



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 14, 2025 | Christmas With 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.

Christmas with Tab

Welcome to the 47th Annual presentation of "Christmas With Tab."

We are blessed that you are joining us this morning for worship as we present the Christmas story with this year's focus on the shepherds of Bethlehem. Everything in this morning's worship is drawn from the story of the shepherds found in Luke 2.

The music this morning reflects a number of traditions and periods of music. You will hear the story of the shepherds from the joyous sounds of the harpsichord, strings, flutes, soloists and chorus in the "Christmas Cantata" of baroque composer, Marc-Antoine Charpentier, written in 1690, to the beautiful, moving shepherds' story set to music by Gerald Finzi written in 1950. This selection, "In Terra Pax," features two of Tab's former section leaders. Patrick Lord-Remmert, who is now living outside of New York City, and featured with the Gilbert and Sullivan Players and Gwen Sell who is currently Resident Artist with the Shreveport Opera Company are "back home."

Two of this morning's selections draw from different cultures. "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" brings the rich heritage of the African-American Spiritual to life, and "Shepherds, Run Along" is a traditional Polish carol that may be unfamiliar to many of you.

Our prayer is that you will be drawn into the Nativity Story in a fresh, new way this morning as we trace the steps of the shepherds from their fields to their worship of the Newborn King!

The beautiful recording of Christmas worship will later air on WNDY-TV, Channel 23 at 7p Christmas Eve and on WISH-TV Channel 8 at 11a Christmas Day. Please tune-in for this Tab tradition.

This beautiful production is made possible through generous support from Tab Family & Friends. If you would like to support this year's production, please reach out to Kristine Green.

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:

Good News of Great Joy

by Melani Pyke

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.

PRELUDE

“Prelude on ‘Rise Up, Shepherd’” *Stanley E. Saxton*

As The Prelude begins, we invite you to use this time to quiet your heart, reflect on God’s presence in your life, and remember Christ’s promise of redemption. Thanks be to God on this Lord’s Day.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP | *John 1: 1–5, 9, 14* | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

People: He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him.

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

People: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: The true light which enlightens everyone
was coming into the world.

All: *And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.
Come, let us together worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior.*

† OPENING CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” *arr. Taylor Scott Davis*

*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!*

Musical Interlude

CHOIR ONLY

God of God, Light of light.
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb,
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.

Musical Interlude

*See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We, too, will thither bend our joyful footsteps.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Musical Interlude

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God in the highest.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION | Elder Carol Lukemeyer

SCRIPTURE READINGS | Elder Carol Lukemeyer

Luke 2:1–7 | Pew Bible Page 832

ANTHEM

“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” *Leo Nestor*

Gwen Sell, soprano

*Follow...follow the star of Bethlehem,
Rise up, shepherd.*

*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd and follow,
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*Leave your sheep and leave your lambs,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*Leave your ewes and leave your rams,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

Follow, follow:

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow the star of Bethlehem;

Rise up, shepherd and follow,

Follow, follow.

If you pay good heed to the angel's words;

Rise up, shepherd, and follow,

Oh, you'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your sheep and leave your lambs,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your ewes and leave your rams,

Oh, rise up, shepherd and follow.

Follow the star to Bethlehem.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Oh, rise up, shepherd and follow.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To you, O Lord, we bring our lives—troubled, broken or at ease—a sacrificial offering for you to use. Take away our selfishness and teach us to love as you loved. Take away our sense of pride and show us the meaning of humility. Take away our blindness and show us the world through your eyes. Take away our greed and teach us how to give as you gave. Show us your ways, teach us your paths that we might walk with you more closely—our hand in your hand, our feet in your footsteps—from the baby in a stable to eternity.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | *1 Thessalonians 5:23*

Leader: May the God of peace cleanse you through and through. The promise is that our whole being—spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rejoice, then, and give thanks as we receive forgiveness and healing in Christ's name.

All: ***Rejoice and be glad! Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and welcomed into his kingdom. Amen!***

† HYMN #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.***

ANTHEM

"In Terra Pax" *Gerald Finzi*

Patrick Lord-Remmert, Baritone
Gwen Sell, Soprano

*A frosty Christmas Eve when the stars were shining
Fared I forth alone where westward falls the hill.
And from many a village in the water'd valley
Distant music reach'd me peals of bells a-ringing;
The constellated sounds ran sprinkling on earth's floor
As the dark vault above with stars was spangled o'er.
Then sped my thoughts to keep that first Christmas of all
When the shepherds watching by their folds ere the dawn
Heard music in the fields and marveling could not tell
whether it were angels or the bright stars singing.
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields,
Keeping watch over their flock by night.
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them,
And the angel said unto them.
"Fear not, fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy
Which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day, in the city of David,
A saviour which is Christ the Lord.*

*And this shall be a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
Lying in a manger."*

*And suddenly there was with the angel
A multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest!
And on earth peace, good will toward men."*

*But to me heard afar it was starry music.
Angel's song, comforting as the comfort of Christ
When he spake tenderly to his sorrowful flock;
The old words came to me by the riches of time
Mellow'd and transfigured as I stood on the hill
Heark'ning in the aspect of th'eternal silence.*

*And on earth peace,
Good will toward men.*

READING | Elder Carol Lukemeyer

ANTHEM

"Shepherds, Run Along" Stephen Mager

*Shepherds, run along and bring your pipes and play!
On your way to Bethlehem without delay!
Haste ye to the manger lowly; come and see the Holy child.
Jesus mild.*

*There upon the hills surrounding Bethlehem
Came an angel messenger with news for them;
"Glory to God in heaven, to us a Son is given:
Heav'nly birth, peace on earth!"*

*Shepherds run along and bring your pipes to play!
On your way to Bethlehem without delay!
Haste ye to the manger lowly;
Come and see the holy child,
Jesus mild.*

REFLECTION | Elder Carol Lukemeyer

† CAROL

"The First Nowell" The First Nowell

***The first Nowell 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.***

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***

***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.***

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING | Elder Carol Lukemeyer

Luke 2:8–14 | Pew Bible Page 833

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Shady Shepherds

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Responding to God's Word

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Carol Lukemeyer

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Christmas Cantata” *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

Gwen Sell, Soprano
Cora Winstead, Alto
Nate Paul, Tenor
Patrick Lord-Remmert, Bass

*Shepherds, whom did you see there?
Shepherds, tell us whom you saw.
Tell us whom you saw, who came down to earth, O tell us!
On earth unto you who did appear?
Tell us gentle shepherds, shepherds, who did appear?
Who was there?
Who did appear unto you,
Shepherds, tell us who, who appeared unto you.
We have seen him,
Born of a virgin mild!
Tiny babe now born to us.
Holy child now given to us,
We have seen him, we have seen him,
Born of a virgin mild,
And angels sang in chorus praising,
And angels sang in chorus to the Lord in song of praise,
Praising, praising him with great joy,
Praising, praising, praising joyfully.
For the Lord has revealed to us his saving grace to men.
He has shown us, he has shown us on earth signs of his righteousness.
Sing forth in psalms to the Lord our God.
Sing forth in psalms to him upon the harp,
With harp and psaltery.
With trumpets of majesty,
And sounds of wooden instruments.
Rivers applaud with clapping.
Mountains rejoice now.
Rejoice now, rejoice, rejoice now in his presence.
For he cometh
To save all people on the earth.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

*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

† CLOSING CAROL

“Joy to the World” arr. Dan Forrester

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

CHOIR ONLY:

Sing!

*No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found*

CHOIR ONLY:

Joy! Joy! Joy!

*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!*

CHOIR ONLY:

Joy!

*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!*

CHOIR ONLY:

Sing Joy!

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

“Dona Nobis Pacem” *Traditional*

Grant us peace.



† **BENEDICTION** | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† **POSTLUDE**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” *arr. Rick Deasley*

Please join us in the Dining Room immediately following worship for
Tab's Annual Christmas Tea: Cookies & Conversation.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor
Elder Carol Lukemeyer, Liturgist (Human Resources)
Matt Kauffman, Minister of Music
Sanctuary Choir of Tabernacle Presbyterian
Christmas With Tab Orchestra Personnel

<u>Violin I</u>	<u>Viola</u>	<u>Bass</u>	<u>Oboe/English</u>	<u>Trumpets</u>
Alfred Abel	Suzane Um	Jack Helsky	<u>Horn</u>	Abby Ellinger
Pam Close	Colette Abel	<u>Flute</u>	Leonid Srotkin	Jackie Nason
<u>Violin II</u>	<u>Cello</u>	Ann Mozina	Sophi Wroblewsky	Mark Middleton
Shoshana Kay	Eric Edberg	Jennifer Cooper	<u>Clarinet</u>	<u>French Horn</u>
Ginny Womack	Polina Umansky		Candice Kiser	Katy Briel
<u>Trombone</u>	<u>Tuba</u>	<u>Percussion/</u>	<u>Harp</u>	<u>Continuo/Organ/</u>
Josh Reynolds	Josh Davis	<u>Timpani</u>	Wendy Muston	<u>Piano</u>
		Hunter Wheatcraft		Matt Kauffman
		Jason Spangler		Joshua Ridenour

Missions Unit Volunteers Needed!

The annual Missions Unit will begin on January 4. This year's "trip around the world" will include visits to Alaska, Belgium, Argentina, Indonesia, Poland, Tanzania, and Turkey. We'll need many adult and teen volunteers to join the team as we help Tab's children to learn about the people, customs, religious practices, art, food, games, and history of our featured countries, and most importantly, about the men and women spreading the good news about Jesus Christ around world. Sign-up sheets are available in McKee Hallway or the lower level hallway. Contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.

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
Joe & Katherine AKE, Debbie's parents |
from Matt & Debbie Kauffman
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 Hoopingarner
Conley & Mary CANADA, Judy's parents |
from John & Judy Fraps
John & Joe CANADA, Judy's brother and nephew |
from John & Judy Fraps
Clay & Betty COLLIER | from Brian, Cindy & Stephanie Verbarg
Frank & Elizabeth COOPER | from Frank & Linda Cooper
Vadda COOPER | from Frank & Linda Cooper
Dottie & Mitch Sr. DANIELS |
from Deborah Daniels and Mitch Daniels, Jr. & Family
Joshua DEEM, our nephew | from Matt & Debbie Kauffman
Bill & Maggie Donnella, Indy 500 friends | from Judy Greeson
Ian Michael DOUGHERTY, our son |
from Jon & Mary Dougherty
Bill, Lucille & David DUNNE | from Gordon Dunne
Evans & Isabel DUNLAP | from Bob & Laura Dunlap
John EMISON, my father | from Lucy Emison
Nancy EMISON, my sister | from Lucy Emison
Shelby EVANS, our daughter | from Carl & Lisa Evans
FAMILY and FRIENDS | from Louise Willson
Gracia Johnson FLOYD | from John & Cindy Hulen & Family
Tony & Edna FRAPS, John's parents | from John & Judy Fraps
Katy GODFREY, my mother | from Sandy Cheney
Mrs. Gertie GREENE & Glenn GREENE |
from E. Chris Iverson III
Larry HADDAD | from E. Chris Iverson III
David & Katherine HARPER | from Bob & Laura Dunlap
Peyton R. HATCHER, Peyton's father | from The Hart Family
Opal HEITMAN, Don's mother | from Don & Sara Heitman
Beth HESSE | from E. Chris Iverson III
Earl & Hilda HILLIGOSS, Sara's parents |
from Don & Sara Heitman
Fred & Bertha HOHLT | given by Fritz & Janet Hohlt
Harold HOOPINGARNER | from Marion Hoopingarner
Dick HUBERTY, my father | from Leslie Russell
Carl & Florence HULEN | from John & Cindy Hulen & Family
Emil C. IVERSON JR. | from E. Chris Iverson III
Suzanne Reel IVERSON | from E. Chris Iverson III
Paul & Nina KAUFFMAN, Matt's parents |
from Matt & Debbie Kauffman
Frank KIK, my uncle | from Dan Gushee
Joe & Evelyn KUKOLLA, Joe's parents |
from Joe & Julie Kukolla
Steve LEWIS | from Jan Lewis & The Noel Family

Philo & Rosalie LANGE, our parents |
from Lee Lange & Ted Planje
Buzz & Betty LINGEMAN, Jim's parents |
from Jim, Rita, Jennifer and Leona Lingeman
LOVED ONES | from Bill & Sharon Marshall
Harry & Jeanne MARSHALL | from Judy McAtee
Tripp & Maria MARSHALL | from Judy McAtee
Bernard & Mary Ellen MAY, my parents | from Janie Parr
Tom MAY, my brother | from Janie Parr
Ann Reel MEYER | from E. Chris Iverson III
Buddy McATEE | from Judy McAtee
William A. MOORE | from E. Chris Iverson III
Nonnie MOORE | from Judy McAtee
Robert Coulter MORRIS, my husband | from Nancy Morris
MY GRANDPARENTS | from Billy White
Rika NYEBOER, Rita's mother |
from Jim Rita, Jennifer and Leona Lingeman
Ron & Sandy OSBURN, Julie's parents |
from Joe & Julie Kukolla
OUR MOTHERS, Mary Allen Hurst & Marilyn Jo Prather |
from Gary & Ruth Anne Wright
OUR PARENTS | from Bill & Nancy Gordon
OUR PARENTS & SIBLINGS | from Lee & Doris Shafer
Bob PARDUE | from Debby Wessel
Glenn & Nancy PERRY, our parents |
from David & Cathleen Perry
Harry "HAP" PHILLIPS | from E. Chris Iverson III
Ted & Mirriam PLANJE, our parents |
from Ted Planje and Lee Lange
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 III
Patty REEL | from Joe & Julie Kukolla
Amos & Jeanette RIPPY | given by Fritz & Janet Hohlt
Mr. & Mrs. Edgar SHANEBERGER |
from John & Cindy Hulen & Family
Tony SIMPSON, brother | from Tom & Sandra Simpson
Gerald SMITH | from Mike & Linda Riggins
Rudy STANOVICH | from E. Chris Iverson III
Joyce TOVSKY | from Larry & Ellen Tovsky
Fred & Norma VERBARG |
from Brian, Cindy & Stephanie Verbarg

GIVEN IN HONOR OF

JESUS | from Anonymous
MY FAMILY | from Carolyn Queisser
OUR PARENTS | from Byron & Marsha Robinson
Rebecca, Margaret & Delia PINERO |
from Noel Pinero & Angi Parks
Jeff & Sharon POOLE | Lee & Doris Shafer
THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE |
from Barb & Fred Sullivan
THE TAB SESSION | from Anonymous
Nancy SMITH | from Steve Smith

Announcements

Week of December 14 – December 20, 2025



TAB'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA: CHRISTMAS COOKIES & CONVERSATION

What's better than Christmas cheer?
Christmas cookies shared with friends!

Join us TODAY in the Dining Room after the 10a "Christmas with Tab" Worship Service for a sweet time of fellowship and conversation.

OAKS CHRISTMAS AT TAB

As we enter the Advent season, The Oaks faculty and staff personally extend an invitation to our friends at Tab to experience Christmas with The Oaks Academy at our beloved Tabernacle Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, December 17, at 11a. We'll enjoy a delightful student performance of the 7th & 8th Grade Choir, then stay for food & fellowship following the concert.

Please let us know if you are able to join us by sending an email to Mr. Bourke Patton at bpatton@theoak-academy.org so we can prepare accordingly.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH'S (SG'S) OPEN HOUSE

Come join the Spiritual Growth Team on Sunday, December 21, after the 10a Worship Service, in the Parlor, for an Open House. We'll have festive treats for adults and kids including gingerbread cookies, chocolate milk, and coffee, with live piano music! We look forward to sharing our plans for 2026 and you are invited to greet Tab's new Director of Spiritual Growth, our own Bart Ost, CRE. Come by for warm fellowship and good conversation among friends.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING:

FILL YOUR CUP: COMING TO THE WELL DAILY

Take a break from the busyness of life and join us for a special afternoon in the Dining Room on Saturday, January 10, 2:30p-4:30p designed to refresh your heart and spirit. The Women's Ministry Team invites you to a warm and welcoming time of fellowship, tea, light refreshments and encouragement as we explore what it means to come to Jesus—our Living Water—each and every day.

Rev. Gracie Payne, Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian, will share an uplifting message on finding daily strength in Christ and allowing Him to continually "fill your cup," no matter the season you're in. Kindly RSVP to womenoftab@tabpres.org by January 5.

"THREE-ROOM" RENOVATIONS REPORT

Thanks to generous private contributions, Tab recently completed the "renovation" of three rooms for adult meeting areas enhancing Spiritual Growth programming. These spaces consist of 1) The Nook (the former nursery at the end of the Parlor hallway) 2) The Corner Forum (off the Gym), and 3) The McWhiter Resource Center/Library. These spaces will be open for a visit on Sunday, Dec. 21, following the 10a Worship Service.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMISSIONS

With so much happening at Tab, we want to make it easy to keep everyone informed! If you have an announcement to publicize, please email well-curated information, including the "What, Who, When, and Where" to communications@tabpres.org.

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

DECEMBER 21

Rev. Glenn McDonald

DECEMBER 28

Pastor Marie Wiese

JANUARY 4, 2026

Rev. Eric Gale

JANUARY 11, 2026

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

Year-End Giving

Consider Tab as You Close the Year

2025 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Wednesday, December 31, is the final day Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2025 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2025 giving even if received in 2026.

Online giving must have a December 31 processing date for credit in 2025. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green at extension 111 in the Finance Office well in advance of year end.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on Sunday, December 21, or give online at tabpres.org/giving. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Special envelopes will be available Sunday morning for your convenience. Please give generously.

2026 QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. IRA owners age 70 ½ and older can make up to \$115,000 in tax-free charitable donations during 2026. See your tax professional for full details.

Calendar

Dec. 14 – Dec. 20, 2025

Sunday, December 14

- 9:00a No Education Classes
- 10a Christmas with Tab *Sanctuary*
- 11a Christmas Tea *Dining Room*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Room*
- 11a PreTeen Christmas Party *Offsite*

Monday, December 15

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop 72/721 *Youth Room*
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Dining Room, Gallery*
- 7p Children's Ministries Christmas *Parlor*

Tuesday, December 16

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Book Study *Parlor*
- 6:00p Session & Deacons Christmas Dinner *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McWhirter Resource Center*
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Dining Room*

Wednesday, December 17

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 11a Oaks Academy Christmas Program *Sanctuary*
- 5:15p High Five *Youth Room*
- 6p Football Meeting *Parlor*
- 6p Building Blocks Academy Christmas Program *Dining Room, Gallery, McWhirter Center*

Thursday, December 18

- 6p Circles *Dining Room, Lower Level B, McWhirter Center*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 13

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a PraiseStage Board Meeting *McWhirter Center*



THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your generous support enables Tab to spread the love and joy of Christ to thousands each year. Whether through worship, music, community outreach, pastoral care, ministry programs and events, your faithful commitment and contributions truly make a difference.

Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR code
- Text **TABPRES** to 73256