



TAB

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

THE PROBLEM OF PAIN with Mark John

October 8, 15, 22; November 19, 26

"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 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.

October 29: Reformation Hymns

PARISHIONERS WITHOUT PARTNERS COVENANT GROUP | SUNDAYS 11a-12:30p | McWRC

This group focuses on support, encouragement and fellowship and is open to all single, widowed or divorced Tab women, regardless of age.

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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Autumn Path
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"We're all just walking
each other home."

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 | “Toccata in e minor” —*Johann Pachelbel*

WELCOME | “We Praise You, O God” —*Kremser*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

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

Leader: Come into this sacred space to worship God

**People: Whose teaching is perfect;
whose directions are sure.**

Leader: Come into this holy place to worship God

**People: Whose standards are right;
whose commandment is clear;
whose judgments are true.**

Leader: Come with holy fear —

**People: To be given life and made wise,
to have our heart stirred and our eyes opened wide.**

Leader: Come — let us worship God.

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts
be according to your will, O God. Amen.**

✠ **HYMN #625** | “O Lord My God” —*How Great Thou Art*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Keva Rop, Elder

Leader: Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal. In the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray this together and in the silence of hearts...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal — but Christ has! In Christ you are a new creation, you are made whole, and you are called beloved. Thanks be to God and believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn
Associate Pastor

Keva Rop
8a Liturgist

John Thomas
10a Liturgist

Matt Kauffman
Organist

Pavel Polanco-Safadit
Piano

Leah Crane
Staci McCrackin
Val Phelps
Vocals

Rob Dixon
Sax

Steve Dokken
Bass

Joseph Alsati
Percussion

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✝ **OPENING SONG** | “Cornerstone”

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hear it again?

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All of the sermons our
pastors have delivered
are available at

tabpres.org
under sermons.

Check it out!

✝ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Adapted from Philippians 3

Leader: Let each profess that which we know and believe:

All: I know Christ. I am found in him. Nothing is gained in this life but him. I know the power of his resurrection. I know the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death and I know that, according to his great mercy, we will attain the resurrection from the dead through him.

This I know and believe. Amen.

✝ **SPECIAL MUSIC** | “Because of Who You Are”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Jennifer Wirt

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14 (*pew Bible page 954*)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46 (*pew Bible page 803*)

MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

The Gift of Letting Go

“But this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining toward what lies ahead.” -Philippians 3:13b

SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

✝ **CLOSING SONG** | “The Blessing”

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE**

**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



ROMANIA MISSION TEAM

Please keep our Romania Mission Team in your prayers as they begin their adventure visiting Tab-supported missionaries and mission sites in Romania throughout this coming week. The team consists of Matt Gall, Don Heitman and Mike O'Banyel. Our prayers are with them all!

CONGRATULATIONS, PAVEL POLANCO-SAFADIT!

Hats off to Indianapolis musician and Tab pianist, Pavel Polanco-Safadit, on being the recipient of WRTV's Jefferson Award for Multiplying Good. He was presented the award in September by reporter Rafael Sanchez. To view the entire article you can visit <https://www.wrtv.com/lifestyle/multiplying-good/music-man-shares-gift-to-empower-and-educate>. Congratulations!

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 is provided in the October Chimes or will be in 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!

FRESH STOP PRODUCE

Saturday, October 21. The deadline for ordering is midnight on October 15.

Questions? Email Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

TAB'S BUILDING CLOSED

Our building will be closed from **7a until 12p on Saturday, October 28**, due to the road closures involving the Monumental Marathon route.

TREATS AT TAB

Formerly Trunk or Treat, **Treats at Tab** will take place in Lower Level A and B from **12-1:30p on Sunday, October 29**. Lunch will be served, you will have a chance to play carnival games, get your face painted and get goodie bags, DJ music and of

course... lots and lots of candy! All are welcome—and there is no cost for this event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many ways in which you can serve with your time and talent for the upcoming **Treats at Tab**. Willing and able volunteers are needed to hand out candy, help serve lunch as well as oversee the various festivities. In addition, your donations of candy and treats (*individually-wrapped, please!*) are also needed.

Sign up at the table in McKee Hallway Sundays in October. Please email Jennifer with any questions at at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes and box labels for OCC are available in McKee Hallway during the month of October (during the week in the Front Office). **This year's deadline for donations is Sunday, November 12.** For more info on what items are suggested for

these love boxes to children all over the world—please go to samaritanspurse.org. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful generosity to God's children around the world! Questions? Email Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

TAB FAMILYFEST

—LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!

November 10-12 at Brown County State Park. This is the last week to register for Tab FamilyFest in beautiful Brown County! Tab is underwriting 50% of the room cost along with paying for the Saturday night banquet. Additionally, scholarships are available to make it more affordable — please contact Sara Heitman for confidential information (317-402-2778). A buffet breakfast is available in the lodge for \$15/adults and \$7.50/children.

BLESSING TABLE NEEDS

Check your coats and jackets. If you have extras you will not 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 rain-proof 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** at dave.streit@tabpres.org.

CALLING ALL COLORING EXPERTS!

Children's Ministries has been 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 25:4 which says, "Show me your ways, Lord, point out the road for me to follow." Colored pencils and crayons are available next to the bulletin board and we would love for you to stop by and add some color to our work of art.

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 couple months and with input from Session, composed a (MDP) 'Ministry Discernment Profile'. 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.

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).



Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner

Join the Umoja Partnership for their 8th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner on **Sunday, November 5, 5:00p**. Do not miss out on this joyful celebration of Thanksgiving hosted by Northside Events & Social Club. It will be a memorable evening filled with good food, family and friends as they come together to raise money for Umoja Partnership's project in Kenya.

During the course of the evening, attendees will have the chance to complete their bids on our online auction. This year they have a collection of decorative art, hand-crafted jewelry, entertainment, home and garden, travel packages and more. The bidding opens on November 1st.

Purchase your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/umojainterfaiththanksgivingdinner2023>

This week at Tab

for the week of October 8-14

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Communion Service | 8a, McKee Chapel
Coffee & Fellowship | 8:45a, McKee Hallway
Children's Education | 9a, LLBN 001
Youth Education | 9a, YR
SG&D's PROBLEM OF PAIN | 9a, Parlor
Junior Church | 10a, LLB
Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Parlor
IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR
Women's COVENANT GROUP | 11a, McWRC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
Facilities Committee MTG | 5:30p, Session RM
Women's Bible Study | 7p, Parlor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Women Alive | 10a, Parlor
Budget & Finance Committee MTG | 5p, Online
Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel
Children's Ministries Committee MTG | 7p, LLB
Worship Committee MTG | 7:15p, Session RM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Men's Bible Study | 8a, Parlor
Purloins of Wisdom | 10a, Session RM.