

TAB

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear

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**.

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 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**.

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:
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*)

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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

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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!

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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*

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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, 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.

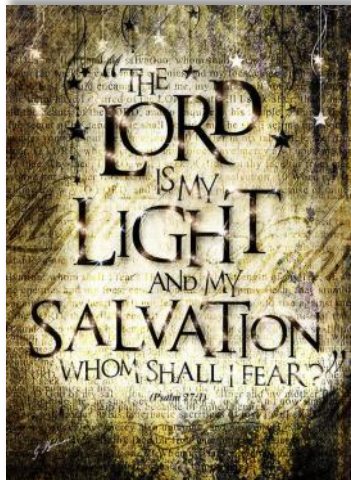
If you are a member or friend of Tab in need, please email Finance director, Kristine Green at kristine.green@tabpres.org for more information and confidential application procedures.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

**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)

—or—

Jenny Sturgis (Nursery Coordinator, jennycsturgis@gmail.com).

This week at Tab

for the week of September 24-30

Tab's Online Calendar: 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