



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 24, 2024  
Christmas Eve Family Service | 5p

## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

# 5 o'clock Worship

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

*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.*

### PRELUDE

“Variations on ‘What Child Is This?’” *arr. Craig Phillips*

### † ECHO CALL TO WORSHIP

*(The congregation will ‘echo’ the pastor’s invitation to worship)*

Welcome tonight to a celebration,  
Like no other!  
For this is the night ,  
When Jesus is born!  
This is the night  
When God’s love,  
Fills our hearts,  
And our brains,  
And even our fingers and toes!  
Rejoice, good friends,  
Our Good News has arrived!  
Jesus is here!

### 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;  
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!*

## **UNISON PRAYER OF REJOICING**

*Gentle Jesus born this day,  
in a manger filled with hay.  
We your Christmas children be,  
help us now your love to see.*

*Gentle Jesus, come today,  
be our shepherd, Lord we pray.*

*Gentle Jesus, come this hour,  
fill us with your love and power.  
You fell asleep in Mary’s arm,  
God kept you safe from all alarm.*

*Gentle Jesus, come today,  
be our Shepherd now we pray.  
Amen!*

## **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.***

## **THE CHRISTMAS STORY VIDEO** | Luke 2

Liam Barnett, Alistair Sutherland, Cefie Lynn, Naa Asare, Kris Sunkwa, Tommy Summers, Luke Boits, Jake Boits, Matty Sutherland, Morgan Barnett, Frantz Lynn, Hank Teague, Dromo Darku

## **SPECIAL MUSIC** | Elementary-Aged Children

“Ding, Dong Merrily on High” Jester Hairston

Featuring Morgan Barnett and Dromo Darku

## **THE STABLE: AN INSIDER’S VIEW**

## **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. Children have been given their very own candle glowsticks to use. Please assist children as needed.*

## † CAROL

“Silent Night” *Stille Nacht*

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
‘Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
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.*

## † ECHO BENEDICTION

Jesus is the light of the world!  
Thank you, God.  
Jesus is the light inside us!  
Thank you, God.  
We go now,  
To carry Jesus’ light,  
Everywhere and to everyone!  
Amen!

## + 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

“Joy to the World” *Folgert Zwaving*

### Today's Worship Participants

**Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz**, *Interim Senior Pastor*

**Jacquie Green**

**Rexroth Family**

**Matt Kauffman**, *Organist*

**Jennifer Wirt**, *Director of Children's Ministries*

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*Echo Call to Worship adapted from Nancy Townley;  
Prayer of Rejoicing adapted from Douglas Raymond Rose*



Merry Christmas!

# Thank you for joining us tonight!

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. The church office will also close at noon on New Year's Eve.

## THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

**10 AM** | Sanctuary worship only  
No Education Hour.

## CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

"Christmas With Tab," will air tonight at 7p on WNDY, channel 23, and again tomorrow morning at 11a on WISH-TV, channel 8.



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