

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 25, 2022 Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

Christmas Day | 10 o'clock

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and S

PRELUDE

Your Favorite Carols

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. L. John Gable

Leader: On the first Christmas day the angel announced,

"Behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy."

People: "To you is born this day in the city of David a

Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Leader: Suddenly with the angel there was a multitude of the

heavenly host, praising God and saying,

People: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth

peace among those He favors."

Unison: Come, let us worship God.

☆ CAROL | #134

"Joy to the World" — Antioch

GATHERING PRAYER | Rev. Terri Thorn

Speak to us again, O God of glory, for we are slow to hear. Remind us once again of the great Good News of the Christmas Day for we are prone to forget. Lead us once again to Bethlehem so that we may see Jesus for we have lost our way. We are weary and worn by the world's ways and need a fresh vision of Your way. We cry out for the truth that is eternal and for the life that is abundant, and we know we can only find these in You. O God, on this blessed morning grant us the joy of Your presence and the assurance of Your steadfast love as we bow before You in worship and may our hearts and voices join in the chorus of praise and thanksgiving to the Word made flesh. These and all things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Child of Bethlehem, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*.

☆ CAROL | #115

"Away In a Manger" - Mueller

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Rev. L. John Gable

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible p. 555)

☆ CAROL | #128

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" — W. Žlobie Ležy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD"S PRAYER | Rev. Terri Thorn

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Luke 2:1-20 (Pew Bible p. 832)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE | Rev. L. John Gable

The Gift

"For a child has been born to us, a son given to us."

SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

☆ CAROL | #132

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" —In Dulci Jubilo

- **♣** BENEDICTION
- **♣** POSTLUDE



NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00a | New Year's Day Worship

NO EDUCATION HOUR

Early childcare available in the Preschool Room

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.

NO PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY this Wednesday, December 28th. The regular meeting will resume January 4

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 I

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 vear end.