



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

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 25 or January 1.

Back to the Well | SUNDAYS 9a–10a PARLOR BEGINS JAN 8

Plan to join our adult education "Back to the Well" study at 9a in the Parlor beginning Sunday, January 8. 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 Frances Taylor Gench, an ordained PC(USA) minister and Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond Virginia. Purchase of the book is not necessary to participate.

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.

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

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.

Cover Art:

Mater Ecclesiae (Mother of the Church)
from St. Peter's Square

8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Peace

“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.*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. L. John Gable

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined.

Leader: For a Child has been born to us.

People: A Son has been given to us.

Leader: And He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: His authority shall grow continually and there shall be an endless peace.

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

+ HYMN #143

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory” *Regent Square*

CONFESSION & PARDON | Paula Daum

Prayer Of Confession

God of grace and peace, whose signs are everywhere about us, restore in us Your light that we may more clearly see Your presence. Grant us Your forgiveness for the blindness that does not see Your goodness and refuses to see others through Your loving eyes. Shine upon this gathering of Your people and give life to our tired routines and celebrations. Fill our longing hearts with quiet confidence and awaken us to experience the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit. By Your presence with us, deepen the prayers we offer and enlighten our experience of worship that You may be honored and glorified in our midst and in our hearts. This we pray through the Child of Bethlehem, born for us and our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 60:1–2

Leader: “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor

*Paula Daum, 8a Liturgist
Drew Childs, 10a Liturgist*

*Matt Kauffman, Organ
Val Phelps, vocals
Leah Crane, vocals
Rob Dixon, sax
Steve Dokken, bass
Kenny Phelps, drums
Pavel Polanco-Safadit, piano*

will arise upon you and His glory will appear over you.”
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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” *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

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MESSAGE | Rev. L. John Gable

The Light Shines In The Darkness

“God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.”

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 #110

“Love Came Down” *Bring a Torch*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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10 o'clock Worship

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† OPENING CAROL #134

“Joy to the World” *Antioch*

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† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Nicene Creed

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON | Jennifer Wirt

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

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!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Mary Did You Know?" *Mark Lowry*

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† CLOSING CAROL #136

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" *Go Tell It*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT TAB DURING DECEMBER

Throughout December, we would like to highlight the schedule for the next several Sunday mornings:

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*

Announcements

Week of December 18 – December 24, 2022

“CHRISTMAS WITH TAB” BROADCAST TIMES

Christmas with Tab, featuring our Sanctuary Choir, will air on December 23 at 10p, Christmas Eve at 5p and Christmas Day at 2p on WHMB-TV 40.1. In addition, we will 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 channel numbers.) Thanks to all of our sponsors who help make this outreach possible!

GRACIOUS GIFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Gracious Gifts Christmas Market table will be in McKee Hallway this morning. 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 (lady2@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

This morning we collect our annual Christmas Joy Offering. Special envelopes are included in this morning's bulletin 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 18.

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.



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!

