

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 24, 2025 | 5p
Christmas Eve Family Service

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.

† Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Leader: For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given.

People: Authority rests upon this one, whose name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: *Come, let us worship the child born in Bethlehem this night!*

† LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† CAROL

“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;
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** | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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**

Dromo Darku, Allistair Hunt, Cefie Lynn, Naa Asare, Kris Sunkwa, Tommy Summers, Luke Boits, Jake Boits, Matty Hunt, Zyrion Mbinyui, Delaney Fraps, Xander Summers and Frantz Lynn

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The King of Us All” *Jill Gallina*

Featuring Stella Fowles, Emma Lynn and Lily Sturgis

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

The True Gifts of Christmas

Ephesians 4:7–10

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. Please assist children as needed.

† CAROL

“Silent Night! Holy 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.*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

† 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

Today's Worship Participants

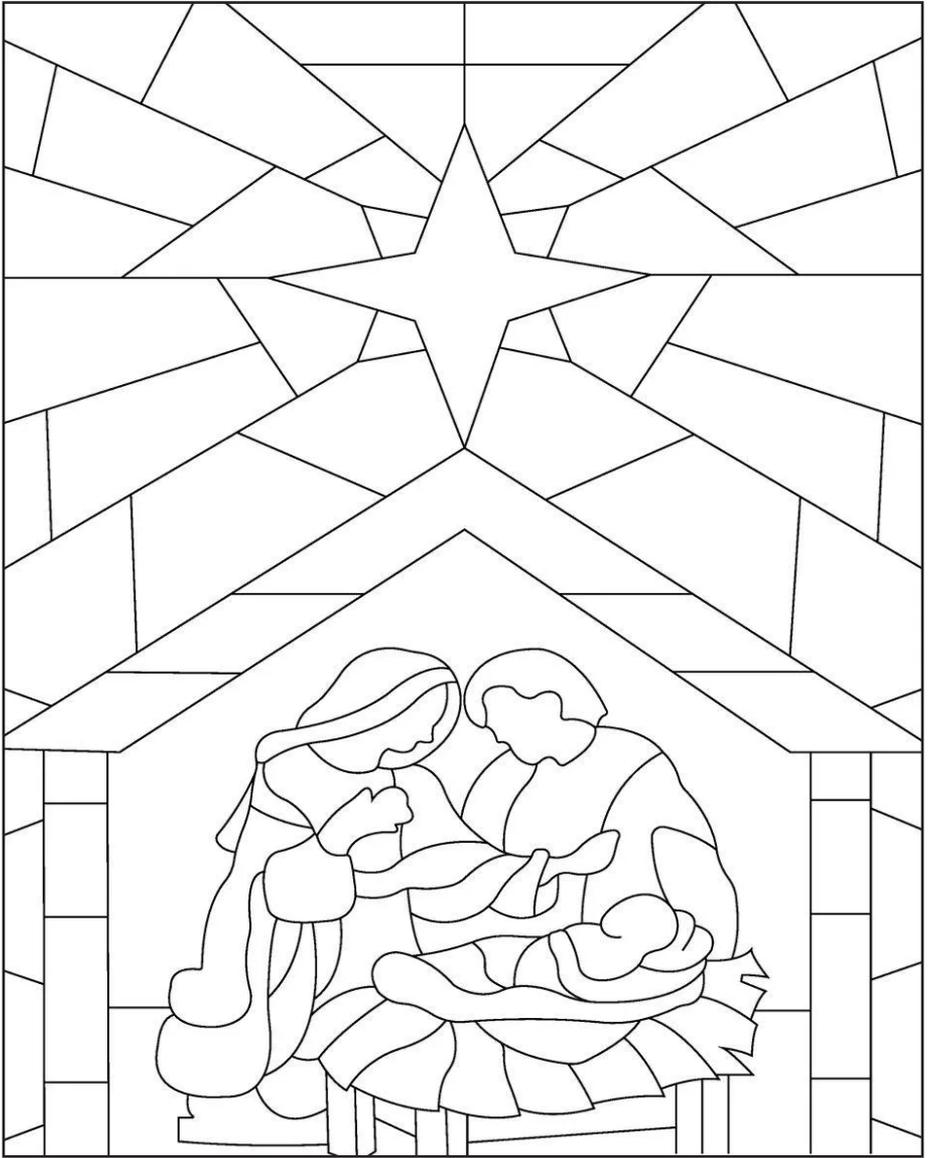
Rev. Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor

Matt Kauffman, Organist/Minister of Music

Jennifer Wirt, Director of Children's Ministries

*Thank you for joining us this evening and
have a Merry Christmas!*

Merry Christmas!



“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’” Luke 2:10-12

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 28

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, Christmas Day, at 11a on WISH-TV, channel 8.



Christmas Eve at 7pm WNDY-TV

& Christmas Day at 11am WISH-TV

The Sanctuary Choir with Chamber Orchestra and Harp

DR. STEVE SMITH, PREACHING



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Have you seen the new Spiritual Growth catalog?

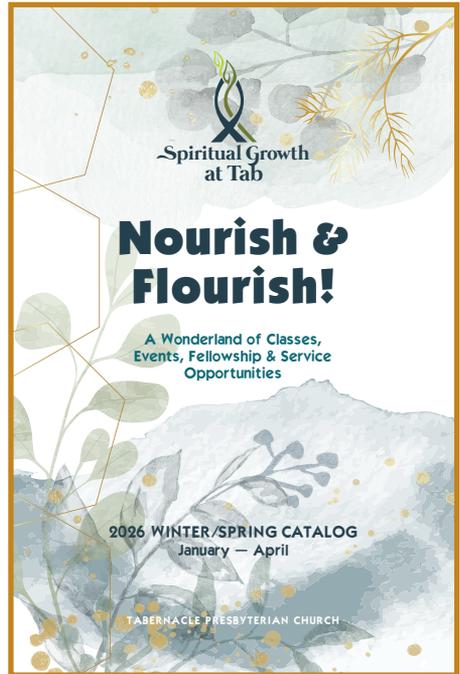
CHECK IT OUT!

The Spiritual Growth Team welcomes the new year, with A Wonderland of Classes, Events, Fellowship & Service Opportunities, as titled in its newly issued Winter/Spring Catalog. Spanning twenty-six pages, the catalog offers a rich variety of opportunities, including new classes on Forgiveness, God's desire for an Abundant and Flourishing Life, Honest Conversations in Spiritual Exploration, and the Book of Philemon.

The catalog also highlights special events, such as a fun Tab family adventure at Newfields' 100 Acres: Art & Nature Park, and a Sunday devoted to hearing from our new Executive Director of Tab's Recreation Ministry, Reggie Martin.

This is an exciting season in our shared pursuit of spiritual growth, as we deepen our faith while also welcoming our new Transitional Head Pastor, Clark Cowden. The new catalog is available in the Front Office area and an electronic version will be available soon.

There truly is something for everyone in the new year. It is good to be in fellowship and learning at Tab!



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