

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

2024 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

Join us in the Parlor next Sunday morning after the Congregational Meeting for fellowship and prayer celebrating Christmas. Jeanne Morton will host this informal time of sharing, giving thanks, and praising God. Bring your coffee, tea, or treat—everyone is invited!

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

A pastor-led Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

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

Join the Men's Ministry at Tab on Saturday mornings for a study of the book of Hebrews, continuing through February 2025. Questions? Please contact Doug Conrads at 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.

Cover Art:

Approaching Bethlehem
by Mike Moyars

10 o'clock Worship

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

† Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

“Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme” *J. S. Bach*

“Interlude” (from “Ceremony of Carols”) *Benjamin Britten*

“Noël X” *Louis Claude Daquin*

“The Sleep of the Infant Jesu” *Paul Henri Busser*

WELCOME

CHORAL PRELUDE

“Procession” (from “Ceremony of Carols”) *Benjamin Britten*

*Hodie Christus natus est;
Hodie salvator apparuit;
Hodie in terra canunt angeli
laetantur archangeli;
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia!*

Today Christ is born;
Today the savior has appeared;
Today the angels sing,
and the archangels rejoice,
Today the righteous rejoice, saying,
Glory to God in the highest!
Alleluia!

† RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A child is born,

People: A child to save us.

Leader: We share the news with great joy!

People: A child is born,

Leader: A child to challenge us.

People: We share the news with great joy!

Leader: A child is born,

People: A child to transform us,

Leader: A child for the world.

All: We share the news with great joy!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Wolcum Yole” (from “Ceremony of Carols”) *Benjamin Britten*

*Wolcum be thou hevené king
Wolcum Yole!*

*Wolcum, born in one morning,
Wolcum for whom we sall sing!*

*Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon,
Wolcum, Innocentes every one,
Wolcum, Thomas marter one,
Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere,
Wolcum Yole,
Wolcum!*

*Candelmesse, Quene of bliss,
Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.*

*Wolcum be ye that are here,
Wolcum Yole!*

*Wolcum alle and make good cheer.
Wolcum alle another yere,
Wolcum Yole.
Wolcum!*

Welcome to you, our heavenly king
Welcome to you!

Welcome you who as born one morning,
Welcome, for you we shall sing!

Welcome to you, Steven and John
Welcome all innocent children.
Welcome, Thomas the martyred one.
Welcome saints left and dear
Welcome Yule!
Welcome!

Candle Mass, Queen of bliss
Welcome both to more and less.

Welcome you that are here,
Welcome Yule!

Welcome all and make good cheer.
Welcome all another year,
Welcome Yule!
Welcome!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1–5 | Pew Bible Page 862

† OPENING CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” *arr. James Biery*

***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!***

***True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Very God, begotten, not created!***

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

***Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!***

***Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***

***Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;***

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

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

† UNISON INVOCATION

When the world was dark, and the city was quiet, you came. You crept in beside us, and no one knew - only the few who dared to believe that you might do something different. Will you do the same this Christmas, Lord? Will you come into the darkness of today's world, the fearful darkness, in which we have stopped believing that war will end, that food will come, that government will be for all, that the Church cares? Will you come into the darkness, and do something different, not to distract, but to embrace us, your people? Will you come into our lives, if we open them to you, and do something different? We know that you have, and believe that you will again, and we are so grateful. When the world was dark, you came. You crept in beside us, and we can never be the same! Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2–5a | Pew Bible Page 756

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Gloria” *Antonio Vivaldi*

- I. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
Glory be to God on high.
- II. *Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis.*
And on earth peace to men of good will.
- III. *Laudamus te, benedicimus te.*
We praise thee, we bless thee.
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
We adore thee, we glorify thee.
- IV. *Gratias agimus tibi.*
We give thanks to thee.
- V. *Propter magnam gloriam.*
For thy great glory.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1–11 | Pew Bible Page 581

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Gloria” *Antonio Vivaldi*

- VI. *Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,*
O Lord, heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
God the Father almighty.
- VII. *Domine Fili Unigenite Jesu Christe.*
O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
- VIII. *Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris*
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
- IX. *Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram.*
Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
- X. *Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris miserere nobis*
Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2–7 | Pew Bible Page 555

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gloria" Antonio Vivaldi

- XI. *Quoniam tu solus sanctus*
For thou only art holy,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Thou only art most high, O Jesus Christ.
- XII. *Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A CHRISTMAS READING

"I Am There" Karl Rahner

ANTHEM

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" arr. Jantz A. Black

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow.
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!*

Sing, sing, angels sing, sing, sing!

*For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

UNISON PRAYER

Incarinate Jesus, in-the-flesh Jesus, be born in us this Christmas! May our wills be as Mary's, saying 'yes' to your ways; our minds as Joseph's, open to your unfolding revelation. May our voices be as the angels', joyfully proclaiming Good News, quietly bent in adoration. May our feet be as the shepherds', running eagerly to find you; our hands as the wise one's, offering up all that we have. May our hearts be as the manger, poor yet containing heaven's greatest treasure; our lives as the stable, hallowed and expanded by your presence. In-the-flesh Jesus, be born again in us this Christmas! 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!***

MESSAGE

Darkness Illuminated, Chaos Ordered

† RESPONSE

“The First Noel” *arr. Michael John Trotta*

(Ladies)

*The first Noel 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.*

(All)

***Noel, noel, noel, noel,
Born is the King of Israel.***

(Men)

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.*

(All)

***Noel, noel, noel, noel,
Born is the King of Israel.***

(All)

***This star drew nigh to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, noel, noel, noel,
Born is the King of Israel.***

(All)

***Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord.
That hath made heav’n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, noel, noel, noel,
Born is the King of Israel.***

(Choir)

Noel, noel!

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head” *arr. Mack Wilberg*

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.*

*All the little ones on earth
Sleep in comfort at their birth.*

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.*

*Have you heard about our Jesus?
Have you heard about his fate?
How his mother went to the stable
On that Christmas Eve so late?*

*Winds were blowing,
Cows were lowing,
Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.*

*All the little ones on earth
Sleep in comfort at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed..*

UNISON PRAYER

***As the Holy Child comes to birth, hurry us down to Bethlehem for rejoicing!
As the Holy Child breaks into the world, hurry us down to Bethlehem for
celebration! As the Holy Child awakes to the needs of the world, hurry us to
his side for transformation! Abundant God, flesh of our flesh, food of our hope,
water of life, we rejoice in your arrival; fulfill our longing for your love. Amen!***

† CLOSING CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High” *arr. John A. Behnke*

(All)

***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.

(Choir)

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?
Christ is born! Gloria!*

Christ is born in Bethleheem!

In excelsis Deo!

Christ is born! Gloria!

Christ is born in Bethlehem!

In excelsis Deo!

(All)

***Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.***

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

(Choir)

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!.

† **RESPONSE** *(please join in singing)*

“Dona Nobis Pacem” *Traditional*



† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor

Barbara Boyd, Liturgist

Matt Kauffman, Minister of Music

Violin I

*Alfred Abel
Ginny Womack*

Violin II

*Pam Close
Shoshana Kay*

Viola

*Colette Abel
Suzane Um*

Cello

*Eric Edberg
Polina Umansky*

Bass

Emmet Hanick

Flute

Ann Mozina

Oboe

Leonid Sirotkin

Clarinet

*Candice Kiser
Campbell MacDonald*

Bassoon

Kelly Swensson

Trumpets

*Abby Ellinger
Mark Middleton
Jackie Nason*

French Horn

Katy Briel

Trombone

Josh Reynolds

Tuba

Josh Davis

Harp

Wendy Muston

Organ & Piano

Joshua Ridenour

Percussion

*Steve Dawson
Hunter Wheatcraft*

Timpani

Jason Spangler

Soloists

*Dorothy Benz-Buchanan
Emma Richards
Gwen Sell
Cora Winstead*

Ladies' Ensemble

*Anna DeLuna
Hannah Feinman
Izzy Green
Eliza Howe
Mollie Painter
Lizzy Talla*


*Call to Worship adapted from Hay & Stardust, Ruth Burgess, Editor;
Christmas Prayers adapted from Cloth for the Cradle by the Wild Goose Worship Group;
Affirmation of Faith adapted from A Star-Filled Grace by Rachel Mann*

Christmas Poinsettias

We thank you for your gift to our beautiful Sanctuary.

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Harry "Trip" ADAMS | *from E. Chris Iverson III*
Thomas & Mary AMOS | *from Tom & Sandra Simpson*
Jo AMSTUTZ | *from David & Karen Amstutz*
Joe & Katherine AKE, Debbie's parents |
from Matt & Debbie Kauffman
June BROWN, my mother | *from Debby Wessel*
Ann BUSCH, my mother | *from Leslie Russell*
Don BUSCH, my step-father | *from Leslie Russell*
Joe BUTLER, our nephew | *from Matt & Debbie Kauffman*
John & Virginia CABLE | *from Frank & Linda Cooper*
Ross & Orra CABLE | *from Frank & Linda Cooper*
Norma CALVELO | *from Marion Hoopingartner*
Conley & Mary CANADA, Judy's parents |
from John & Judy Fraps
John & Joe CANADA, Judy's brother and nephew |
from John & Judy Fraps
Frank & Elizabeth COOPER | *from Frank & Linda Cooper*
Vadda COOPER | *from Frank & Linda Cooper*
Mitch Sr. & Dottie DANIELS |
from Mitch Daniels, Jr. and Deborah Daniels
Joshua DEEM, our nephew | *from Matt & Debbie Kauffman*
Bill, Lucille & David DUNNE | *from Gordon Dunne*
Rob ELKIN, beloved cousin | *Wade and Carol Newell*
John EMISON, my father | *from Lucy Emison*
Nancy EMISON, my sister | *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*
Don FLEDDERJOHN | *from John & Cindy Hulen*
AW & Edna FRAPS, John's parents | *from John & Judy Fraps*
Larry HADDAD | *from E. Chris Iverson III*
Peyton R. HATCHER, Peyton's father | *from The Hart Family*
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 Hoopingartner*
Dick HUBERTY, my father | *from Leslie Russell*
Mr. & Mrs. Carl HULEN | *from John & Cindy Hulen*
Emil C. IVERSON JR. | *from E. Chris Iverson III*
Suzanne Reel IVERSON | *from E. Chris Iverson III*
Robert & Doreen JOHNSON, our parents |
from David & Cathleen Perry



Paul KAUFFMAN, Matt's father |
from Matt & Debbie Kauffman
Joe & Evelyn KUKOLLA, Joe's parents |
from Joe & Julie Kukolla
Buzz & Betty LINGEMAN, Jim's parents |
from Jim, Rita, Jennifer and Leona Lingeman
Lyle MANNWEILER | *from Deborah Daniels*
Harry & Jeanne MARSHALL | *from Judy McAtee*
Buddy McATEE | *from Judy McAtee*
William A. MOORE | *from E. Chris Iverson III*
Robert C. MORRIS, my husband | *from Nancy Morris*
Ken & Betty NORQUEST | *from Mike & Pat Cracraft*
Rika NYEBOER, Rita's mother |
from Jim Rita, Jennifer and Leona Lingeman
Ron & Sandy OSBURN, Julie's parents |
from Joe & Julie Kukolla
OUR GRANDPARENTS | *The Weyreter Family*
OUR LOVED ONES | *from Bill & Sharon Marshall*
OUR PARENTS & SIBLINGS | *from Lee & Doris Shafer*
Bob PARDUE | *from Debby Wessel*
Glenn & Nancy PERRY, our parents |
from David & Cathleen Perry
Dave QUEISSER | *from Carolyn Queisser*
Leonard R. REEL SR. | *from Frank & Linda Cooper*
John C. REEL, "Uncle Jack" | *from E. Chris Iverson III*
Uncle Bill REEL | *from Frank & Linda Cooper*
Uncle Bill "Sweet Willie" REEL |
from Chris Iverson and Judy McAtee
Patty REEL | *from Joe & Julie Kukolla*
Amos & Jeanette RIPPY | *given by Fritz & Janet Hohlt*
Mr. & Mrs. E.T. SHANEBERGER | *from John & Cindy Hulen*
Tony SIMPSON, brother | *from Tom & Sandra Simpson*
Rudy STANOVICH | *from E. Chris Iverson III*
Lena Reardon STEFANSSON |
from Einar Stefansson and family
GIVEN IN HONOR OF
Kate ASE | *from Maya Wagle*
Jim & Barb BABCOCK | *from Lee & Doris Shafer*
JESUS | *from Anonymous*
Samuel Rowland MOADEL, our new grandson |
from Byron & Marsha Robinson
OUR FAMILIES | *from Veigh & Barbara Summers*
OUR PARENTS | *from Gary & Ruth Anne Wright*
OUR SMALL GROUP | *from Larry & Sandy Simoni*
Billie PORTER | *from Barb & Fred Sullivan*

Announcements

Week of December 15 – December 22, 2024

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA!

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

CHRISTMAS WITH TAB BROADCAST

This morning's worship service is being recorded for our annual 'Christmas With Tab' telecast. The program will air on Christmas Eve at 7pm on WNDY, broadcast channel 23, and again on Christmas morning at 11am on WISH-TV, broadcast channel 8. Check your local listings and visit WISHTV.com to watch online. Thank you to all of our sponsors who make this outreach possible!

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

While Christmas is often a time of joy and light, we recognize that for many, the holidays can bring grief, loneliness, pain, or loss. **Next Sunday**, immediately following the 10am worship, we invite you to attend a reflective time of prayer, scripture, and music known as the Service of the Longest Night. This sacred service offers space to acknowledge grief, light a candle of hope, and find peace in God's presence. We will also live stream this service on YouTube (@tabindy) for those who wish to join in spirit by lighting a candle and offering a prayer from home.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship

8 PM Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and our future leaders of the church through the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering, to be collected on December 22, provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and supports leadership development at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Learn more at tabpres.org/ChristmasJoy.

2024 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Tuesday, December 31, is the final day to submit contributions to the Finance Office for credit to your 2024 giving statement. Checks postmarked by December 31 will count for 2024, even if received in 2025. Online gifts must be processed by December 31. Donations of securities should be arranged with Kristine Green at ext. 111 before year-end, in accordance with IRS regulations.

SACRED MUSIC SYMPOSIUM 2025

Join us for the 2025 Sacred Music Symposium at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church! This national event offers workshops, choral reading sessions, and opportunities for connection and growth for music ministers, choir members, and worship leaders. \$150 regular registration (includes meals and music packets). Don't miss this chance for inspiration and professional development—sign up today at tabpres.org/SacredMusic. Registration closes January 27.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

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Calendar

December 15 – December 21, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, December 15

- 10a “Christmas With Tab”
Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Christmas Tea *Dining Room*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group
Youth Room
- 11:30a Pre-Teen Christmas Party *Offsite*

Monday, December 16

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop 72/721
Youth Room

Tuesday, December 17

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6p Tab Officers’ Meeting
Dining Room
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*
- 7p Deacons’ Meeting *Dining Room*

Wednesday, December 18

- 9:30a Pastors’ Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Thursday, December 19

- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

- 8a Men’s Bible Study *Parlor*

2025 ALL-CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following members have been nominated to the all-church nominating committee: Bob Donaldson, Julie Foster, Sara Heitman, Jeanne Morton, Sarah Noel. Also, for the Deacon Class of 2027: Jeff Crane & Randy Phillips.

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