



TAB



Moyers 2018

# 5 o'clock Worship

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

## PRELUDE

“Sinfonia” (from “Christmas Cantata”) —J. S. Bach

“Silent Night” —Samuel Barber

“Variations on ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’” —Janet Linker

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.

## ✝ CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Terri Thorn

Leader: He came as a baby in a manger.

**People: O come, let us adore Him.**

Leader: He came in a lowly stable.

**People: O come, let us adore Him.**

Leader: Shepherds brought their worship.

**People: O come, let us adore Him.**

Leader: Angels sang His praise.

**People: O come, let us adore Him.**

Leader: Wisemen brought their gifts.

**People: O come, let us adore Him.**

Leader: So, what shall we do this night?

**ALL: We shall come and adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

## ✝ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## ✝ CAROLS

### **“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!

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

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

### **“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!

## GATHERING PRAYER | Jack Booker

*God of surprising Love and Hope, we come this evening to the manger, gazing lovingly on the Child born to bring hope to the world. Open our hearts tonight as we hear the story anew. Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ that we may truly feel the power of your love and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.*

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY VIDEO** — Luke 2 | Liam Barnett,  
Mateo Urfalian, Cefie Lynn, Dromo Darku, Tommy Summers,  
Jake Boits, Sekyi Asare, Vivian Prible, Frantz Lynn, Morgan Barnett,  
Emily Troxel

**SPECIAL MUSIC** | Elementary-Aged Children  
“Mary’s Boy Child” —Jester Hairston

**SCRIPTURE READING** — John 1:1-4; 8-12 | Jack Booker

Listen to these words from the Gospel of John.

Here is good news:

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.*

*All things came into being through the Word . . .*

*What has come into being . . . was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.*

*The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not understand it  
or overcome it.*

The living Christ declares:

*I am the light of the world.*

*Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.*

## PRESCHOOL CHOIR (please remain seated) | Preschool Children

“Away in a Manger” —Mueller

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

—Everyone, Please Join in Singing—

***The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.***

***Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay,  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.***

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

### On the Night You Were Born

*“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.”*

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### SENDING OF CHRIST’S LIGHT TO THE WORLD

*[During the singing of “Silent Night” the ushers will receive the light of the Christ Candle from the pastor and pass it to those sitting nearest the center aisle. **Please tip the unlit candle to the lit candle** as the light is passed down your row. Please assist your children as they participate in this very special tradition of Tabernacle Church.]*

✝ CAROL | “Silent Night” —*Stille Nacht*

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 Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.*

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love’s pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
“Alleluia” to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born;  
Christ the Savior is born.*

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ CAROL | “Joy to the World” —*Antioch*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart, prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven,  
And heaven and nature sing.

*Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;  
let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,*

*and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat,  
repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessing flow  
far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found far as,  
far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.*

✝ **POSTLUDE** | “Festive Fanfare on ‘Angels We Have Heard on High’” —*David Lasky*

✝ *Please stand if able.*

## **Tonight's Worship Participants**

**Rev. Terri Thorn**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Jack Booker**  
*Liturgist*

**Matt Kauffman  
Hayden Glasgow**  
*Organists*



## Thank you for joining us tonight!

### CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

*“Christmas With Tab,”* featuring the Sanctuary Choir, airs again on Christmas Day at 3p on your local WHMB 40.1. (Check your cable or satellite guide for your specific channel number.)

### 2023 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

**SUN, DEC 31**, is the final day to 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 DEC 31 will be credited as 2023 giving even if received in 2024. Online giving must have a DEC 31 processing date for credit in 2023.

### SUN, DEC 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

**8p | Candlelight Christmas Service**  
(No childcare available)

### SUN, DEC 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

### WAYS TO GIVE AT TAB

God provides for the ministry of Tab through your generosity. We honor your gifts with faithful stewardship, ethical business practices, and full accountability so that the financial integrity of our mission remains above reproach. Your gift(s) to support this ministry financially enables us to reach the local community and the world for Jesus!

#### There are a few ways to give...

● Join us on a Sunday morning and place your gift in the offering boxes available in both the 34th Street Narthex and Bell Tower Entrance to the Sanctuary.

● Mail in your gift to the church at 418 E. 34th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205 (ATTN: Finance Director).

● Text TABPRES to 73256.

● Scan the QR Code. —>

