

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 10, 2023 | Second Sunday of Advent

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.

Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

Discipleship Classes

Current Discipleship Opportunities

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

ADVENT SERIES | December 10

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 (Yakhal, Shalom, Chara, and Agape), have rich and deep meanings around the advent of our Lord and Savior. Come join us as we consider and discuss these themes through the Bible Project's online video titled "Advent Series."

THE FIRST SILENT NIGHT | December 17

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."

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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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn Associate Pastor

> Barbara Boyd Adam Packer John Thomas Liturgists

Pam Close Ginny Womack Violins

> Suzane Um Viola

> Eric Edberg Cello

Ann Mozina Flute

Leonid Sirotkin Oboe

Mark Middleton Jackie Nason Trumpets

> Katy Briel French Horn

Josh Reynolds Trombone

Wendy Muston Harp

Hayden Glasgow Organ

Sally John Matt Kauffman Piano

Jason Spangler Hunter Wheatcraft Percussion

Patrick Lord-Remmert Gwen Sell Dorothy Benz-Buchanan Soloists

10 o'clock Worship

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

PRELUDE | "Once in Royal David's City" — arr Daniel Burton
 "Silent Night, Holy Night" — Robert A. Hobby
 "What Child Is This?" — arr. Lindsey Stirling, Debi Johanson & Stephen Anderson
 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" — arr. Daniel Burton

The prelude music is a time of worship offering praise to God as well as giving each of us an opportunity 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

"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; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Terri Thorn

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Pastor: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

People: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Pastor: Nations shall come to your light,

People: And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness

- People: Have seen a great light;
 - Pastor: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

People: On them light has shined.

Pastor: Let us celebrate the Light of the world,

People: For upon us has the Light shined.

All: Come, let us worship the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING CAROL | "Angels We Have Heard on High" — *Gloria*

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

INVOCATION | John Thomas

We rejoice, O God, at the mystery and the miracle of Christmas, at the light shining in our darkness, a light that has no dread of war, no pain of human suffering, no cloud of despair can dim or put out. By that light, we pray, lead us from the tangle of our bewildered ways, from the shadows of fear, from the thickets of strife, to set our feet on the clear paths of peace, confidence and righteousness that lead to your kingdom.

SPECIAL MUSIC | "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" - Daniel Barta

SCRIPTURE READING | Adam Packer

Micah 5:2-5 (pew Bible page 756)

ANTHEM | "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" — Mårten Jansson

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day; To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry, this blessed Babe was born, And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn; The which his mother Mary nothing did take in scorn. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came; And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; How that in Bethlehem was bon the Son of God by name. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

UNISON PRAYER | John Thomas

Restore us, O Lord, we pray, bring us back to that place where we once met, as shepherds to the stable after hearing angels sing. Bring us back to that place when our love was fresh, not embarrassed to express itself in praise to our heavenly King. Restore us, O Lord, we pray.

SCRIPTURE READING | Barbara Boyd

Luke 2:8-20 (pew Bible page 833)

CAROL | "The First Nowell" — The First Nowell

The first nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, nowell, nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light,

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and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

ANTHEM | "He is Born" — Harold C. and Carl B. Schmidt

He is born!

He is born, the divine Christ-child; play on the oboe and sound the bagpipes! He is born, the divine Christ-child; sing we all of his blessed birth! Now for more than four thousand years, He was promised to us by prophets, we've awaited this happy time! Oh, how handsome and charming too, for his graces are so perfect! Oh, how handsome and charming too, oh, how sweet this divine Christ-child! Sing we all of his blessed birth!

SCRIPTURE READING | Adam Packer

Isaiah 9:2-7 (pew Bible page 555)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader: In this holy season of Advent, we are reminded that long ago shepherds tending their flocks heard the choir of angels singing,

People: "Glory to God, peace on earth."

- Leader: May we, too, hear again in our homes, in our offices, in our fields and factories, the high song of angelic praise. Then let us in spirit come in haste and joy to the manger of Bethlehem to kneel and worship him.
 - All: Glory to God in the highest and peace to all! Amen.

ANTHEM | "Venite Adoremus" —Michael John Trotta

1.	Adeste Fidelis (O Come, All Ye Faithful)
	Venite adoremus, (O come, let us adore him,)
	Venite adoremus, (O come, let us adore him,)
	Venite adoremus, Dominum. (O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.)
	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.
	Venite adoremus, (O come, let us adore him,)
	Venite adoremus, (O come, let us adore him,)
	Venite adoremus, Dominum. (O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.)

2. Shepherd's Carol

With a twist of thin, blue smoke, Only their fire's crackling flames The tender silence broke – Save when a young lamb raised his head, Or, when the night wind blew, A nesting bird would softly stir, Where dusky olives grew. And all their gentle sleepy flock Looked up, then slept again, Nor knew the light that dimmed the stars Brought endless peace to men – Nor even heard the gracious words That down the ages ring – The Christ is born! The Lord has come.

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On YouTube, subscribe to Tab's YouTube page, tabindy.

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 under sermons. Check it out! With finger on her solemn lip, Night hushed the shadowy earth, And only stars and angels saw The little Saviour's birth; Then came such flash of silver light Across the bending skies, The wondering shepherds woke, and hid Their frightened, dazzled eyes!

- Margaret Deland

3. And there were in the same country

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field,
Keeping watch over their flock by night.
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them;
And they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them:
"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
"Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus."

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

4. O magnum mysteriam

(O greatest, most holy embodiment)

O magnum mysterium, (O greatest, most holy embodiment,) et admirabile sacramentum, (our affirmation, now come to live with us,) ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, (oh that these animals should see the newborn Lord,) iacentem in praesepio! (Now lying in a manger low!) Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt (Most Blessed Virgin whose vessel pure was worthy) Portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia! (to bear Emmanuel, God's son. Alleluia!)

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.

5. By the splendor in the heavens

By the splendor in the heavens, and the hush upon the sea, And the majesty of silence reigning over Galilee – We feel thy kingly presence, and we humbly bow the knee And lift our hearts and voices in gratefulness to thee. Thy messenger has spoken, and our doubts have fled and gone As the dark and spectral shadows of the night before the dawn.

- James Whitcomb Riley

Venite adoremus, (O come, let us adore him,) Venite adoremus, (O come, let us adore him,) Venite adoremus, Dominum. (O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.)

UNISON PRAYER | Barbara Boyd

Merciful God of Joy,

Your angels appeared to humble shepherds, tending their flocks at night. You often choose the lowly and ordinary to carry out your great plans, and with that comes great joy. After the angels delivered the message of Jesus' birth, the shepherds found the child in the manger and returned to their fields "singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen." Let us sing joyfully about your arrival. Let us wait with eager expectation for the one who will "bring good news to the poor." Let us rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is coming soon! Amen.

✿ CAROL | "What Child is This?" — Greensleeves

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

OLD TESTAMENT READING | John Thomas

Isaiah 40:1-11 (pew Bible page 581)

MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONSE | "A Christmas Carol" — Zebulon M. Highben

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, his hair was like a light. O weary, weary were the world, but here is all aright. The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast, his hair was like a star. O stern and cunning are the kings, but here the true hearts are. The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, his hair was like a fire. O weary, weary is the world, but here the world's desire. The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, his hair was like a crown. And all the flowers look up at him, and all the stars looked down. - Gilbert Keith Chesterton

CLOSING UNISON PRAYER | Rev. Terri Thorn

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was born not into a mansion of wealth, to the mighty and the proud, but in a stable, to plain and poor folk. Teach us as we celebrate again his birth, that the true riches of life abundant are found in humility of heart, in simplicity, and in faithful service to those whose needs we can meet, so that we may honor the coming of Christ in spirit and in truth. Amen.

RESPONSE | "Silent Night" — Paul Mealor

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright 'Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!" Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born!

CLOSING CAROL | "Angels, From the Realms of Glory — Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; You, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king! Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king! Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king! All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | "Fugue on 'll es né, Le Divin Enfant'" ("He is Born, the Divine Christ Child") — David Lasky

Please stand if able.



TO TAB'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Immediately following today's service, please join us in the Dining Room as we fellowship together with special holiday, home-baked goodies our members have graciously donated to help this special tradition a festive and joyful time together!



Christmas **Dedications** 2023

At Christmas, we honor

and remember

loved ones

with poinsettias.

Me invite you to join us in remembering...

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Harry "Trip" ADAMS | E. Chris Iverson III John & Nancy ALLEN | from Mary Allen Mary AMOS, mother | from Tom & Sandra Simpson Aunt PATTY | from John Reel Joseph & Katherine AKE | from Matt & Debbie Kauffman **Dave BLICKENSTAFF,** my cousin | from Sandy Cheney Ann BUSCH, my mother | from Leslie Russell **Don BUSCH,** my step-father | from Leslie Russell Joseph BUTLER | from Matt & Debbie Kauffman John & Virginia CABLE | from Frank & Linda Cooper Ross & Orra CABLE | from Frank & Linda Cooper **Cutler & Mary CANADA**, Judy's parents | from John & Judy Fraps John CANADA, Judy's brother | from John & Judy Fraps **Rich and Bob CHENEY,** my brothers | from Sandy Cheney Frank & Elizabeth COOPER | from Frank & Linda Cooper Vadda COOPER | from Frank & Linda Cooper Dan & Jean CRICHLOW, Anne's parents | from Eric & Anne King Mitch Sr. & Dottie DANIELS | from Mitch Daniels, Jr., Deborah Daniels and families Joshua DEEM | from Matt & Debbie Kauffman Bill & Maggie DONNELLA, our Indy 500 friends | from Judy Greeson Ian Michael DOUGHERTY, our son | from Jon & Mary Dougherty John EMISON, my father | from Lucy Emison Shelby EVANS | from The Evans & Flanagan families FAMILY and FRIENDS | from Louise Willson Karen O'BRIEN-FANNING | from E. Chris Iverson III and Judith H. McAtee **B.** Pauline FLICK | from Gordon D. Flick Vern W. FLICK | from Gordon D. Flick **Tony & Edna FRAPS,** *John's parents* | from *John & Judy Fraps* Larry HADDAD | from E. Chris Iverson III Peyton R. HATCHER, Peyton's father | from Andrew & Peyton Hart **Opal HEITMAN**, Don's mother | from Don & Sara Heitman Earl & Hilda HILLIGOSS, Sara's parents | from Don & Sara Heitman Fred & Bertha HOHLT | given by Fritz & Janet Hohlt Harold HOOPINGARNER | from Marion Hoopingarner Dick HUBERTY, my father | from Leslie Russell **Benjamin & Beverly HUGHES** | from Ben Hughes and family **Carl & Florence HULEN |** from John & Cindy Hulen and family E. L. HUMSTON, my father | from Janet Humston Emil C. IVERSON JR. | from E. Chris Iverson III Suzanne Reel IVERSON | from E. Chris Iverson III Paul KAUFFMAN | from Nina Kauffman Paul KAUFFMAN | from Matt & Debbie Kauffman Mac & Jo KING, Eric's parents | from Eric & Anne King Mac & Jo KING, David's parents | from David & Maryann King

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF (continued):

John & Carole KRIDER, *Jill's parents* | *from the O'Banyel family* Joe & Evelyn KUKOLLA, Joe's parents | from Joe & Julie Kukolla Dr. Raleigh & Betty LINGEMAN | from Jim, Rita, Jennifer and Leona Lingeman **Orien & Wanda McCABE** | from Linda McCabe William A. MOORE | from E. Chris Iverson III **Robert C. MORRIS,** my husband | from Nancy Morris **Rika NYEBOER** | from Jim Rita, Jennifer and Leona Lingeman **Ted & Eileen O'BANYEL**, Mike's parents | from the O'Banyel family Ron & Sandy OSBURN, Julie's parents | from Joe & Julie Kukolla **OUR LOVED ONES** | from Bill & Sharon Marshall **OUR LOVED ONES** | from the Weyreter family **OUR PARENTS** | from Bill & Nancy Gordon **OUR PARENTS** | from Jim & Karlee Moore **OUR PARENTS** | from Veigh & Barbara Summers **OUR PARENTS & LOVED ONES |** from Linda & Andy Costlow **OUR PARENTS & SIBLINGS** | from Lee & Doris Shafer **David QUEISSER** | from Carolyn Queisser Leonard R. REEL SR. | from Frank & Linda Cooper William REEL, Uncle Bill, aka. "Sweet Willie" | from E. Chris Iverson III and Judith H. McAtee Patty REEL | from Joe & Julie Kukolla Amos & Jeanette RIPPY | given by Fritz & Janet Hohlt Mr. & Mrs. E.T. SHANEBERGER | from John & Cindy Hulen and family Tony SIMPSON, brother | from Tom & Sandra Simpson Rudy STANOVICH | from E. Chris Iverson III **Louis STEMNOCK** | from Ben & Lisa Hughes **Don WHITE** | from Susan White and family

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

ALEX, ANNE, BRAD, KATIE, MICAH, NOAH, OLIVER | from Larry & Sandy Simonel Emilia Suzanne FLICK, granddaughter | from E. Chris Iverson III and Judith H. McAtee JESUS | from Anonymous OUR SONS and THEIR FAMILIES | from Mike & Jill O'Banyel TAB STAFF | from Fred & Barb Sullivan Tab's OPEN DOOR CAFÉ MINISTRY | from John & Cindy Hulen and family THE TAB REC STAFF: Steve SUMMERVILLE, Nigel FOREMAN | from Ben Hughes TAB REC VOLUNTEERS | from Ben Hughes

Your life is a blessing, your memory a treasure.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

This morning's worship service is being recorded for our annual **"Christmas With Tab"** telecast. The program will air December 23 at 10p and Christmas Day at 3p on your local WHMB 40.1. (*Check your cable or satellite guide for your specific channel number.*) Thank you to all of our sponsors who help make this outreach possible!

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 10 and 17.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Libby Pike (elizabethmpike@icloud.com) or Wendy Wilkerson (lobsterlady2@gmail.com).

2024 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2024, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your pledged gifts of support assist the Session in planning for the coming year. We thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Tab. If you have indicated that you would like pledge envelopes for 2024, they are available in McKee Hallway for pickup.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on **SUN**, **DEC 17**, or you may give online at **tabpres.org/giving**. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Special envelopes will be available that Sunday morning for your convenience. Please give generously.

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WED, DEC 20, 11a, Dining Room. You are all invited to the annual Christmas Lunch with Open Door Café volunteers and Tab's neighbors. Hang out, listen to some jazzy Christmas music and get into the festive spirit while having a delicious lunch made by Chef André. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you and our neighbors!

INTERIM TRANSITION TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Interim Transition Team is rejoicing that Session unanimously approved and the Committee on Ministry of Whitewater Valley Presbytery resoundingly endorsed the **Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz** as Tab's Interim Senior Pastor. Dr. Smutz received his Master's in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and his Doctorate in Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary, and was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) in 1987. Originally from St. Louis, he has vast experience as a Pastor, Head of Staff, and Synod Representative in the Midwest, including Wabash Valley Presbytery here in Indiana, and is trained in Interim and Transitional Ministry. Dr. Smutz is married to Gina, and has three sons and six grandchildren. We anticipate his arrival the week of January 15—more information will follow about this transition after the holidays. The Team is grateful for the prayerful support and interest in this process, and asks for your continued prayers as we welcome Dr. Smutz.

> If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session, at bscpmarsh@yahoo.com or 317-331-8148.

2023 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

SUN, DEC 31, is the final day that Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2023 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2023 giving even if received in 2024. Online giving must have a December 31 processing date for credit in 2023. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green at ext. 111 in the Finance Office, well in advance of year end.

PRETEEN LUNCH & A MOVIE

MON, JAN 15, 11:30a. 5th & 6th graders are invited to the annual MLK Day "Lunch & A Movie" outing. We'll have lunch at Culvers and then see a movie at either the Glendale Landmark theater or AMC Castleton theater.

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.

2024 MEETING & EVENT REQUESTS

There's always something happening at Tab—and it is that time of year that, for planning and promotion purposes, we take a look ahead at the coming year. In order to make sure we have a clear picture of all events and meetings — we respectfully request that you email your ministry events and meeting schedules to **frontdesk@tabpres.org** (please include your event name, date, time, contact person/info, and room request).

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SUN, DEC 17

- 8a | Communion Service in McKee Chapel
- 9a | SG&D's "First Silent Night" in the Parlor
- 10a | Worship in the Sanctuary

FRI, DEC 22

12 NOON | Church Office Closed

SUN, DEC 24-CHRISTMAS EVE

- **10a** | Worship in the Sanctuary (No Education Hour; early childcare is available in the Preschool RM)
- 5p | Family Christmas Eve Service (Nursery is available for children two and younger)
- 8p | Candlelight Christmas Service (No childcare available)

MON, DEC 25-CHRISTMAS DAY

Church Office Closed

FRI, DEC 29

12 NOON | Church Office Closed

SUN, DEC 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

10a | Worship in the Sanctuary (No Education Hour; early childcare is available in the Preschool Room)

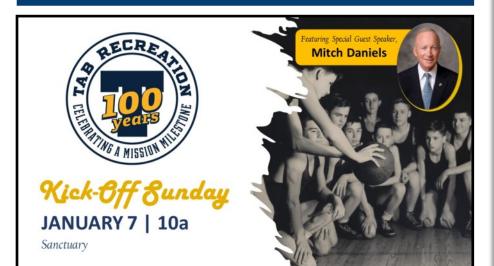
MON, JAN 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Church Office Closed

TUE, JAN 2

Regular Office Hours Resume

Thanks for joining us today!



This week at Tab

for the week of December 10-17 Tab's Online Calendar: tabpres.org/calendar/

SUN, DECEMBER 10

SG&D's Advent Series | 9a, Parlor Children's Education | 9a, LLB Youth Education | 9a, Youth RM CHRISTMAS WITH TAB | 10a, Sanctuary Junior Church | 10a, LLB CHRISTMAS TEA & COOKIES | 11a, Dining RM IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR PreTeen Christmas Party | 11:30a, Offsite

MON, DECEMBER 11

Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM Facilities Committee MTG | 5:30p, Session RM Cub Scout Pack 72 | 6:30p, DR, G, LLA, LLB Scout Troop 72/721 | 6:45p, Youth RM

TUE, DECEMBER 12

Women Alive | 10a, Parlor Budget & Finance Committee MTG | 5p, Online Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel Bible Study Fellowship | 6:30p, Dining RM, Gallery Children's Ministries Committee MTG | 7p, LLB

WED, DECEMBER 13

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

THU, DECEMBER 14

Tab Tutoring CHRISTMAS SING | 4p, SanctuaryHandbell Choir Rehearsal | 5:45p, SanctuaryGetting Ahead | 6p, McWRCCircles | 6p, Dining RM, LLBSanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7p, Parlor

FRI, DECEMBER 15

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

SAT, DECEMBER 16

Men's Bible Study | 9a, Parlor

SUN, DECEMBER 17

Communion Service | 8a, McKee Chapel Coffee & Fellowship | 8:45a, McKee Hallway SG&D's Advent Series | 9a, Parlor Children's Education | 9a, LLB Youth Education | 9a, Youth RM Junior Church | 10a, LLB Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Parlor IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR Scout PLC Planning MTG | 1p, Youth RM