



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 5, 2025 | Second Sunday After 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

2025 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

**Spiritual Growth & Development** | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

**Nurturing the Heart Within** | JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 23

Join us each Sunday through February 23 as Dr. Shannon Woller leads the seven-week series, *Nurturing the Heart Within*. Learn more at [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults).

**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](mailto: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.

# 8 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

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## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do we hear the knocking at the door?

**People: Do we open the door?**

Leader: Are we afraid? Or ashamed the house is a mess?

**People: Do we welcome in the stranger?**

Leader: Do we trust their story?

**People: Do we accept the gifts they have brought from afar?**

Leader: Do we allow them to change us?

**People: Do we realize that only by opening the door,**

Leader: Will we recognize the true Christ,

**People: The God who is hidden in smallness,**

Leader: Who arrives in unexpected places, at unexpected times?

**People: Do we hear the knocking at the door?**

Leader: Who will open the door?

**All: *Let our worship be our answer!***

### † HYMN #136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Go Tell It*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Another year beckons us on, Gracious God, to this place of sanctuary, to make sense of our past and our future. How good it is to know your promises are everlasting!*

*Forgive our haste to leave that dirty stable for somewhere more comfortable; forgive our reluctance to kneel down in the dirt, and look the Christ-child in the face a little longer; forgive our need to move on with the busyness of life, instead of lingering awhile with him; forgive our inability to forgive ourselves, as he reaches out his arms of acceptance.*

*It is our time to start over, God, and we commit ourselves to that now. Make your home in the soiled stable of our hearts; speak your truth in the ordinariness of our lives; and fulfill your promise in your coming among us, again and again and again; so that we may start afresh with you...*

## MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

#### † RESPONSE #581

“Gloria Patri” *Greatorex*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
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*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.*



## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

“Let Us Break Bread Together” *Let Us Break Bread*

*(Please join in singing during the serving of the Sacrament of Communion.)*

*Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.*

*(Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.*

*(Refrain)*

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please join in singing)*

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*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.*

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## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Ave Verum” *W. A. Mozart*

*Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the virgin Mary born;  
On the cross Thy sacred body for us all with nails was torn.*

*Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side.  
Feed us with thy body broken now and in death's agony.*

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## RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*"I Wonder As I Wander" John Jacob Niles*

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.*

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### † DOXOLOGY #606

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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# Announcements

Week of January 5 – January 11, 2025

## CAMP PYOCA REGISTRATION

Registration opens today for summer camps at Pyoca, our presbytery's camp and conference center. Children's



Ministries will pay half the cost for one week of camp for each "Tab kid" who registers. Spots fill up quickly, especially for elementary programs, so sign up early! For more information and to register, visit [pyoca.org/summer\\_camp](http://pyoca.org/summer_camp). Contact Jennifer Wirt at [Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org) if you have any questions.

## FRESH STOP RETURNS THIS WINTER

Fresh Stop, offering affordable, pesticide-free produce, returns with a winter pilot program starting **January 18**. Available at three price points based on income (\$10, \$15, \$30), it supports healthier eating for all. Pickup occurs every other Saturday through March 15 in the Tab Dining Room, with cooking tips and samples from chef Koby Bluitt. Orders can be placed online or at the front office by January 12. Visit [FreshStop.org](http://FreshStop.org) for more details.

## PRETEEN LUNCH AND A MOVIE

All Tab 5th- and 6th-graders are invited to our annual "Lunch and a Movie" outing on MLK Day (**January 20**). We'll depart from Tab at around 11:30a, enjoy lunch together, and then watch a family-friendly movie at either Glendale or Castleton Square. If your preteen would like to join us (and we hope they will!), please notify Jennifer Wirt at [Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org) by January 15 so we can purchase the movie tickets.



## SAVE THE DATE: DEACONS' CHILI COOK-OFF

Spice up your winter at Tab's annual Chili Cook-Off, hosted by the Deacons! Join us on Sunday, **January 26**, in the Dining Room at 11:15a. Enter your best chili recipe to wow everyone's taste buds—sign-up begins January 5. No recipe to enter? No worries! Come taste and vote for your favorite chili. Whether you prefer mild or spicy, vegetarian or meaty, there will be something for everyone. Mark your calendar and enjoy delicious food, great company, and festive cheer!

## 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.



# Calendar

January 5 – January 11, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, January 5

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship  
*McKee Hallway*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Development  
*Parlor*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*

### Monday, January 6

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5p HR Committee Meeting *Online*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Lower Level*

### Tuesday, January 7

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5:30p SG&D and Congregational Life  
*Mtg Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*

### Wednesday, January 8

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Thursday, January 9

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Gym & Lower Level*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

### Friday, January 10

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

### Saturday, January 11

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

