



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. 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 Message). Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

## Discipleship Classes

### Current Discipleship Opportunities

#### SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT | Sundays, 9a-10a, Parlor

##### THE PROBLEM OF PAIN with Mark John | November 19, 26

"I am trying to show only that the old Christian doctrine of being made perfect through suffering is not incredible." This is a continuing study on C.S. Lewis' book, "The Problem of Pain." Come hear how the scriptures relate to the text and go over the key points Lewis points out. You can read the book in advance but it is not necessary.

##### ADVENT WORKSHOP | December 3

The SG&D Education Class will move down to the Children's Ministry area to participate in this year's Advent Workshop. Come join the Tab family as we gather to create crafts and keepsakes for our homes in the festive season of Advent. Bring your good cheer for the good news we share with one another during this special time of youthful celebration. For more information on the Advent Workshop, look in the Announcement section of the bulletin.

#### WOMEN ALIVE | TUESDAYS 10a-11:30a | PARLOR

This is a group for women of all ages who desire to move through life together while learning to know themselves and God better. *Questions?* Email Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com).

#### PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS 9:30a-10:30a | PARLOR

Our Pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship.

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

The Men of Tab are continuing their study on the books of I & II Thessalonians. *Questions?* Email [dlconrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dlconrads@yahoo.com).

#### 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

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

**PRELUDE** | “Trio in g minor” —*Josef Rheinberger*  
“Trio in Eb Major” —*Josef Rheinberger*

## WELCOME

“We Gather Together” —*Kremser*  
*We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Terri Thorn

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Pastor: You have been the voice that guides us;

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Pastor: You have been our joy and crown;

**People: We come today to sing your praise!**

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord our God!**

## ✠ HYMN #643 | “Now Thank We All Our God” —*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

### CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Jim Pfeiffer

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. We also know that you can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. So we lift our prayer of confession to you. Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

*Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is evil in your sight. We have made mistakes. We have made missteps. We have hurt people by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. If the sum total of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, then in your sight we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here. In the strong name of Christ we pray. Lord, hear our prayer.*

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is our God?

**People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: We are forgiven, rescued and redeemed. Alleluia! Amen!**

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn  
*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Jim Pfeiffer  
*8a Liturgist*

Andrew Hart  
*10a Liturgist*

Hayden Glasgow  
*Organist*

Eric Edberg  
*Cellist*

Sanctuary Choir

✝ **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** (*in unison*)

*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 READINGS**

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**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; 16-19** (*pew Bible page 960*)

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 25:14-30** (*pew Bible page 807*)

**MESSAGE** | Rev. Terri Thorn

**A Risk Always Worth Taking**

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

“Let us Break Bread Together” (*please join in singing*)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (2x)

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (2x)

*(Refrain)*

Let us praise God together on our knees; (2x)

*(Refrain)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER** | Rev. Jim Pfeiffer

*Our Father, which 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 #716** | “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” —*Beach Spring*

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** | “Postlude in D” —*Healey Willan*

MESSAGE NOTES

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“Vocalise” —Sergei Rachmaninoff

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### Did you miss a sermon?

Or do you want to  
hear it again?

Or read it?

All of the sermons our  
pastors have delivered  
are available at  
[tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org)  
under sermons.  
Check it out!

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✝ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

Leader: God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life.

**People: It is the will of God that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.**

Leader: Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the word to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

**People: With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.**

Leader: It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

**People: In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** | Rev. Terri Thorn

**ANTHEM** | “Like a River Glorious” —*arr. John Cornish*  
*Eric Edberg, cello*

*Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace, Over all victorious in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day; Perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way.*

*CHORUS: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest;  
Finding as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

*Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand, Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.*

*Every joy or trial falleth from above, Traced upon our dial by the Son of Love,  
We may trust him fully, all for us to do; They who trust him wholly find him wholly true.*

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✝ **HYMN #367** | “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” —*St. George’s Windsor*

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**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 & 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 email Finance Director, 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** for an appointment.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CHANCEL FLOWERS

Today's beautiful chancel bouquets have been given by Sharon and Bill Marshall in loving memory of Sharon's grandmother, Lois Crook.

Many thanks go to the Ruth Covenant Group who prepared the lovely harvest tables in McKee Chapel and the Sanctuary in appreciation and thanksgiving for the wonderful congregation and staff of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church.

## 2024 STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

Today is Stewardship Dedication Sunday. If you are attending in-person worship, please place your 2024 Commitment Card in one of the baskets provided at each entrance. If you are not attending in-person, please remember to mail in your 2024 Commitment Card to the church office or log into your Realm account to make your pledge. If you have forgotten your Commitment Card this morning, they are available at each entrance and on the table in McKee Hallway. Please prayerfully consider how you can more fully support Tab's mission and ministry through your gifts and involvement. Your support is so appreciated as we continue to minister in all the special ways that God is calling us. Thank you so much!

## MOZEL SANDERS OUTREACH—VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

We still need MANY volunteers for Thanksgiving Day. Please sign up today in McKee Hallway to help. WE ALSO NEED PIES. When you are shopping for or baking the pies for your family dinner, please remember that we put slices of pie in with every dinner that we send out. Mike O'Banyel will be at the church all day on Wednesday to receive them. Please try to bring a variety of types; sweet potato, fruit pies, pumpkin, etc. Thanks so much for helping with this each year! *Questions?* Contact Mike O'Banyel at 317-459-0560 or email him at [mike.obanyel@tabpres.org](mailto:mike.obanyel@tabpres.org).

## 2024 MISSIONS' UNIT

The annual Missions Unit will begin **SUN, JAN 7**, with visits to Brazil, Lebanon, Puerto Rico, Scotland, South Africa, Thailand, and the Netherlands. We will need many adult and teen volunteers to join the team as we help Tab's children learn about the people, customs, religious practices, art, food, games, and history of our featured countries, and most importantly, about the men and women spreading the good news about Jesus Christ around world. **Sign-up sheets will be out this morning.** If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt.

## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices and building will be closed **November 23 and 24** in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen the building on **Saturday morning, NOV 25.**

## JUST FOR MOMS CRAFT NIGHT

All Tab moms are invited to attend a "Just for Moms," workshop and special night of crafts and fellowship on **WED, NOV 29, 6:30-**

**8:30p in LLB.** We will have five crafts available to do in a child-free environment, as well as dessert and holiday music. Childcare will be provided in the Preschool room for ages four and under.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of year to begin thinking about decorating our beautiful Sanctuary with lovely poinsettias for the holiday season. Orders are due by **SUN, DEC 3**, and order forms are available in the November edition of The Tower Chimes or at the Front Desk. Stop by today and order your poinsettia "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a special loved one. Cost this year is still \$25 and they may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services.

## ADVENT PRAYER & PIE SERVICE

As we enter the Advent season, the Mission Committee will offer a reflective prayer service during which we will remember and lift Tab's mission and ministry partners up in prayer on **WED, DEC 6, at 6p** in the Sanctuary. Afterwards, we will gather for a time of fellowship and PIE in the Parlor. We hope you will join us for this special service.

## ADVENT WORKSHOP

This year's Advent Workshop will take place on **SUN, DEC 3, 9-11a in LLB.** We will have eight crafts for older children and adults, and a separate room with several crafts for children ages five and younger. We will also have a group craft to prepare Christmas cards for Tab's homebound members.

## PRETEEN SERVICE PROJECT

**TUE, DEC 5, 7-8p,** Tab's 5th & 6th grade students are invited to a fun event combining a service project and some great fellowship. They will assemble holiday bags for the guests of Tab's Open Door Café, play the ever-popular "hide and seek in the dark;" refreshments provided. No RSVP needed; friends welcome!

## PRETEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SUN, DEC 10,** immediately following the 10a worship service at Buca di Beppo. Please RSVP to Mrs. Wirt by **SUN, DEC 3**, if your student plans to attend.

## GRACIOUS GIFTS

We have already heard much about Christmas gift giving this season and the backlog of delivery in time for the holidays. Consider a timely alternative as the Gracious Gifts table returns to McKee Hallway for the 15th year, **DEC 3, 10 and 17.** You can select a thoughtful monetary gift(s) for the following ministries chosen by the committee: *Katy's Kids, Mid North Food Pantry, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, Indy Grace Place, The Oaks Academy, Open Door/Community Closet, and Raphael Health Center.* The three Global Ministries are: *Colombia Sports Ministry (Wittig), Kellers and Missio Link.* If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Libby Pike** ([elizabethmpike@icloud.com](mailto:elizabethmpike@icloud.com)) or **Wendy Wilkerson** ([lobsterlady2@gmail.com](mailto:lobsterlady2@gmail.com)).



## CHRISTMAS WITH TAB TAPING

On **SUN, DEC 10**, we will be recording the 10a worship service, "Christmas With Tab," for broadcast on December 23 at 10p and Christmas Day at 3p (your local WHMB 40.1). This special service is an annual event with some of your favorite carols, the Sanctuary Choir and guest musicians. Plan to join us for this special celebration of the Christmas season followed by our Annual Christmas Tea in the Dining Room.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Attention bakers, confectioners and pastry chefs! Tab's annual Christmas Tea is drawing near. It is the time of year to switch from pumpkin spice to Christmas cheer and we are calling for your help! Crack open your cookbooks for your favorite delectable recipes to prepare for this special event on **SUN, DEC 10** as Tab's Deacons will collect your fine, scrumptious goodies at the parking lot door and will prepare them for serving. Cookies, candies, and small servings of cakes, brownies, tarts, etc. are a perfect contribution and will help make the day especially sweet. This is also the annual "**CHRISTMAS WITH TAB**" recording at 10a (only one service that day) and the Christmas Tea follows immediately afterward in the Dining Room. We will remind you to wear your cheeriest seasonal attire to church that day.

## WE NEED YOUR TRASH!

One of the crafts being done at this year's Advent Workshop requires empty, 16-oz plastic water bottles. We would be so grateful if you could save your bottles and drop them off at Tab when you are here!

## Upcoming Class Offerings

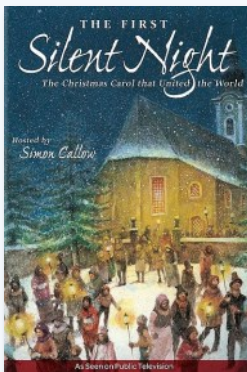
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### ADVENT SERIES

Part of Tab's Advent worship tradition includes the lighting of the Advent wreath featuring candles associated with words of faith-filled promises: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. These words from Scripture, in Hebrew or Greek (Yakha, Shalom, Chara, and Agape), have rich and deep meanings around the advent of our Lord and Savior. **Come join us in the Parlor the morning of SUN, DEC 10 at 9a** as we consider and discuss these themes through Bible Project's online video titled "Advent Series."



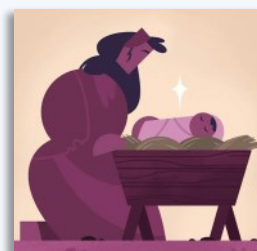
### THE FIRST SILENT NIGHT



**SUN, DEC 17 at 9a in the Parlor.** Come join us as we watch the 45-minute PBS special, 'The First Silent Night—The Christmas Carol that United the World,' featuring actor Simon Callow "as he uncovers the origins of Silent Night, from the Austrian village of Oberndorf to the city of Salsburg, birthplace of the world's favorite carol. This story will introduce us to two, impoverished children, Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber, who grew up in Austria's cobbled streets and wooded villages. The hard years that shaped them would also destine them to meet one day in a poor country church to unite Gruber's music and Mohr's text into this classic carol about the birth of the Messiah one quiet night in Bethlehem."

### GOD'S FOUNDATIONAL CHARACTER

The book of Exodus describes the foundational attributes of God in the following words: *Compassion, Grace, Show to Anger, Loyal Love, and Faithful.* **Join others in the Parlor each Sunday in January (7, 14, 21, 28) at 9a** as we explore these words as used throughout the Bible's story of God's gift of redemption.



# This week at Tab

for the week of November 19-26

Tab's Online Calendar: [tabpres.org/calendar/](http://tabpres.org/calendar/)

## SUN, NOVEMBER 19

**Communion Service** | 8a, McKee Chapel  
**Coffee & Fellowship** | 8:45a, McKee Hallway  
**Children's Education** | 9a, LLBN 001  
**Youth Education** | 9a, YR  
**SG&D's PROBLEM OF PAIN** | 9a, Parlor  
**Junior Church** | 10a, LLB  
**Worship Service** | 10a, Sanctuary  
**THANK-OFFERING DINNER** | 11a, Dining RM

## MON, NOVEMBER 20

**Open Door Café** | 11a, Dining RM  
**Scout Troop 72/721** | 6:45p, Youth RM  
**Women's Bible Study** | 7p, Parlor

## TUE, NOVEMBER 21

**Women Alive** | 10a, Parlor  
**Prayer Meeting** | 6:30p, McKee Chapel  
**Bible Study Fellowship** | 6:30p, Dining RM, Gallery  
**Session MTG** | 7p, Parlor

## WED, NOVEMBER 22

**Pastors' Bible Study** | 9:30a, Parlor  
**Open Door Café** | 11a, Dining RM

## THU, NOVEMBER 23—THANKSGIVING DAY

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Moziel Sanders Dinner** | 7a-3p, Dining RM, Kitchen

## FRI, NOVEMBER 24

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

## SAT, NOVEMBER 25

**Men's Bible Study** | 9a, Parlor  
**Purls of Wisdom** | 10a, Session RM

## SUN, NOVEMBER 26

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**Coffee & Conversation** | 11a, Parlor  
**IMPACT Youth Group** | 11a, YR