



TAB

Miserere Domine Deus meus et saluam me

# 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**

Presented 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 also explore how our life experiences shape our beliefs and relationships and how they also impact our attachments, wants and anxieties. There will be discussion about how meditation and prayer can help us become more spiritually mature and Christ-like. 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. —through **October 1**.

##### **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](mailto:mparr@iupui.edu)**.

##### **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](mailto: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.

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

The Men of Tab are continuing their study on the books of **I & II Thessalonians**. *Questions?* **Email [dlconrads@yahoo.com](mailto: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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Tab's Sanctuary Stage  
—Psalm 27  
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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** | “Organ Sonata VI: Fugue and Finale” —*Felix Mendelssohn*

**RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS** | Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

**WELCOME** | “Come, Thou Almighty King” —*Italian Hymn*

Come Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 107:1-3, 43*) | Rev. Terri Thorn

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

**People: And consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

**UNISON: LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

✠ **HYMN #321** | “The Church’s One Foundation” —*Aurelia*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** | Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God’s grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior in whose name we pray together and in the silence of our hearts...

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Psalm 145:9; Ephesians 2:8-9*)

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing.

**People: It is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**UNISON: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

✠ **RESPONSE #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.

## Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn  
*Associate Pastor*

Sharon Marshall  
*8a Liturgist*

Carter Booker  
*10a Liturgist*

Matt Kauffman  
Hayden Glasgow  
*Organists*

Sanctuary Choir

Mark Murray  
Brian Hoover  
*Trumpet*

Sharon Weyser  
*Horn*

Brad Koser  
*Trombone*

Bill Schmidt  
*Tuba*

Jason Spangler  
*Timpani*

✠ 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 145:1-9 (pcw Bible page 506)  
Matthew 20:1-16 (pcw Bible page 801)

MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

LIVING RADICAL LOVE — With Mercy

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 #305 | “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” —Darall’s 148th

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ POSTLUDE | “Finale in D Minor” —Eric Thiman

# 10 o'clock Worship

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MESSAGE NOTES

Lined area for message notes.

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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](http://tabpres.org)  
under sermons.  
Check it out!

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### ✝ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

✝ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued)*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | Dr. Daniel Rexroth

**CELEBRATION ANTHEM** | "The Lord Is My Light" —*Michael John Trotta*

—[Commissioned for the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of Tab's Sanctuary]—

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I fear?  
Of whom then shall I be afraid?*

*Though an host should rise against me, my heart shall not fear;  
Though war should rise against me, my heart shall not fear.*

*One thing I desire, the one thing that I seek  
To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
To behold the works of the Lord!*

*For in the time of trouble he shall hide me  
In the secret of his tabernacle he shall hide me.*

*Wait on the Lord and he will strengthen you and your heart.  
Wait on the Lord; be of good courage,  
Wait on the Lord, O wait on the Lord, and he will give you strength.*

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✝ **HYMN #450** | "Be Thou My Vision" —*Slane*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Psalm 145:1-9** *(pew Bible page 506)*  
**Matthew 20:1-16** *(pew Bible page 801)*

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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](http://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.

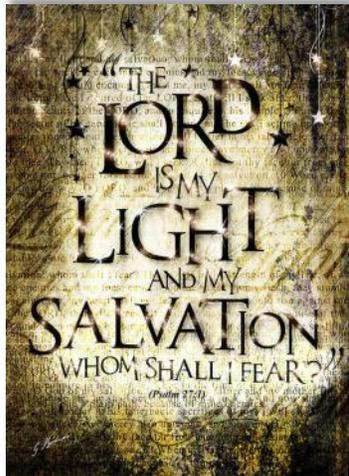
If you are a member or friend of Tab in need, please email Finance director, Kristine Green at [kristine.green@tabpres.org](mailto:kristine.green@tabpres.org) for more information and confidential application procedures.

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

## 50-YEAR MEMBERS

This morning, we celebrate **David and Mary Mills** upon the momentous milestone of fifty years of membership at Tab! Congratulations!



## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY MUSIC

This morning's Sanctuary Choir anthem is a special composition commissioned by the Tabernacle Worship, Arts & Music Committee for the celebration of Tab's 100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary. Michael John Trotta, a well-known composer in musical circles throughout the world, has set the beautiful words of Psalm 27 (which are carved in the woodwork on each side of the pulpit) into an exciting and moving anthem that will speak God's word in a new and refreshing way. This morning is the premier performance of this new work and is inscribed on the title page with, "In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Sanctuary for Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana."

## THE HISTORY OF TAB

The Tabernacle Endowment Fund has commissioned a book to be written about the history of Tab. Dr. Jason S. Lantzer, Assistant Director of the Butler University Honors Program, has been asked to complete the work on this valuable history. Here is an update from Dr. Lantzer: *"Over the past year, I have been reading through a trove of documents from Tab's archives and collections. I have also started assembling a draft manuscript (which is nearly 25,000 words in length) that will eventually tell Tab's remarkable story. As this work moves along, I look forward to sharing some stories you know and perhaps some you have never heard before with the congregation and with those who want to know more about the role Tab has played in the spiritual life of the city."*

## INTERIM PASTOR UPDATE

The Interim Transition Team (ITT) has met four times in the past six weeks and with input from Session, composed a 'Ministry Discernment Pro-

file' (MDP). The MDP is used to present the interim opportunity at Tab to potential candidates. It was approved by Session and the Committee on Ministry at the Presbytery and is now active for matching on the Church Leadership Connection of the PC(USA) website. The ITT will soon be reviewing Pastor Information Forms and hopefully interviewing potential candidates in the coming weeks. Please keep the ITT, this process and the person with whom God is calling in your prayers.

## 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](mailto:teresaslubbers@gmail.com).

## GOLF CLASSIC

**Saturday, September 30; 8a shotgun start** at Eagle Creek Golf Course. This is the last week to register 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](mailto:rdarku@gmail.com).

## PRETEEN RETREAT

**October 7-8 at Pokagon State Park.** All preteens (grades 5 & 6) students are encouraged to join us for a weekend of hiking, swimming, games, Bible study, eating and awesome fellowship. (Confidential scholarships are available— please do not let cost deter you from attending.) **Please RSVP by September 30** to [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org).

OCTOBER 15  
**STAFF  
APPRECIATION  
SUNDAY**  
AT BOTH SERVICES

Be looking for more information in your bulletin and October Chimes.

**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. As he has said, "Reason is the organ of truth, the imagination is the organ of meaning." Hence, **this six-week class, beginning 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. Read the book in advance if you like, but it is not necessary since each week 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

us love our neighbors with your acts of love & and provision.

**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](mailto:dave.streit@tabpres.org).

**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.

**TAB TUTORING**

Tab Tutoring has started their 2023-2024 tutoring season **Thursdays from 3:45-5:15p** and will continue each week through the school year (observing the IPS 2023/2024 school calendar). **MORE TUTORS ARE NEEDED!** If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please call **Barb Babcock** (317-730-3898) or **Carol Newell** (540-597-0794).

**NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED**

If you would love to give of your time and talents to cuddle some of Tab's most adorable babies, please contact:

**Jennifer Wirt** (Children's Ministry Director, [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org))

—or—

**Jenny Sturgis** (Nursery Coordinator, [jennycsturgis@gmail.com](mailto:jennycsturgis@gmail.com)).

# This week at Tab

for the week of September 24-30

Tab's Online Calendar: [tabpres.org/calendar/](http://tabpres.org/calendar/)

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**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  
**SCOUTS Eagle Court of Honor** | 1-3p, McKee Chapel, YR

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**Open Door Café** | 11a, Dining RM  
**Scout Troop 72** | 6:45p, YR  
**Women's Bible Study** | 7p, Parlor

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**Women Alive** | 10a, McWRC  
**Open Door Café Volunteer Luncheon** | 11:30a, DR  
**Media Committee MTG** | 3:30p, McWRC  
**Congregational Life MTG** | 5:30p, McWRC  
**Bible Study Fellowship** | 6:30p, Dining RM, Gallery  
**Prayer Meeting** | 6:30p, McKee Chapel  
**Deacons' MTG** | 7p, Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**Pastors' Bible Study** | 9:30a, Parlor  
**Open Door Café** | 11a, Dining RM

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**Men's Bible Study** | 8a, Parlor  
**GOLF CLASSIC** | 8a, @Eagle Creek Golf Course