. L. John Gable, Moderator

Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

Sermon Notes

Missed a sermon?

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

# Announcements

For the week of January 1-7, 2023

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** | The church office will be closed for observation of the New Year holiday: **Monday, January 2**. We wish you a happy and safe New Year!

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS** | **Sunday, January 8** during both services of worship, we will ordain and install our new elders and deacons as they assume their three-year terms of service. We give thanks to them, and to God, for their willingness to serve in these important offices of the church. Please commit to lifting them up in prayer, throughout their terms of service, praying that God will give them “energy, intelligence, imagination and love.”

**PRETEEN OUTING** | All Tab 5th and 6th graders are invited to participate in our annual “Lunch and a Movie” outing on MLK Day, **January 16, leaving Tab at 11:30a**. We will have lunch and then see a family-friendly movie at either Glendale or Castleton Square. Cost is \$5 per student to help cover the cost of the movie. NOTE: Please do not let finances deter you—confidential financial assistance is available.

**BACK TO THE WELL** | **Sunday, January 8** (Parlor), plan to join our adult education “*Back to the Well*” study where Pastor Terri Thorn and co-leader, Shannon Woller, will present several Gospel texts in which women encounter Jesus. They will discuss traditional and contemporary interpretations and, in the process, open new possibilities for our reading and understanding. This study is based on the book, “*Back to the Well*,” by Francis Taylor Gench, an ordained PC(USA) minister and Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Purchase of this book is not necessary to participate.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** | **Saturday, January 21 from 5:30-8:00p, Lower Level B**. We hope you will join us for a pitch-in supper followed by card/board games with a family-friendly movie on “the big screen” in the Gallery. We will provide fried chicken, paper goods and beverages; please bring a side dish or dessert to share with a crowd! *Questions?* Contact Jennifer Wirt at ext. 140 or email her at [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org).

**NEW LENTEN SERIES** | Janie Parr will start a new group in late February 2023 to coincide with the start of the Lenten series all-church read. “**Parishioner’s Without Partners Covenant Group for Women**” will focus on support, encouragement, and fellowship and will be open to all Tab women, regardless of age. The first meeting will be at Janie’s home, with a definitive date forthcoming. *Questions?* Email Janie at [mparr@iupui.edu](mailto:mparr@iupui.edu).

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BANQUET** | Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 4!** We look forward to an evening dinner celebrating Tab and its beautiful history. Reservations are coming soon!

**2023 SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS** | Would you like to give flowers on a Sunday morning for in “Memory of” or “In Honor of” someone or a ministry? Please contact Linda Fledderjohn for more information at (317) 439-9829 or email her at [fledder@comcast.net](mailto:fledder@comcast.net).

**Tab COMMUNITY CLOSET NEEDS** | Check out the new Tab Community Closet pew cards in the chapel & sanctuary. As we continue to develop relationships with our neighbors at Open Door Ministry Care, we often learn of simple unmet needs that can be addressed through the Community Closet ministry. The pew cards offer a handy list of frequently requested items. Please feel free to take one home with you in case you run across any “deals” on requested items. Your gracious donations make the weekly Community Closet’s Blessing Table possible for our Open Door neighbors who regularly express their gratitude. On their behalf, **thank you!** Donations may be dropped off in McKee Hallway or with Pastor Terri. Please note, we are very low on stock of WARM gloves and hats. We go through many of these over the winter months.

**UKRANIAN REFUGEE RELIEF** | The Mission Committee recently learned of increasing financial needs being experienced by local churches in Romania which continue to provide care and resources to vulnerable refugees crossing the border from Ukraine. Missio-Link International, through their “Church in Mission” initiative, helps equip and supply the local congregations as they seek to offer the refugees safety and solace in Christ and provide for their physical and material needs (which are greater in the harshness of winter). At the December 2022 meeting Tab’s Mission Committee voted to send a gift of \$10,000 to Missio-Link from a “Legacy Fund” granted by Session in 2022. In celebration of Tab’s 100-year-legacy of generous support of missions, these funds were granted by Session to provide support to existing partners as they expand their current mission and ministries. In that same spirit of generosity, the Mission Committee would like to invite folks to consider additional gifts to our Romanian partners during the winter months. Our two primary partners are Missio-Link International and the Mana Deschisa Ministry headed by Marshall McKenna. Both partners are actively involved in helping resettle refugees and connecting them to churches in Romania. Both would welcome additional support. For more information about donating, please contact Mission Elder and liaison to our Romanian partners, Matt Gall at [gall2112@gmail.com](mailto:gall2112@gmail.com).