

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 31, 2023 | First Sunday of Christmas

# 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 | "Grand Fantasia on 'Joy to the World'" - Marc F. Cheban

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 | "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" - In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christian friends rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; Ox, and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Carter Booker

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

| People: | For his steadfast love endures forever.   |
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| Leader: | O give thanks to the God of gods,         |
| People: | For his steadfast love endures forever.   |
| Leader: | O give thanks to the Lord of lords,       |
| People: | For his steadfast love endures forever.   |
| ALL:    | Let us give thanks and praise to our God! |
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♥ OPENING CAROL #136 | "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" — Go Tell It

### CALL TO CONFESSION | Drew Childs

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Hear and believe this good news.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Today's Worship Participants

> **Carter Booker** Guest Speaker

> > Drew Childs Liturgist

Matt Kauffman Organist

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Carter Booker

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CAROL #123 | "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" — Carol

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Psalm 16:5-11 (pew Bible page 430)

SERMON | Carter Booker

He Created Them For Our Good, Not For Our Ruin

### **MOMENT OF PRAYER & SILENT REFLECTION**

- CAROL #146 | "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" Tempest Adest Floridum
- BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE | "Joy to the World" Folgert Zwaving

### 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!

•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 below.



### 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. If you or someone you know is in need, please reach out to 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.

Please stand if able.

### GET IN TOUCH, STAY IN TOUCH

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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."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.

### TAB RECREATION 100th ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF SUNDAY & CELEBRATION

Tab celebrates 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. 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.

### NEW CIRCLE, PHILLIPS TEMPLE, AND TAB INVITE YOU TO ....

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR CELEBRATION

**JANUARY 15** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WORSHIP | LUNCH | FELLOWSHIP

HOSTED BY PHILLIPS TEMPLE | 210 E 34TH ST.



#### TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# This week at Tab

for the week of December 31-January 7 Tab's Online Calendar: tabpres.org/calendar/

### SUN, DECEMBER 31

Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary



MON, JANUARY 1-NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICES CLOSED

### **TUE, JANUARY 2**

Church Office Hours Resume | 8:30a Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel Spiritual Growth & Development MTG | 7p, Parlor

### WED, JANUARY 3

Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor Open Door Café Christmas Lunch | 11a, Dining RM Missions' CMTE MTG | 5:30p, Parlor

### THU, JANUARY 4

**Getting Ahead** | 6p, McWRC **Circles** | 6p, Dining RM, LLB **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** | 7p, Parlor

### FRI, JANUARY 5

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

### SAT, JANUARY 6

Men's Bible Study | 9a, Parlor

### SUN, JANUARY 7

God's Foundational Character | 9a, Parlor Children's Mission's Unit | 9-11a, LLB Youth Education | 9a, Youth RM Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR Tab Rec 100th Celebration Reception | 11a, Gym