

Sunday, March 26, 2023 | 5th Sunday in Lent

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 Sermon. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

Discipleship Classes

Current Discipleship Opportunities

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT | SUNDAYS 9a

LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT | Small groups will meet each Sunday in various locations throughout the church, or you may prefer a ZOOM meeting or group that meets another day of the week until April 2. *Questions?* Email Linda McCabe at Ikmccabe@outlook.com

PARISHIONERS WITHOUT PARTNERS COVENANT GROUP This group will focus on support, encouragement and fellowship and is open to all single, widowed or divorced Tab women, regardless of age. The group meets at Janie Parr's home. *Questions*? Email Janie at mparr@iupui.edu.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS 6p-7:30p | ZOOM

SOUL CARE | Spring 2023 (March 6-April 10) 6-7:30p. Questions? Email Ruth Miller for details: mrs.ruth.hmiller@gmail.com.

WOMEN ALIVE | TUESDAYS 10a-11:30a | PARLOR

ANAM CARA, A BOOK OF CELIC WISDOM. This study is based on the book by John O'Donohue. *Questions*? Email Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS 9:30a-10:30a | PARLOR

Our Pastors lead a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship.

MOMS OF TAB | 3RD WEDNESDAY MONTHLY 6:30p-7:30p | YOUTH ROOM Childcare is available.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | SATURDAYS 8a-9a | PARLOR

Currently finishing up the study on the gospel of Matthew. Starting April 15, we will start the New Testament book of Romans. *Questions*? Email 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.

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COVER ART CREDIT:

The Raising of Lazarus *by Gustave Dore*

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

"A Quiet Voluntary" — Basil Harwood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" - Rathbun

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 133 | Rev. L. John Gable

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity.

People: It is like precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard and over the collar of the robe.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the Lord ordained His blessing, life forever more.

UNISON: In the unity of faith, let us worship the God of our salvation.

HYMN | # 838

"Standing on the Promises"" - Promises

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Rev. Terri Thorn

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge can be more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient and more legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles which prevent us from being Your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit. These and all things we pray in, through and for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we now silently pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, Who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

UNISON: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

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 Senior Pastor

> **Rev. Terri Thorn** Associate Pastor

Valentina Huang Organist

> Leah Crane Jeanne Rieger Vocals

> > **Don White** *Guitar/Vocals*

John Gable Guitar

> Matt Gall Drums

Eric Guion *Guitar*

Karis Crane Bass

Pavel Polanco-Safadit Piano

> Naomi Van Winkle Viola

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 READINGS

Acts 2:41-47 (pew Bible page 886) 1 Thessalonians 5:11-28 (pew Bible page 961)

SERMON | Rev. L. John Gable

A Purpose of the Church: Fellowship "All who believed were together..."

SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

"Let us Break Bread Together" (please join in singing)

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)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

HYMN # 542

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" - God Be With You

- BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE

"Lenten Postlude" - Matthew Koch

Please stand if able.

Please join us in McKee Hall immediately following worship for Coffee/Conversation Fellowship time.

MISSED A SERMON?

SERMON NOTES

Did you miss a sermon? Or do you want to hear it again? Or read it? All of the sermons our pastors have delivered are available on the Tab website under sermons. Check it out!

10 o'clock Worship

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

PRELUDE

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✤ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"No Longer Slaves

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | Delaney Ann Fraps

CHILDREN'S SERMON | Dr. Dan Rexroth

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Look to You"

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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.

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!

SERMON | Rev. L. John Gable

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SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

- BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE

Please stand if able.

Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee/Conversation Fellowship time.

Congratulations to

Rev. Terri A. Thorn

who was elected as Tab's Associate Pastor! Rev. Terri's installation will occur during the

10a Worship Service on April 16

with a celebration reception (*hosted by the DAPNC*) immediately following in the Dining Room.

You won't want to miss this historic and important chapter in the life of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church!

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!

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."*

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 & 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.

Announcements





Plan to join us for this season's Holy Week services. Mark your calendars now for these special times of worship:

> PALM SUNDAY April 2 @ 8a & 10a

April 6 @ 7p

GOOD FRIDAY April 7 @ 12:30p & 7p

EASTER SUNDAY April 9

Sunrise Service @ 7:30a in McKee Chapel

Youth Easter Breakfast @ 8:30-10a in the Dining Room

> Easter Celebration @ 10a in the Sanctuary

Grab your family and friends and join us as we decorate cookies, play a game or two and do a fun craft at the north end of the parking lot. Afterward, hunt for eggs in Tab's Courtyard. All families with children ages 12 years and younger and their friends are welcome! This is a FREE (no registration required) event

-come and have some Easter fun!

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to help fill our Sanctuary and McKee Chapel with beautiful flowers on Easter in honor or in memory of someone, please return your order form no later than Sunday, April 2. Order forms are available at the Front Desk or in your March edition of the Tower Chimes.

Tab YOUTH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Please join your Tab family for a light continental breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 9 from 8:45-10a in the Dining Room. All donations will support and help fund the Youth Ministry summer mission trip in Phoenix, Arizona. They are so excited to return again this year! Reservations for the breakfast are not required. See you there!

LET'S GET EXCITED! TabJAMS REVEAL PARTY

Save Sunday, April 23, at 11a for the TabJams summer concert series "Reveal Party." We will announce the musical artists who will perform at our June 11, July 9 and August 13 concerts. We will have live music and refreshments and offer opportunities to get involved in this exciting, community-building event. The Reveal Party will be held in the passenger drop-off area on the north side of the church. For more information, email Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or John Thomas at John@jtprinc.com.

ROMANIA TRIP CALL-OUT

Are you interested in spending some time traveling with Tab friends to Romania? Tab is planning a trip in late 2023 and you are invited! Several locations across central and southern Romania will be seen and you will travel through the Carpathian mountains and down to the Danube River. This will be a great time to show support to our partners in Romania that we have worked with for thirty years. To find out more, email Matt Gall at MGALL2112@gmail.com.

CARINGBRIDGE/Patty Reel

Many of you have asked about how you can be of help to Rick and Patty Reel in this time of an uncertain future. If you would like, you can log into

www.caringbridge.org/visit/pattyreel

for up-to-date information on the organized meals that are being provided. Your prayers are also greatly appreciated at this time. Thanks so much to Tab for your love and care for the Reel family.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome all of our recent new members to the Tab family. David & Karen Amstutz, Rob & Debra Bush, Kirby Moffatt, Jim & Karlee Moore, Kit Moorman, and Amy Riesmeyer were accepted into membership back in February and Dan & Robyn Pollom in March. As a reminder, new members have a yellow ribbon on their nametags so please seek them out on Sundays and welcome them to the Tab family! Please also remember to wear your name tags.

STAY CONNECTED

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Tab's CHURCH CALENDAR

If you have a new event or meeting that needs to be scheduled at Tab or simply need to check on a date, please send all requests to frontdesk@tabpres.org. All calendar requests will now be handled by Janna Clegg, Tab's Front Office Administrator.

100 YEARS AT THE CORNER OF 34TH AND CENTRAL

100 years ago, in 1923, the Sanctuary of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church was built at the corner of 34th and Central in Indianapolis. Tab's Media and Worship Committees created a short video about the history of the building and what it means to the work of Christ on this corner and around the world. Check it out at **YouTube/users/tabindy**.



WE HAVE FIVE MORE DAYS OF THE ENDOWMENT GIFT-MATCHING OPPORTUNITY!

We are very close to reaching our \$3M total goal. The vision and generosity of two family members have challenged us to increase the Fund by \$3M if an additional \$1M in pledges (3-year) are made by **March 31.** Please let **Sue Anne Gilroy (317-716-5677)** or **Kristine Green (317-923-5458)** know if you are interested. Pledge Cards are available at the Front Office.

THIS WEEK AT Tab

for the week of March 26—April 1 Tab's WEB Calendar: tabpres.org/calendar/

SUNDAY, March 26

Communion Service | 8a, McKee Chapel Coffee & Fellowship | 8:45a McKee Hallway SG&D's "LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT" | 9a DR, McWRR, Parlor Children's Education Hour | 9a, LLBN 001 Youth Sunday School | 9a, YR Junior Church | 10a, LLBN Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Dining Room IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR

MONDAY, March 27

FREE-WHEELIN BIKE CAMP | March 27-31, 9a-3p **Open Door Café** | *lla*, *DR*

TUESDAY, March 28

Women Alive | 10a, Parlor Media Committee MTG | 3:30p McWRR Congregational Life MTG | 5:30p McWRR Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) | 6:15p, DR Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel Deacons' MTG | 7p, Parlor

WEDNESDAY, March 29

Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor Open Door Café | 11a, DR CHIMES Assembly & Distribution Team | 11a SR

THURSDAY, March 30

Circles | 6p, LLBN, G Getting Ahead Class | 6p, McWRR Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 6p, Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:15p, CR

FRIDAY, March 31

Open Door Café | 11*a*, DR **Circle of Hope** | 3:30*p*, Parlor

SATURDAY, April 1

Men's Bible Study | 8a, Parlor

AR = Airplane Room DR = Dining Room G = Gallery TP = Tab Park CR = Choir Room FO = Front Office SR = Session Room YR = Youth Room

LLBN = Lower Level B North McWRR = McWhirter Resource Room

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