



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 7, 2024 | Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord

Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

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.

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

2024 Discipleship Opportunities

Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAYS 9a-10a PARLOR

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 | TUESDAY 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.

Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAY 9:30a-10:30a PARLOR

Join us as our pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the up-coming Sunday worship service.

Mom's of Tab | THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH 6:30p-7:30p YOUTH ROOM

Men's Bible Study | SATURDAY 8a-9a PARLOR

The Men of Tab will begin a study of I Corinthians beginning January 13. Questions? Contact dlconrads@yahoo.com for more information about this wonderful time of study and fellowship.

Cover Art:

The Three Kings

by Andrew Walaszek

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

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" *arr. Jan Bender*

The prelude 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"As with Gladness Men of Old" *Dix*

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Terri Thorn

Leader: Arise! Shine!

People: God's light has come to reveal the way in this New Year.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

People: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

People: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

Unison: Arise! Shine! For the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Let us pray,

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation.

Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

Light of God, glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

Unison: Let us worship our God together. Amen!

Today's Worship Participants

Mitch Daniels, Guest Speaker

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Matt Kauffman, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

+ HYMN #151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" *Kings of Orient*

CONFESSION & PARDON | Rev. Terri Thorn

Call to Confession

We do not offer our best to you, O Lord, and we sometimes live as if you do not even exist in our world or in our lives. God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to

† Please stand if able.

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."

Prayer Requests

Do you have a special prayer request that you would like the pastors or Tab's Prayer Team to lift up during their time together?

You can email your requests to: prayer@tabpres.org. We hope that this will be a way for our Tab family to make sure their requests and concerns are known and prayed for during this time.

Are you a Pray-ER? Every Tuesday evening from 6:30p–7:15p we have a faithful gathering of prayer partners meeting in McKee Chapel to pray. If you are a Pray-ER—we would love to have you join us in this ministry.

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 and 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 contact 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 with Terri Thorn.

reveal your love for all people. Captivate us with your glory and unending love as we confess our sins to you and let not our selfish pride hide the brightness of your light. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Together, and in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the name of your Son, the babe born in Bethlehem, our Lord Jesus.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is good! God is faithful! God is merciful! God comes to us, in vulnerability, again and again, to show us how much we are loved. We are forgiven; we are freed, we are beloved, we are blessed. Thanks be to God!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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)

Leader: Let us join together proclaiming our common faith.

**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 SERMON | Jennifer Wirt

† HYMN #152

"What Star Is This with Beams So Bright" *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

ANTHEM

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *Michael Praetorius*

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.*

*This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
And lightens every load.*

Announcements

Week of January 7 – January 13, 2024

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

The four roses on the Communion Table are in celebration of four new babies at Tab!

Congratulations to the Perry family on the birth of Reagan Harper Perry, born on December 5. Parents are Brian & Katie Perry, and the grandparents are David & Cathleen Perry.

Margaret Catherine Luzader, daughter of Phillip and Mary Luzader, was born Christmas morning. Margaret is also the granddaughter of Thomas and Jennifer Wirt and Kevin and Paula Luzader.

We give thanks for the birth of Blake Burlison on December 27 in Austin, Texas. Blake is the child of Steve & Julia Morton Burlison and the grandbaby of Jeanne and Blake Morton.

We also celebrate the birth of Makayla Michelle Buchanan, born on January 1, to Jennifer Buchanan Schwanke. Makayla is the granddaughter of Beth Buchanan and Michael Schwanke. Congratulations!

Best wishes to these four Tab families!

INTERIM TRANSITION TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Interim Transition Team is rejoicing that Session unanimously approved and the Committee on Ministry of White-water Valley Presbytery resoundingly endorsed the 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. His first day at Tab will be Tuesday, January 16, and will be in Tab's pulpit at both the 8a and 10a services on Sunday, January 21. 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 bscp-marsh@yahoo.com or 317-331-8148.

A reception will be held immediately following the 10a service in the Dining Room to welcome Dr. Smutz to Tab!

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 begins this morning with Mitch Daniels bringing the worship message at the 10a service. 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 celebrating 100 years of ministry to our community!

PRETEEN LUNCH & A MOVIE

Mon, Jan 15, 11:30a. 5th & 6th graders are invited to the annual MLK Day "Lunch & A Movie" outing. We will have lunch at Culvers and then see a movie at either the Glendale Landmark theater or AMC Castleton theater. Please let Mrs. Wirt know that you will be attending by emailing her at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

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).

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Children's Ministries will be hosting a Parents Night Out on Friday, January 19, from 6p-8:30p in Lower Level B for Tab infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary students. We will have games, make a snack, do a craft, and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!). We will be offering a separate childcare room for children age 4 and younger. There is no fee and registration is not required, but please feed your child dinner before you arrive. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

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 this year. We thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Tab.

Calendar

Week of January 7 – January 13, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, January 7

8:45a	Coffee and Fellowship	McKee Hallway
9a	Youth Education	Youth Room
9a	Spiritual Growth & Development	Parlor
9a	Children's Ministries	Lower Level B
10a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11a	Tab's 100th Anniversary Reception	Gym
11a	IMPACT Youth Group	Youth Room

Monday, January 8

11a	Open Door Café	Dining Room
5:30p	Facilities Committee	Session Room
6:30p	Cub Scout Pack 72	Dining Room
6:45p	Boy Scout Troop 72	Youth Room

Tuesday, January 9

8a	Tab Recreation Meeting	Tabitha Room
9a	Tab Staff Meeting	Session Room
10a	Women Alive	Parlor
5p	Budget and Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting
6:30p	Prayer Meeting	McKee Chapel
7p	Children's Ministries Committee	Lower Level B
7:15p	Worship, Music & Arts Committee	Session Room

Wednesday, January 10

9:30a	Pastor's Bible Study	Parlor
11a	Open Door Café	Dining Room
5:30p	Missions Committee Meeting	Parlor

Thursday, January 11

3:45p	Tab Tutoring	General Building
6p	Handbell Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6p	Circles	Dining Room
7p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Parlor

Friday, January 12

11a	Open Door Café	Dining Room
3:30p	Circle of Hope	Parlor

Saturday, January 13

8a	Men's Bible Study	Parlor
10a	Purls of Wisdom	Session Room

Please visit the on-line calendar at tabpres.org for a complete listing of all activities.

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.

ON THE THEME OF

Dr. King's Six Principles of Non-Violence

SPEAKERS

Peris Lester, Terri Thorn, and Barry Rager

Participants will include members from all three
sponsoring congregations.