



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 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."

NO CLASS | December 24, 31

GOD'S FOUNDATIONAL CHARACTER | January 7, 14, 21, 28

The book of Exodus describes the foundational attributes of God in the following words: *Compassion, Grace, Slow to Anger, Loyal Love, and Faithful*. Join us as we explore these words as used throughout the Bible's story of God's gift of redemption.

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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"Star In The East"

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(based on Matthew 2:9-10)

8 o'clock Worship

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WELCOME

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*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

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People: And our spirits rejoice in you.

Pastor: We will praise you as long as we live.

People: We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

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Pastor: The one who gives food to the hungry,

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**All: In the light of these candles, in hope, peace, and joy, we come,
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✝ HYMN #109 | “Blest Be the God of Israel” —*Merle’s Tune*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Keva Rop, Elder

God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God’s salvation is at hand. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, long ago, you sent Christ to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives. You then asked us to go and do the same for we are the church of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, for we have not continued to share the good news. We have focused on ourselves and neglected to help others. Help us to continue to share the healing and loving words of Christ to the entire world and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This and all things we ask in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn
Associate Pastor

Keva Rop
8a Liturgist

Carter Booker
10a Liturgist

Hayden Glasgow
Matt Kauffman
Organists

The Sanctuary Choir

The Tabernacle
Handbell Choir

Dorothy Benz-Buchanan
Soloist

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God. Hear and believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✚ **RESPONSE #581 | “Gloria Patri” —Gretorex**

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**

*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Isaiah 61:1-4, 11 (pew Bible page 603)

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MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

“Participating in Peace”

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

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 #121 | “O Little Town of Bethlehem” —St. Louis**

✚ **BENEDICTION**

✚ **POSTLUDE | “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” —Ralph Vaughn Williams**

MESSAGE NOTES

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SUBSCRIBE TO EMAILS

The easiest and most effective way to receive news about our church and church family is to subscribe to our emails.

We send out a digest every Friday, 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.”

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✚ AN ADVENT CREED —*Lisa Frenz*

*We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we do not see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!*

*We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light,
true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh,
our Messiah: Savior of all creation!*

*We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide; Mentor of all creation!*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

HANDBELL ANTHEM | “O Little Town of Bethlehem” —*St. Louis*

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ANTHEM | “And the Glory” (from “Messiah”) —*G.F. Handel*

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

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*Come, thou, come thou, dear redeemer,
Come Lord Jesus to set us free,
From our fears and sins release us.
Let us find our rest in thee.
Hope of all the earth thou art.
Joy of every longing heart.*

*Come thou, come thou, dear redeemer,
Born a child, yet thou art a king.
Born to reign in us forever.
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
Rule in all our hearts alone.
Raise us to thy glorious throne.
Amen.*

✚ HYMN #110 | “Love Has Come” —*Bring a Torch*

✚ BENEDICTION

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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!

Text TABPRES to 73256.

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 & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Today is our annual Christmas Joy Offering. To give you may go to tabpres.org/giving, or you can use the special envelope found in your bulletin today. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. This offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Please give generously.

GRACIOUS GIFTS

Please consider stopping by the Gracious Gifts table in McKee Hallway to give a Christmas gift to friends and loved ones. Today is the last day to do so. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Libby Pike \(elizabethmpike@icloud.com\)](mailto:libbypike@icloud.com) or [Wendy Wilkerson \(lobsterlady2@gmail.com\)](mailto:wendywilkerson@gmail.com).

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

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!

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.

TAB RECREATION 100th ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF SUNDAY & CELEBRATION

Tab will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its flagship and oldest outreach program, **Tab Recreation**, during all of 2024. The first event on the schedule is **Kickoff Sunday on January 7**, with **Mitch Daniels** bringing the worship message at the 10a service that day.

In addition to all of his many professional achievements, Mitch is a Tab member, an 8a worshipper, and an alum of Tab Recreation. We are honored to have such a special guest speaker to kick off the year of awareness and events. Join us immediately following the service in the Gym for a reception.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for this special date!

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.

CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

"Christmas With Tab," featuring the Sanctuary Choir, airs 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!

2024 MEETING & EVENT REQUESTS

There is 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).

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.

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.



Christmas AT TAB

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

This week at Tab

for the week of December 17-25

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

SUN, DECEMBER 17

- Communion Service | 8a, McKee Chapel
- Coffee & Fellowship | 8:45a, McKee Hallway
- SG&D's The First Silent Night | 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

MON, DECEMBER 18

- Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
- Cub Scout 72 Holiday Party | 6:30p, DR, G, LLA, LLB
- Scout Trp. 72/721 Holiday Party | 6:45p, Youth RM

TUE, DECEMBER 19

- Women Alive | 10a, Parlor
- Recreation 100th CMTE MTG | 10a, McWRC
- Tab Officer Combined MTG | 6p, Dining RM
- Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel
- Deacons' MTG | 7p, Dining RM
- Session MTG | 7p, Parlor

WED, DECEMBER 20

- Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor
- Open Door Café Christmas Lunch | 11a, Dining RM
- Moms of Tab | 6:30p, Youth RM; Childcare in 2s RM

THU, DECEMBER 21

- Christmas Eve Brass Rehearsal | 11:30a, Sanctuary
- Circles | 6p, Dining RM, LLB
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7p, Parlor

FRI, DECEMBER 22

- Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES | 12 NOON
- Circle of Hope | 3:30p, Parlor

SAT, DECEMBER 23

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

SUN, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

- Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Parlor
- Christmas Eve Family Service | 5p, Sanctuary
- Christmas Eve Traditional Service | 8p, Sanctuary

MON, DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | All Day

Merry Christmas

Thanks for joining us today!



Kick-Off Sunday

JANUARY 7 | 10a

Sanctuary

Featuring Special Guest Speaker,
Mitch Daniels

