



TAB

# Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

**Greetings to everyone!** We extend a warm welcome to those joining us in-person or for our livestream 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 that 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 of 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.

Our children are traveling around the world for the next several weeks during our Children's Ministries' Missions Unit. Children are welcome to join in LLB during the worship hour and experience our travels around the globe, or remain in worship with their family. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

## Discipleship Classes

2023 Rooted in Grace Discipleship Opportunities

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT | SUNDAYS 9a / PARLOR

**BACK TO THE WELL**— 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.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS 6p-7:30p / ZOOM

### WOMEN ALIVE | TUESDAYS 10-11:30a / RESOURCE CENTER or ZOOM

Starting January 10: *"Sabbath as Resistance, Saying NO to the Culture of Now,"* by Walter Brueggemann. Buy a book and join us!  
*Questions?* Contact Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com).

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS 9:30-10:30a / PARLOR

Our Pastors lead a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

### MOMS OF TAB | THIRD WEDNESDAY MONTHLY 6:30-7:30p / YOUTH ROOM

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | SATURDAYS 8-9a / PARLOR

Currently studying the gospel of Matthew.  
*Questions?* Contact [dlconrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dlconrads@yahoo.com)

**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. The group 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).

#### 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.**

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COVER ART CREDIT:

**The Three Wise Men**  
Shellz  
Ireland

# 8 o'clock Worship

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**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS** | Today, 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.” **[Please see page 7 to view list of Elders/Diacons.]**

**PRELUDE** | “Variations on ‘Adeste Fideles” - *Ragnor Taylor*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✝ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“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;  
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✝ **CALL TO WORSHIP** | Rev. Terri Thorn  
based on Isaiah 6:1-6

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People: The brightness of God’s Light shines upon all the nations.

Leader: With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

People: We respond in praise with our gifts, with our very selves.

**UNISON:** *Together we worship God.*

✝ **HYMN** | # 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” - *Kings of Orient*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | Rev. L. John Gable

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; those who welcomed, protected and comforted the Child, that He would know life and safety.

And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like King Herod; whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the health and safety needs of others; whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed; whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to face, and change, the injustices of this world.

Loving God, we confess our sins against You and one another. Awaken in us true repentance and fill us with Your light, that we may live our lives shining with Your love and grace. In the name of Christ, the One who showed us the way, we pray these and all things.

✝ Please stand if able.

## TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

REV. TERRI THORN

REV. L. JOHN GABLE

VALENTINA HUANG  
*Organist*

ROB DIXON  
*Sax*

VAL PHELPS  
LEAH CRANE  
*Vocals*

STEVE DOKKEN  
*Bass*

PAVEL POLANCO-  
SAFADIT  
*Piano*

KENNY PHELPS  
*Percussion*

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** God's light is present in this world.  
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God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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### ✚ GLORIA PATRI

### ✚ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EPIPHANY | by The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

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baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;  
He sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon Himself,  
suffering for us, dying for us  
and being raised from the dead for our sake  
and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that He will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives,  
leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.

This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith,  
the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.  
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### SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION | See page 7

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### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 60:1-6 (pew Bible page 602)

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### SERMON | STAR POWER | Rev. Terri Thorn

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### SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 | #150

"As With Gladness Men of Old" - Dix

### ✚ BENEDICTION

### ✚ POSTLUDE | "Dix" - Scott S. Withrow

# 10 o'clock Worship

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## 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.

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"Free Indeed" (You Said I Am)

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#### ✚ CLOSING SONG

“Baptized in Water”

#### ✚ BENEDICTION

#### ✚ POSTLUDE

“Wade in the Water”

### 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](http://tabpres.org), then scroll to the bottom of the homepage and tap “Sign up for email updates.”

### 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](mailto: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](tel:317-805-1281) for an appointment with Terri Thorn.

# Service for Ordination and Installation

## 2023

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: ELDER

Janet Hohlt  
Adam Packer  
Cathleen Perry  
Debby Pardue Wessel

### INSTALLATION: ELDER

Judy Fraps

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: DEACON

Caleb Goss  
Peyton Hart  
Julie Howard  
Sandy Roob

### INSTALLATION: DEACON

Kevin Ahearn  
Stephanie DeTrude  
Kathy Donaldson  
Sergio Fernandez  
Marion Hoopingarner  
Ann Ost

**Pastor:** Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make His church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, or Deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and those who want to be first among you, must be the slave of all!"

## Constitutional Questions to Church Officers

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

*I do.*

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

*I do.*

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

*I do.*

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

*I will.*

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

*I will.*

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors and work for the reconciliation of the world?

*I will.*

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church? I do. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

*I will.*

(For Ruling Elder)

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and, in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*I will.*

(For Deacon)

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*I will.*

## Unison Prayer

Almighty God, in every age You have chosen individuals to speak Your Word and lead Your loyal people. We thank You for these men and women whom You have called to serve You. Give them special gifts to do this special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. In Christ's name we pray, Amen. **Pastor:** You are now Elders and Deacons in the church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen.

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**WELCOME TO THIS MINISTRY!**

### 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.

### 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).

## 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**

### UPCOMING INQUIRERS’ CLASS

**Saturday, February 11, from 9a–11a** in the Parlor. This class is for anyone interested in knowing more about the mission and ministry of Tab or is considering church membership. The class will be led by John Gable and those participating in the class will be

invited to become members of Tab, but membership is optional. For more information or to register for this class, contact Paula Daum at (317) 923-5458, ext. 104 or [paula.daum@tabpres.org](mailto:paula.daum@tabpres.org).

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BANQUET

Sign up today to join us for our Centennial Banquet to be held on **Saturday evening, February 4, beginning at 6:00p at the Riviera Club** (5640 N. Illinois St.) **Cost is \$20 for adults; \$10 per child.** The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 29. You may register and pay either in McKee Hallway on Sunday mornings, online at [tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org) or for those on Realm, go to Events and Register. Music will be provided that evening by our own Leah Crane and Pavel Polanco-Safadit. Plan to join us for this very special event!

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP

**Sunday, February 5, 2023.** Plan to join your Tabernacle family as we celebrate our 100th year at the corner of 34th and Central with a special celebration service on Sunday, February 5 at 10:00a. There will be no 8:00a service that morning. The Stated Clerk of the PC(USA), Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, will be preaching and music will include selections that were presented during the original dedication service in 1923. This service will celebrate our past, our present and our future as we step into the next 100 years! This service will be followed by a special time of fellowship in the Dining Room.

### CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

Did you miss seeing the beautiful *Christmas with Tab* program when it aired in December? You can watch it any time you wish by going to our YouTube page, [tabindy](http://tabindy) ([youtube.com/user/tabindy](http://youtube.com/user/tabindy)). There you can watch the whole program or choose from some of your favorite musical moments. A big thanks to all of those who make this program possible!

### OPEN DOOR PEW CARDS

Check out the new Open Door pew cards in McKee Chapel and the Sanctuary so you can keep a list handy

of needed items for our neighbors. Your donations make the blessing table’s offerings to our Open Door neighbors possible. Thank you for your generous gifts. You may drop them off in McKee Hallway.

### 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).

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO:

**LUCY EMISION and her family** in the death of her father, **JOHN EMISON**, in Chatham Massachusetts on Sunday, December 25. John was 100 years old and passed peacefully surrounded by his wife, Barbara, and his daughters and granddaughters. Services have been planned in Massachusetts. Please keep Lucy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**WENDY WILKERSON and her family** in the death of her brother, **BARRY WITHAM** in Seattle, Washington on Monday, December 26. Please keep Wendy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.