



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 29, 2024 | First Sunday of Christmas

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 next Sunday, January 5 as we kick off our next class series, Nurturing the Heart Within, led by Dr. Shannon Moller. Visit tabpres.org/Adults for more information.

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.

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“The First Noel”

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.

Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May we welcome you among us,

People: **Child of Bethlehem;**

Leader: As Mary welcomed you,

People: **And rejoiced in God's holiness and mercy;**

Leader: As Joseph welcomed you,

People: **Giving you a home and name;**

Leader: As angels welcomed you,

People: **Singing of glory and peace;**

Leader: As Simeon welcomed you,

People: **Recognizing in you his journey's fulfillment;**

Leader: As Anna welcomed you,

People: **Knowing that the redemption of Jerusalem has come.**

Leader: The love of God and spirit of joy is in us.

All: *Emmanuel, Jesus, now and always!*

† CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-35 | Pew Bible Page 833

† CAROL

“Joy To The World”

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:36-40 | Pew Bible Page 833

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

† CAROL

“Soon and Very Soon”

Proclaiming God's Word

SIMEON'S PERSPECTIVE

Isaiah 7:10-16 | Pew Bible Page 554

ANNA'S PERSPECTIVE

† CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Leader: Let us join together proclaiming some of that which we believe.

We believe God gave God's all to the world in the bleakness of a stable. Love was born that day. Pure love. Undiluted. Poured out for all who call on God's name. We believe that such undeserved grace deserves a response in the life that we lead. Such grace overwhelms our ingratitude for all that God has done. Such grace draws us to God's Word made flesh. Such grace gives us a new song to sing; one that begins in a worn and smelly stable, and resonates throughout the world. Amen!

† CAROL

“Still, Still, Still”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-11 | Pew Bible Page 783

REFLECTIONS OF THE MAGI

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Christmas Medley”

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

Departing to Serve

† CAROL

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee & Fellowship.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Jim Pfeiffer

Sharon Marshall

Angi Parks

Julie Foster

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano

Ivonne Blanco, Vocals

Call to Worship adapted from Hay & Stardust, Ruth Burgess, Editor;

Affirmation of Faith adapted from faithandworship.com;

“Simeon” and “Anna” adapted from A Star-Filled Grace by Rachel Mann;

“The Magi” adapted from Hope Was Heard Singing by Sally Foster-Fulton

Announcements

Week of December 29, 2024 – January 4, 2025

HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will close this Tuesday at noon for New Year's Eve, and will also be closed all day on Wednesday for New Year's Day. Tab would like to wish all a very happy holiday season!

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.

CAMP PYOCA REGISTRATION

Registration opens January 5 for summer camps at Pyoca, our presbytery's camp and conference center. If your child would like to go, Children's Ministries will pay half of the cost for one week of camp for each "Tab kid" who registers. Spots in the various camps fill up quickly, especially for the elementary programs, so sign up early! The link for Pyoca summer camp information and registration is pyoca.org/summer_camp. Contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATE: DEACON'S CHILI COOK-OFF

Mark your calendars for the return of the annual Chili Cook-off hosted by Tab's Deacons. Festivities begin on Sunday, January 26 in the Dining Room following the 10a worship service. Hope to see you there!



Calendar

December 29 – January 4, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, December 29

10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*

Monday, December 30

11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Tuesday, December 31

12p Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

All day Church Building Closed

Friday, January 3

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

Saturday, January 4

8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

2025 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to those who have responded to the 2025 Stewardship Campaign. If you haven't submitted your pledge card yet, please do so soon to help with planning for the upcoming year. Pledge envelopes are available for pickup in McKee Hallway.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your support helps Tab spread the love of Christ through worship, music, outreach, and more. Your contributions make a real difference. Scan the QR code or text TABPRES to 73256.



SACRED MUSIC SYMPOSIUM 2025

Join us for the 2025 Sacred Music Symposium at Tab! This national event offers workshops, choral reading sessions, and opportunities for music ministers, choir members, and worship leaders to connect and grow. \$150 registration (includes meals and music). Sign up at tabpres.org/SacredMusic by January 27 for inspiration and professional development!



