



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 24, 2022  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT 8 o'clock Worship

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

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## ✝ PRELUDE

“Antioch” —*Mary Bennett*

“Comfort Ye” (Recitative from “Messiah” —*G. F. Handel*)

“Every Valley” (Aria from “Messiah”) —*G. F. Handel*

“A Wreath of Carols” —*Margaret Sandesky*

“I Wonder as I Wander” —*arr. Michele Robeson-Howard*

“God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen” —*arr. Michele Robeson-Howard*

## ✝ OPENING

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” —*Lowell Mason*

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

Leader: Hear the Good News! God is no longer unknowable!

People: Behold, in Jesus Christ, God has taken up residence in this world.

Leader: No longer is God a distant stranger.

People: In Jesus Christ, God is with us and makes His home among us, now and forever.

*Unison: Come, let us worship the God of our salvation made known to us through the Child of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

## ✝ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## ✝ CAROL | #140

“Once in Royal David’s City” — *Irby*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Rev. Terri Thorn

Holy and gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for hearing our cry and answering our need. Into a world of hatred, You poured Your love. Into a world of despair, You sent Your hope. Into world torn and burdened by the weight of sin, You sent Your Son to be the means of our salvation. Into a world covered by the darkness of death, You broke forth the light of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, for our bondage and allegiance to things which are not of You, and help us to live with eyes and hearts set on Your Kingdom purposes. Fill us with the hope, joy, peace, love and faith which You alone can offer, that we may live as Your people to Your honor and glory. This we pray in, through and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | II Corinthians 4:6

Leader: “For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of the darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

*Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

#### ✝ 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.*

### ANTHEM

“Bethlehem Spiritual” — *Donald Moore*

✝ CHRISTMAS 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.*

✝ CAROL | #113

“Angels We Have Heard on High” —*Gloria*

SCRIPTURE LESSON |

Matthew 1:18-25 (*Pew Bible p. 783*)

Matthew 28:18-20 (*Pew Bible page 812*)

ANTHEM

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” —*arr. Norman Luboff*

SERMON | Rev. L. John Gable

Then, Now and Always

*“Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

RESPONSE | Leah Crane, *soloist*

“O Holy Night” —*Adolphe-Charles Adam*

SENDING OF CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD

*During the singing of “Silent Night” the ushers will receive the light of the Christ Candle from the pastor and pass it to those sitting nearest the center aisle. Please tip the unlit candle to the lit candle as the light is passed down your row. Please assist your children as they participate in this very special tradition of Tabernacle Church.*

✝ CAROL

“Silent Night” —*Stille Nacht*

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,

'Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.*

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia" to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born;  
Christ the Savior is born.*

## ✝ BENEDICTION

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**"Joy to the World" —Antioch**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart, prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven,  
and heaven and nature sing.

*Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;*

*let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessing flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found far as,  
far as the curse is found.

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.*

#### ✚ POSTLUDE

“Ding, Dong! Merilly on High!” —arr. Michele Robeson-Howard

#### ORGANISTS

Matt KAUFFMAN  
Valentina HUANG

#### VOCALISTS

Dan BORNS, *Bass*  
Zachary SIGAFOES, *Tenor*

#### BRASS ENSEMBLE

Brian HOOVER, *Trumpet*  
Brad KOSER, *Trombone*  
Mark MURRAY, *Trumpet*  
Bill SCHMIDT, *Tuba*

# Announcements

For the week of December 25–31, 2022



**“CHRISTMAS WITH TAB,”** featuring our Sanctuary Choir, airs again today at 2:00 PM on WHMB-TV 40.1. In addition, we will air a “classic” Christmas with Tab from our archives at 3:00 PM 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!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED |** The church office will be closed for observation of the Christmas and New Year holidays: **Monday, December 26th** and **Monday, January 2nd**. We wish you all a Merry Christmas in celebration with your families.

## **2023 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS**

| Thanks to all who have responded to the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your pledged gifts of support assist Tab’s Session

in planning for the coming year. We thank you for your continued generosity of the ministries of Tab. If you have indicated that you would like pledge envelopes for 2023, they are on a table in McKee Hallway for pickup.

## **2022 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS |**

Friday, December 30th 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 at x111 in the Finance Office well in advance of year end.

# We hope you will join us again!

**DECEMBER 25**

10:00a | Christmas Day Worship

**\*\*NO EDUCATION HOUR\*\***

*Early childcare available in the Preschool Room*

**JANUARY 1**

10:00a | New Year's Day Worship

**\*\*NO EDUCATION HOUR\*\***

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