



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 11, 2022 | Third Sunday of Advent

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 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:

The Visitation

by Jeronimo Ezquerro

10 o'clock Worship

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

CONCERT OF SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC

Please enjoy this special concert of music as we prepare for worship this morning. We ask that you please limit your conversation with others so that all may enjoy this special time of music.

"Stille Nacht" Alan Bullard

"Coventry Carol" arr. Arianna Cunningham

"Wachet Auf" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

"Coventry Carol" arr. Bernard Dewagtere

Gwen Sell, Soloist

Lullay, Thou little tiny Child, byebye, lulloo, lulay.

O sisters, too, how may we do for to preserve this day?

This poor Youngling for whom we sing, byebye, lullo, lulay.

Herod the king in his racing, charged he hath this day

His men of might, in his own sight, all children young to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day,

For Thy parting nor say nor sing, byebye, lulloo, lulay.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Instrumentalists:

Violins

Pamela Close

Ginny Womack

Viola

Suzane Um

Cello

Eric Edberg

Flute

Ann Mozina

Oboe

Pam Anjango

Trumpets

Mark Middleton

Jackie Nason

French Horn

Katy Briel

Harp

Wendy Muston

Piano

Becca Childs

Piano/Organ

Valentina Huang

Tabernacle Handbells

Julie Foster

Caroline Foster

Nancy Morris

Elizabeth Hamilton

Betsy Brunette

Holly Gamage

Cathy Gunn

Susie Crichlow

Doug Conrads

Rich Gunn

Mike O'Banyel

WELCOME | Rev. L. John Gable

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Veni Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE READING | Rev. Terri Thorn

Isaiah 9:2–7 | Pew Bible page 555

ANTHEM

"Sussex Carol" Elaine Hagenberg

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring,

News of great joy, news of great mirth,

News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;

When from our sin He set us free.

All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place.

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place;

Angels and men with joy may sing,

All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night;

Then out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night,

"Glory to God in highest heav'n, now and forevermore, Amen!"

SCRIPTURE READING | Rev. Terri Thorn

Luke 1:26–38 | Pew Bible page 831

ANTHEM

"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" Lex DeAzevedo

Dorothy Benz-Buchanan, soloist

Alleluia!

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

My spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior.

For He that is mighty hath done great things to me.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

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.

*For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.
From henceforth all generations shall call me blessed,
And holy, holy is His name!*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord.
My spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior.
For He that is mighty hath done great things to me.
My soul doth magnify the Lord.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP | REV. L. JOHN GABLE

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

People: The Mighty One has done great things and holy is His name.

Leader: God's mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with His arm and scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

People: He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

Leader: All this in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Unison: Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.

† CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Adeste Fideles*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!
True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!
Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

ANTHEM

"Laudamus Te" *Antonio Vivaldi*

Dorothy Benz-Buchanan & Erica Koehring, sopranos

*Laudamus te. We praise You.
Benedicimus te. We thank You.
Glorificamus te. We glorify You.
Adoramus te. We adore You.*

CONFESSION & PARDON | Rev. Terri Thorn

Prayer Of Confession

God of grace and glory, we confess that we have not recognized You in our midst and have been slow to look for You in Your coming. Our faith is fragile, and we have lived as though we have no need to account for the life we have been given. We are a strange mixture of hope and doubt, faith and fear. We come to You today with sincere repentance for our sins and pray Your gracious forgiveness. Give us renewed faith to wait and watch and prepare for Christ's entry into our everyday lives. Pardon us, and change us. This we pray together and in the silence of our hearts, in Jesus' name.

Moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "Blessed are those who have not seen, yet come to believe." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

† 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.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | 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 through the blood of His cross. Amen.

We will not have a Children's Sermon this morning. Please feel free to dismiss yourself with child(ren) to Lower Level B. Childcare is available in the nurseries.

ANTHEM

"I Saw Three Ships" *John Frederick Hudson*

June Chrenko & Sannidhi Pulla, soloists

*I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day in the morning?
Our Saviour Christ and His lady, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
Our Saviour Christ and His lady, on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*Pray, wither sailed those ships all three, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
Pray, wither sailed those ships all three, on Christmas Day in the morning.
O they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*And all the angels in heav'n shall sing, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And all the angels in heav'n shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*And all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morning.*

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!

Sermon Notes

*Then let us all rejoice again, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Then let us all rejoice again, on Christmas Day in the morning.
I saw three ships come sailing in; I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day!*

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.

ANTHEM

“Still, Still, Still” arr. Norman Luboff

*Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.
For all is hushed, the world is sleeping,
Holy Star its vigil keeping
Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.*

*Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.
The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes,
Let sleep surround you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.*

*Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels without number
Watch you as You sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | Rev. Terri Thorn

Jeremiah 33:14–16 | Pew Bible page 645

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Gesu, Bambino” Pietro A. Yon

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39–45 | Pew Bible page 831

MESSAGE | Rev. L. John Gable

The Blessing of Believing

*“Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of
what was spoken by the Lord.”*

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYER

RESPONSE

“To Thee My Heart” Elaine Hagenberg

*To Thee my heart I offer, O Christ-child sweet and dear;
Upon Thy love relying be Thou ever near.
O take my heart and give me Thine and may it be forever mine,
O Jesus, holy, undefiled, my Savior meek and mild.*

*What brought Thee to the manger, O Christ-child sweet and dear?
Thy love for me a stranger, be ever near,
O Lord how great Thy perfect love, that reaches from the heav'ns above
Thy love for us, by sin defiled, that made Thee, God, a child.*

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!

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*

*Let me by Thine forever, O Christ-child sweet and dear;
Uphold me with Thy mercy, be Thou near.
Thy hand bestows Thy gifts to me and all I have, I offer Thee!
My heart, my soul, and all I own; let these be Thine alone.*

READING | Rev. Terri Thorn

“Ordinary Holiness”

Susan Palo Cherwien (from “Glory Into Glory”)

† CAROL

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

† RESPONSE

“Gloria” Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest.

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“Toccata Gaelica” Hans-André Stamm

Please join us in the Dining Room immediately following worship for our Annual Christmas Tea.

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.

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!

Announcements

Week of December 11 – December 17, 2022

IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Glenn Koehring who passed away on December 6. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 17, from 1p – 3p in the Parlor followed by a Service of Celebration in the Sanctuary. Please continue to keep Nancy, Daniel and Erica in your prayers during this time.

“CHRISTMAS WITH TAB” BROADCAST TIMES

This morning’s worship service is being recorded for our annual "Christmas With Tab" telecast. The program will air December 23 at 10p, Christmas Eve at 5p and Christmas Day at 2p on WHMB-TV 40.1. (Check your cable or satellite guide for your specific channel number.) We will also air a “classic” "Christmas With Tab" from our archives on Christmas Day at 3p on WFYI-TV 20.1. (Check your cable or satellite guide for your specific channel number.) Thanks to all of our sponsors who help make this outreach possible!

TAB'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Tab's traditional Annual Christmas Tea will be held this morning immediately following the taping of our “Christmas With Tab” television special in the Dining Room. Join us as we fellowship together with your special holiday, home-baked goodies. Thanks to everyone who donated treats 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 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 Neighborhood 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

This afternoon 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.