



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 4, 2022 | 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

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.

Greetings to everyone! We extend a warm welcome to those joining us in-person or for our live stream 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 we can get to know each other better. Simply, hand your completed card to an usher or place it in the offering box. In addition, we invite you to take a red Guest Bag from the table outside the Sanctuary as you leave today. 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 Sermon. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

Discipleship Classes

2022 Rooted in Grace Discipleship Opportunities

Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAY 9:30a–10:30a PARLOR

Join us as our pastors lead a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the up-coming Sunday worship service.

Men's Bible Study | SATURDAY 8a–9a PARLOR

We are studying the gospel of Matthew. Contact dlconrads@yahoo.com for more information about this wonderful time of study and fellowship.

Soul Feast | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

This class centers on developing greater intimacy and freedom in our relationship with God through various spiritual practices which have come down to us through centuries of Christian history. Some of these practices include spiritual reading, prayer, common worship, fasting, self-examination and confession, spiritual direction, hospitality and developing a rule of life. The eight week series will be based on the book, "Soul Feast," by Marjorie Thompson. Feel free to purchase it on your own if you wish, but reading the book itself will not be necessary for participation in the class. "The key [to spiritual growth] is to give God time and space to rearrange our interior furniture—setting our disordered priorities and putting love of God and neighbor center stage." Facilitators: Sally John and Connie Hintz

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8 o'clock Worship

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

PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather at the River” *Arr. Robert Lowry*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Peace

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Nicaea*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three persons, blessed Trinity!*

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. L. John Gable

Psalm 139:23–24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

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People: And lead me in the way everlasting.

Unison: Come, let us worship God.

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“Be Thou My Vision” *Slane*

CONFESSION & PARDON | Elder Kaye Diener

Prayer Of Confession

Holy God, You have called us to walk in the light of Your love and forgiveness, but we have chosen instead to live in the darkness of self doubt and criticism. You have invited us to eat at Your banquet table of grace and abundant life, but we have chosen to nibble at the table of foolish pride and empty promises. Forgive us, O Lord, and set us free to live in the fullness of Your love and grace, that we might show Your love to others. These and all things we pray together and in the silence of our hearts, in Jesus' name.

Moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon | *John 1:8–9*

Leader: “If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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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.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor

*Kaye Diener, 8a Liturgist
Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session,
10a Liturgist*

*Sally John, Pianist
Toria and Zach Sigafos, Vocalists*

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:1–18 | Pew Bible page 787

MESSAGE | Rev. L. John Gable

The Pitfalls of Piety

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please join us in singing)*

Our Father, which 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.

Prayer Requests

Do you have a special prayer request that you would like the pastors or Tab's Prayer Team to lift up during their time together?

You can email your requests to:

prayer@tabpres.org. We hope that this will be a way for our Tab family to make sure their requests and concerns are known and prayed for during this time.

Are you a Pray-ER? Every Tuesday evening from 6:30p–7:15p we have a faithful gathering of prayer partners meeting in McKee Chapel to pray. If you are a Pray-ER—we would love to have you join us in this ministry.

Tab's Benevolence & Community Care Funds

Did you know that Tab has two distinct funds set up to support individuals and families during difficult times? Tab's Deacon Benevolence and Community Care Funds allow us as a church family to come alongside people with immediate, significant needs inside and outside the church. Please reach out to the church if you or someone you know is in need. If you are a member or friend of Tab in need, please contact Kristine Green at kristine.green@tabpres.org for more information and confidential application procedures.

If you know of one of our neighbors in need, let them know they can call the Community Care line at 317-805-1281 for an appointment with Terri Thorn.

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"Down Ampney" *David Blackwell*

"Be Thou My Vision" *arr. David S. Abramsky*

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Offering Information

If you would like to bring your offering to church on Sunday mornings, we have offering boxes available in both the 34th Street Narthex and Bell Tower Entrance to the Sanctuary. Extra envelopes are also available. Feel free to drop off your offering either before or after worship. Thanks for your continued support of the ministry and mission of Tab!

Church Building Up-Dates

As a reminder, renovations to the church building are in full swing. Here are some important notes for Sunday mornings and any time you may be at the church throughout the week:

- The elevator is still available for use.
- There will be an information table in the McKee Hallway on Sunday mornings instead of in the Front Office. Sara Heitman, Sara Butler or Honi-Jean Schroeder will be at the information table to assist with any questions.
- The first-floor women's restroom is not available for use. Please use the restrooms located in the Gallery in the lower level.

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*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower;
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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Get in Touch, Stay in Touch

The easiest and most effective way to receive news about our church and church family is to subscribe to our email. The office sends out a digest every Thursday, with updates as needed at other times. To subscribe, go to tabpres.org, then scroll to the bottom of the homepage and tap "Sign up for email updates."

If You Lose The Worship Stream on Sunday

Check to make sure that your home internet is working. If it is, that means there's an interruption at Tab or between Tab and your house. If the issue is fixable at Tab, we will usually fix it within a few minutes, but that also means we have to start a new stream on YouTube. Keep refreshing your browser until the new stream appears on our YouTube page.

Better yet, subscribe to Tab's YouTube page, [tabindy](#). Hit the big red SUBSCRIBE button on the page, then the little notification "bell" next to the button. Set your notifications to "All" and you will be notified via email or on your phone whenever we go live with the new stream or post a new video. You can always change this setting later. Do it today.

If the problem is not fixable, (e.g., power failure, interruption of Tab's internet service) we will post the service or sermon later, often later that day, but always within 48 hours. Thank you for all of your patience and support!

CHILDREN'S SERMON | Rev. L. John Gable

ANTHEM

"Jesus is My Song of Grace" *Joseph M. Martin*

This is my story, this is my song.

From the heights of heaven's glory,

To the depths of earth's despair,

Came a love song in the darkness;

Came a song beyond compare:

And from a humble stable,

God sang His lullaby,

A song of peace, a song of joy, the music of the skies.

This shall be my alleluia.

This shall be my highest praise.

Let my every word and deed proclaim it.

Let me sing it all my days.

This shall be my benediction.

This shall be my dying phrase.

This shall be my alleluia,

Jesus is my song of grace.

From the golden streets of heaven,

To the shores of Galilee,

Came a love song for all people;

The music of eternity;

And from a wooden cross,

God sang His song of grace,

And filled the world with the sound of hope;

And everlasting praise.

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“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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RESPONSE

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

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“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *Converse*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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Announcements

Week of September 4 – September 10, 2022

THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS HERE

Stop by the McKee Hallway on Sunday morning to pick up your 2022 directory. One directory per family, please.

WOMEN ALIVE

This Tuesday, September 6, will be the opening brunch/meeting for Women Alive. You will find us in the Parlor from 10 o'clock to 11:30 AM and this would be a great time to join us!! Please bring a brunch item to share and any ideas for a book or Bible study you would like to engage with this year. For more info, contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

A PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH FREEWHEELIN'

On Saturday, September 10, 2022, Freewheelin' Community Bikes will host their 5th Annual Nancy's Ride. This fundraising event consists of several bicyclerides of varying distances, including a family-friendly, guided, ride through the Mapleton- Fall Creek neighborhood. Tab is the host site for this event, which means that all route loops start and end in our parking lot. There are also family-friendly (non-bike) activities to encourage participation at all age-levels and foster community connection. Freewheeling Community Bikes is a youth development organization that uses bicycles to teach youth life and leadership skills. For info and registration, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/NancysRide2022>. Those interested in volunteering for the event or providing sponsorship should contact Pastor Terri Thorn for more details.

TAB COMMUNITY CLOSET

Tab's Community Closet continues blessing table on Wednesdays at Open Door Cafe. Through the generosity of the Tab family, the blessing table continues to assist friends and neighbors of the Open Door Café ministry. Building on the mission statement of Tab, Wednesday gatherings include hygiene items to help fulfill some of the physical needs of our community. At this time, the closet is not accepting clothes or shoes, but accepts donations of new, unopened products listed below. Often, sample sizes fit the needs of our neighbors. The items are distributed through the Open Door Café ministry, Circles, Fresh Stop, and Tutoring. When donations exceed need, volunteers may regift to other community partners for distribution. At this time, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, lotion, deodorant, laundry pods, and bars of soap are needed for our neighbors. Thank you for dropping your donations by the table in the hallway outside of McKee Chapel marked Open Door.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 9a to 12n; Centennial Walk/Run from 11th & Meridian Street location to the "new" location at 34th & Central. Fun for the whole family!

FALL BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

We will host the Versiti Blood Mobile on Sunday, October 2, for our fall blood drive. Blood supplies continue to remain very low, so we would love to fill up all of our slots! Sign up in the McKee Hallway on Sunday mornings throughout the month of September. You can also contact Paula Daum to reserve your donation time by emailing her at paula.daum@tabpres.org or call (317) 923-5458, ext. 104.

TABFEST IS COMING!

Tabfest is returning after a pandemic hiatus! This church retreat will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13, at Turkey Run State Park. We will have a weekend full of activities, including presentations by special guest, Ray Jones. Ray is the Director of Theology, Formation and Evangelism with the PC(USA). Registration for the weekend will begin on Sunday, September 11, in McKee Hallway. Questions? Contact Paula Daum at paula.daum@tabpres.org or at (317) 923-5458, ext. 104.

TAB YOUTH GROUP IMPORTANT DATES

If you are a parent or guardian of a 7th through 12th grade student and are interested in learning more about Tab's Youth Group, or if you are a parent of a current youth group member, please join us in the Youth Room on Sunday, September 11, at 11:15a for our annual Ice Cream Social. Get to know Dan and Amy, Randy and Jacquie and hear about the opportunities and activities planned for the 2022-2023 year. The Youth Sunday School is kicking off a new curriculum this fall as we Walk Through the Bible (Sunday School Education Hour at 9a). The Youth Group will also begin a new curriculum (Youth Group is from 11:15 to 12:30 on Sundays), "Navigating Emotions," using Biblical lessons throughout. Both curriculums will begin September 18. The Youth Group will also be traveling to Twin Lakes Retreat on September 23 (leaving around 4:45p) through the 25th (returning to Tab between 11a and noon). Please text, call or e-mail Daniel Rexroth (317) 513-3305 / DRexroth@IU.edu) or Amy Rexroth (317) 418-8038 / ARexroth@Carmelpsychology.com) if you have any questions or have a youth interested in attending the retreat!

SUNDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18

Plan to join our adult education "Sermon on the Mount" study at 9a in the Parlor. Sessions will use a Life Guide Study from John Stott (1921-2011), former Rector of All Saints Church of London, who calls this Sermon "counter-culture(al)." Topics will include real estate (rock & sand), lust & marriage, money and anxiety, letting your 'yes' be 'yes' and more. Running parallel to Tab's current sermon series, this 7 week study will provide an opportunity for group discussions and a deeper dive into our Lord's pivotal treatise from the book of Matthew.