



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 / PARLOR

"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.

PASTORS' 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

Childcare is available.

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

Currently studying the gospel of Matthew.
Questions? Contact dlconrads@yahoo.com

LENTEN SERIES | STARTS IN FEBRUARY / OFFSITE

Janie Parr will start a new group in late February 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.

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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8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE

“Alone to God in the Highest Be Glory” - J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ PASSING OF THE PEACE

“As With Gladness Men of Old” - Dix

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As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. L. John Gable

based on Isaiah 40:3-5

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People: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

UNISON: Come, let us worship God.

✝ HYMN | #163

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” - Aberystwyth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Rev. Terri Thorn

Gracious God, in a world of voices crying out for our attention, give us ears of faith to listen to Your voice. In a world of demands crying out for our allegiance, give us wills of faith committed to preparing a way for You in our lives. In a world of distractions, give us eyes of faith to watch for You in Your coming. Shine Your light into our darkness that we may reflect Your presence and live for Your glory. This we pray together and in the silence of our hearts, in Jesus’ name.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The message of John the Baptist is timeless and true—“Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. I baptize you with water for repentance, but One who is more powerful than I is coming after me. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” The one of whom he spoke is Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

✝ GLORIA PATRI

✝ 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.

TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS

REV. L. JOHN GABLE

REV. TERRI THORN

VALENTINA HUANG
Organist

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.

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!

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✝ Please stand if able.

✚ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Barmen Declaration (1934)

Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures. Amen.

ANTHEM

“And the Glory” (from “Messiah”) - G. F. Handel

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 3:1-18 (pew Bible page 784)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 11:2-15 (pew Bible page 792)

SERMON | Rev. L. John Gable

People Jesus Met Along the Way: John the Baptist

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist.”

SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

✚ HYMN | #144

“In the Bleak Midwinter” - Cranham

✚ BENEDICTION

✚ POSTLUDE

“A Trumpet Minuet” - Alfred Hollins

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.”

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.

Announcements

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS UNIT

This week, Tab's children are visiting Greece, where they will make Komboloi (Greek worry beads) and laurel wreaths, learn to write their names using the Greek Alphabet, learn how to measure using ancient Greek measuring tools, build a model of the Parthenon, play "The Brazen Fly" and "Kukla" in the Gym and taste Pastitcio, Taramasalata and Bakalava at the Food Center. Fun fact about Greece: the nation of Greece includes 6,000 islands scattered in the Greek Seas, 227 of which are inhabited. Bonus fun fact: You cannot wear high heels when touring ancient historic sites like the Acropolis because you could damage the monuments.

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.

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.

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

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.

You're invited to
MLK DAY

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE
& Luncheon

Monday, January 16
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
3421 North Park Ave

Sponsored by Mid-North Clergy Council



MLK DAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, **January 16**, the Mid-North Clergy Council is hosting a community worship service tomorrow, followed by a light luncheon. We hope that many of you will plan to attend, as each congregation represented in the Council, including Tab, will participate in the service.

The MLK Day Service and Luncheon will be held **11:30a – 1:00p** at the New Circle Church (3421 North Park Ave). Demetrius Warren, New Circle Church, will lead our worship service and Pastor Peris Lester, Phillips Temple Church, will offer the message. This will be a wonderful opportunity to worship and fellowship with our community, while honoring The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BANQUET

Saturday evening, February 4 | 6:00p
at the Riviera Club (5640 N. Illinois St., Indy)

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/giving 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 | 10:00a

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. *(There will be no 8:00a service that morning.)* The Stated Clerk of the PC(USA), Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, will preach the message 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.

THIS WEEK AT Tab

January 15-21, 2023

SUNDAY, January 15

Communion Service | 8:00a, McKee Chapel
Children's Education Hour | 9:00a, LLBN 001
SG&D Back to the Well | 9:00a, Parlor
Youth Sunday School | 9:00a, Youth RM 201
Junior Church | 10:00a, LLBN 001
Worship Service | 10:00a, Sanctuary
IMPACT Youth Group | 11:00a, Youth RM 201

MONDAY, January 16

Martin Luther King Holiday

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Pre-Teen Outing | 11:00a, Offsite
MLK Luncheon | 11:30a, Offsite

TUESDAY, January 17

Women Alive | 9:30a, Parlor
Elder Training | 6:30p, Sanctuary
Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel
Session Meeting | 7:00p, Parlor

WEDNESDAY, January 18

Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor
Open Door Café | 11:00a, Dining Room
Moms of Tab | 6:30p, Youth RM 201
Worship Band Rehearsal | 7:00p, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, January 19

Tab Tutoring | 3:45p, Various Areas
Circles | 6:00p, LLBN and Gallery
Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 6:00p, Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:00p, Parlor

FRIDAY, January 20

Open Door Café | 11:00a, Dining Room
Circle of Hope | 3:30p, Parlor

SATURDAY, January 21

Men's Bible Study | 8:00a, Parlor
Family Fun Night | 6:00p, LLBN and Gallery