



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 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.

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 Peter. *Questions?* Email 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 | "Kremser" —Flor Peeters

The prelude music is a time of worship offering praise to God as well as giving each of us gathered in this place a time to prepare our hearts for worship. Please use this time to pray, meditate and reflect on how God might speak to you during the service this morning.

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: God is in our midst; we will not be overthrown; God will help us at the break of day.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

All: Together we worship God whose holy splendor, honor, and majesty shine forth as light in darkness.

✠ HYMN #268 | "Crown Him with Many Crowns" —Diademata

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, so often we know not what we are doing. We are so absorbed in our concerns that we are unaware of who is being hurt by the works of our hands or the desires of our hearts. We fail to see how connected we are, how our actions affect so many, how the web of creation links us all together. So often we do not realize that what we are doing is sinful, contrary to your purposes and obstructing your gracious intents.

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Open our eyes so we can see who we are and what we have done. Cleanse our hearts so we can be who you call us to be and do what you would have us do, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who rules over all, and hears the cries of our hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we are free. To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

Today's Worship Participants

Rob Springer
Guest Speaker

Rev. Terri Thorn
Associate Pastor

Matt Kauffman
Organist

Staci McCrackin
Jeanne Rieger
Vocals

Pavel Polanco-Safadit
Piano

Eric Guion
Guitar

Steve Dokken
Bass Guitar

Matt McGraw
Percussion

✚ **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

Matthew 19:21-22 (pew Bible page 800)
Mark 7:27 (pew Bible page 819)
Matthew 15:23 (pew Bible page 797)
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SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYER

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

***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 #265** | “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” —*Duke Street*

✚ **BENEDICTION**

✚ **POSTLUDE** | “Now Thank We All Our God” —*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

MESSAGE NOTES

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✝ OPENING SONG | “10,000 Reasons”

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✝ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:*

Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

Our world belongs to him!

God is king! Let the earth be glad!

Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!

The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

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hear it again?*

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pastors have delivered
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✝ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued)*

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Our world belongs to you.

— from “Our World Belongs to God”

SPECIAL MUSIC | “Never Would Have Made It”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Dr. Daniel Rexroth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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✝ **CLOSING SONG** | “How Great Is Our God”

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** | “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

**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 & 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 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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **JOHN CANADA** in regard to his recent passing.

John was the brother of **JUDY FRAPS**. Both he and Judy lived in the neighborhood and grew up here at Tab. John enjoyed playing sports in the Tab Rec program and he participated in the youth programs as well. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy, in March of this year. They would have celebrated 40 years of marriage in December.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to:

Judy Fraps / Family of John Canada
3810 Wyandotte Trail, Indianapolis, IN 46240

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

Next **SUN, DEC 3**, is the last day to turn in your orders for poinsettia's. Stop by the Front Desk soon to order one "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a special loved one. Cost is \$25 and they may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services.

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.

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) or **Wendy Wilkerson** (lobsterlady2@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways for the Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

To those who brought pies, helped unload food and commodities on Wednesday, provided transportation, worked in the kitchen and Dining Room, answered the phone, ran errands, cooked, cleaned, served, greeted and drove—**THANK YOU!**

The dinner was a huge success and we could not have done it without all of you.

—Mike O'Banyel

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. □

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!

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.

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.

"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 and we are calling for your help! Create your favorite delectable cookies/bars/tart/candy recipes to prepare for this special event on **SUN, DEC 10**. Tab's Deacons will collect your fine, scrumptious goodies at the parking lot door and will prepare them for serving at a "Christmas Tea" immediately following the annual taping of "**CHRISTMAS WITH TAB**" at 10a (only one service that day) in the Dining Room. (*Wear your cheeriest seasonal attire to church that day*)

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 are located in McKee Hallway**. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt.

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

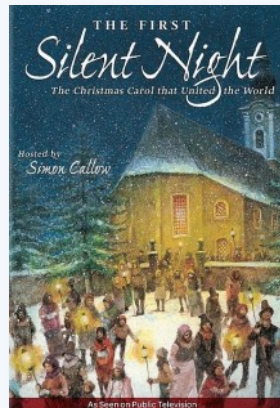
Spiritual Growth & Development



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 Salzburg, 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."

This week at Tab

for the week of November 26-December 3

Tab's Online Calendar: tabpres.org/calendar/

SUN, NOVEMBER 26

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

MON, NOVEMBER 27

Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
Scout Troop 72/721 | 6:45p, Youth RM

TUE, NOVEMBER 28

Women Alive | 10a, Parlor
Congregational Life MTG | 5:30p, McWRC
Bible Study Fellowship | 6:30p, Dining RM, Gallery
Deacons' MTG | 7p, Parlor

WED, NOVEMBER 29

Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor
Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
Mom's Craft Night | 6:30p, LLB, Preschool RM

THU, NOVEMBER 30

Tab Tutoring | 3:45p, DR, G, LLA, LLB, McWRC
Circles | 6p, Dining RM, LLB
Getting Ahead | 6p, McWRC
Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 6p, Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7p, Parlor

FRI, DECEMBER 1

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

SAT, DECEMBER 2

Men's Bible Study | 9a, Parlor

SUN, DECEMBER 3

— **POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE!** —

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Home Communion | 11:30a, Session RM