



TAB

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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

Current Discipleship Opportunities

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT | Sundays, 9a-10a, Parlor

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO? JOURNEY TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Facilitated by **Rev. David Chaddock**, Director of CenterPoint Counseling Center at Second Presbyterian Church, this series explores the daily disruptions we face and how our brain works to navigate these challenges. You will not want to miss this exceptional opportunity to learn some helpful insights from psychology that have a bearing on our movement toward spiritual maturity.

PARISHIONERS WITHOUT PARTNERS COVENANT GROUP

This group focuses on support, encouragement and fellowship and is open to all single, widowed or divorced Tab women, regardless of age. Participants will meet at Janie Parr's home. *Questions?* **Email Janie at mparr@iupui.edu**.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS 7p | PARLOR OR ZOOM

Starting **September 25-November 20**, all women are welcome to walk the journey through the book of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz and discover the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives in a study by Bianca Juarez Olthoff on RightNow Media. Get a study guide the at the first meeting. *Questions?* **Email Ruth Miller at mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com**.

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

This is a group for women of all ages who desire to move through life together while learning to know themselves and God better. *Questions?* **Email Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com**.

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

Our Associate Pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship.

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

The Men of Tab start their weekly study on the books of **I & II Thessalonians**. *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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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 | “Prelude: Choral” —*Louis Vierne*

WELCOME | “For the Beauty of the Earth” —*Dix*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

✝ **CALL TO WORSHIP** | Rev. Terri Thorn

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

People: Bless God’s holy name.

Leader: Give praise to God!

People: Praise the Lord who saves.

Leader: It is God who forgives.

People It is God who delivers.

Leader: Bless God’s holy name.

People: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

UNISON: TOGETHER, LET US WORSHIP GOD!

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Before we can hear God’s truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you have lived for us – we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others. You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive our fears and failures. Help us learn to forgive. Help us live more boldly for you. Help us love through Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray together and in the silence of our hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our

UNISON: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✝ **RESPONSE #581** | “Gloria Patri” —*Greataorex*

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. Terri Thorn
Associate Pastor

Hayden Glasgow
Organist

Eric Guion
Guitar

Sanctuary Choir

✝ Please stand if able.

✝ 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.

FIRST READING

Romans 14:1-12 (pew Bible page 923)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35 (pew Bible page 800)

MESSAGE | Carter Booker

LIVING RADICAL LOVE — *Through Forgiveness*

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

“Let us Break Bread Together” *(please join in singing)*

Let us break bread together on our knees; (2x)

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; (2x)

(Refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (2x)

(Refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 #757 | “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” —*Kingsfold*

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ POSTLUDE | “Dialogue on the Grands Jeux” —*François Couperin*

MESSAGE NOTES

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**STAY
CONNECTED!**

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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 at

tabpres.org

under sermons.

Check it out!

✝ Please stand if able.

✚ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Book of Common Worship)*

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

ANTHEM | "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" —*Everett Titcomb*

Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

*Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,
Even the courts of the house of our God.*

Lift up your heads in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 #753** | "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" —*Prayer of St. Francis*

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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!

**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 email Finance director, 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



6th Annual
NANCY'S RIDE

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND JOIN US!



Date and Time : Saturday,
September 23rd at 9 AM.

Location : Tabernacle Presbyterian
Church (418 E. 34th Street
Indianapolis 46205) parking lot

EXPLORE INDIANAPOLIS!

Participants can join in a distance, destination, or virtual ride! Fun for the whole family!



Scan here to register now:



COME CHECK OUT THE FAMILY FUN ZONE!

Games, crafts, activities, and more!

Scan the QR or go to: <https://www.freewheelinbikes.org/nancys-ride/> for more information.

A generous donor has agreed to “sponsor” some youth participants this year! Interested families can **contact LaNisha Clark, Executive Director with Freewheelin’ Bikes at lanisha@freewheelinbikes.org** to register. For more information on how you can volunteer or to sign up for the ride, **please scan the QR code above.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2024

It’s time to accept recommendations for Tab’s 2024 Nominating Committee. According to our by-laws, the Nominating Committee is composed of eight members — two from Session, one from Deacons and five from the congregation. The current Nominating Committee is responsible for compiling the slate for the five congregational members and will consider the names that are provided.

Please submit recommendations to **Teresa Lubbers, our current Nominating Committee chair, by September 30 to teresaslubbers@gmail.com.**

GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, September 30; 8a shotgun start at Eagle Creek Golf Course. Register now for a place in the annual fundraiser benefiting the Deacons’ Benevolence Fund. For more information or to sign up, please see a friendly greeter at the table in

McKee Hallway or **contact Robert Darku at 463-224-2966 or rdarku@gmail.com.**

ATTENTION, PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Tab Media Ministry and the Front Office are looking for people to take photos at church events and gatherings. If you have your own camera and consider yourself proficient, we would like to put you on the list of those who could be called upon to capture the spirit of congregational life. These photos would be for use in publications, social media, signage and other media productions. If interested please contact **Dave Streit, Director of Media Ministry, at dave.streit@tabpres.org.**

FRESH STOP PRODUCE

The deadline for ordering for the September 23 Fresh Stop is TODAY, September 17, at midnight. You can always order ahead for as many Fresh Stops as you would like. The season ends November 18. **Email Sally at sallybjohn@gmail.com.**

SG&D’s CLASS ON C.S. LEWIS’ BOOK “THE PROBLEM OF PAIN” WITH MARK JOHN

“I am trying to show only that the old Christian doctrine of being made perfect through suffering is not incredible.” In his book, Lewis offers a rational case for the problem of pain. It is not mere reasons and arguments. Spiritual transformation begins with insight and awareness. There may be reason with no morality, but there is no morality without reason. Lewis speaks from the mind, but many of his examples arise from his own heart and life. As he has said, *“Reason is the organ of truth, the imagination is the organ of meaning.”* Hence, **this six-week class be-**

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

Gordon Dunne and his sister, Ruth, on the passing of their brother, DAVID DUNNE, who passed away, Wednesday, September 13

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn his passing.

ginning October 8 (through November 26), will offer a presentation of Lewis’ key points in his own words. There will be scriptures related to the text and concepts ready to anchor us. Images have been built in at every stage to help spark imaginations—to illustrate what Lewis is saying and to enliven the truth he evokes in our hearts as his book culminates in a vision of Christ and praise to God. Read the book in advance if you like, but it is not necessary since we will be covering what Lewis says closely.

STAFF APPRECIATION SUNDAY

On **October 15** please join us as we thank and celebrate our amazing Tab staff for their dedication and service to the many ministries of Tab. A card will be provided in the October Chimes or your bulletin that day to express your thanks to an employee or the whole group. Join us for cake in the Parlor after the 10a service!

TAB FAMILYFEST

November 10-12 at Brown County State Park. Please mark your calendars for a wonderful weekend to gather the church family at the Abe Martin Lodge. It will be a full weekend of great fun and fellowship while growing deeper in our faith and in relationship with one another, an inter-generational weekend you will not want to miss.

You will also have time to enjoy all of the amenities of the park and the sweet little town of Nashville, Indiana.

BLESSING TABLE NEEDS

Check your coats and jackets. If you have extras you won't be using this winter, please bring them to the Front Office for our Open Door Café friends. Last year, we were able to help keep our neighbors warm with rainproof parkas and heavy coats. Thank you for helping to love our neighbors with your acts of love & provision.

CALLING ALL COLORING EXPERTS!

Children's Ministries is working on an interactive bulletin board down in the Lower Level B Hallway, and YOU ARE INVITED to participate (yes adults, you too!). We are doing a giant coloring poster based upon Psalm 24:5 which says, "Show me your ways, oh Lord, point out the road for me to follow." Colored pencils and crayons will be available next to the bulletin board and we would love for you to stop by and add some color to our work of art when you have a moment.



**PRETEEN
RETREAT** POKAGON STATE PARK
OCT 7-8

COST: \$25

Please let Jennifer Wirt know no later than September 30 if you will be joining them or if you have any questions.

All preteen students (*grades 5 & 6*) are encouraged to join us for a weekend of hiking, swimming, games, Bible study, eating and awesome fellowship.
Cost is \$25 per student.

(Confidential scholarships are available— please do not let cost deter you from attending.)

Please let Mrs. Wirt know no later than Sunday, September 30 if you have questions or would like to sign up to come.

NURSERY

Workers Needed

Your main responsibility?
Cuddling Tab's adorable babies,
of course!

Contact **Jennifer Wirt**, Children's Ministry Director
or **Jenny Sturgis**, Nursery Coordinator if interested.



This week at Tab

for the week of September 17-23

Tab's Online Calendar: tabpres.org/calendar/

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Communion Service | 8a, McKee Chapel
Coffee & Fellowship | 8:45a, McKee Hallway
Children's Education | 9a, LLBN 001
Youth Education | 9a, YR
JOURNEY TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY | 9a, Parlor
Junior Church | 10a, LLB
Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Parlor
IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
Cub Scouts Den MTG | 6:30p, DR, G, LLA, LLB

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Women Alive | 10a, McWRC
Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) | 6:30p, DR, G
Session MTG | 7p, Parlor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor
Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
Moms of Tab | 6:30p, YR, Toddler's RM (Childcare)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Tab Tutoring | 3:45p, DR, G, LLB, McWRC
Circles | 6p, Dining RM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7p, Choir RM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Nancy's Ride | 7a, Parking Lot
Men's Bible Study | 8a, Parlor
PraiseStage Rehearsal | 9a, Dining RM
Anniversary Sunday Rehearsal | 9:30a, Sanctuary
Fresh Stop Produce | 10a, Raphael Health CTR
Purls of Wisdom | 10a, Session RM.