

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

October 15, 2023 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost

## 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 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." This class will offer a presentation of Lewis' key points in his own words. There are 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** (see p7 for more information)

#### 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 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 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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Moses and the Fire of Sinai © Darius Gilmont

### 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** | "Chaconne" — Raymond H. Haan

#### WELCOME

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church Staff Recognition | Keva Rop, Elder/HR Committee Chair

"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. Jim Pfeiffer

Leader: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

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Leader: What joy we have in God's presence!

People: What peace is brought to us in God's house!

Leader: This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen.

✤ HYMN #54 | "Make a Joyful Noise to God" — Dix

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. These and all things we pray in the silence of our hearts . . .

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**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

**Carter Booker** *Guest Speaker* 

**Rev. Jim Pfeiffer** 8a Liturgist

**Rev. Terri Thorn** Associate Pastor 10a Liturgist

Hayden Glasgow Organist

**Sanctuary Choir** 

Ŷ	THE APOSTLES' CREED	MESSAGE NOTES
	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	
	OLD TESTAMENT READINGEPISTLE READINGExodus 32:1-14 (pew Bible page 69)Philippians 4:1-9 (pew Bible page 955)	
	MESSAGE   Carter Booker The Unwinding	
	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) ( <i>Refrain</i> )	
	Let us praise God together on our knees; (2x) ( <i>Refrain</i> )	
	PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER   Rev. Jim Pfeiffer	
	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.	
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#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

Please stand if able.

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Facebook Group —look for— **"The Tab Family"** 

On YouTube, subscribe to Tab's YouTube page, tabindy.

#### 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! teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

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. Amen

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

#### **ANTHEM |** "Have You Heard God's Voice?" — *Frederic Chatfield*

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to follow? Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow? Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent? Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent? Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different? Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint? Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?

In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless? Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless? We will walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow. Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow? Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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#### HYMN #386 | "Come, Worship God" — O Quanta Qualia

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

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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

#### **STAFF APPRECIATION**

Join us following the 10a service in the Parlor for a cake reception celebrating Tab's Staff. A card is provided in your bulletin today to express your thanks to an employee or to the group if you wish. You can place your completed cards in the basket located in McKee Hallway, and/or pick up additional cards there if needed.

> JANNA CLEGG Front Office Administrator, 1 year

> > **ROBERT COWLES** *Kitchen Assistant*, **1 year**

**LEAH CRANE** Contemporary Worship Leader, **9 years** 

> JEFF EARNEST Facilities Manager, 5 months

**NIGEL FOREMAN** Recreation Chaplain, **17 years** 

**KRISTINE GREEN** Finance Director, **21 years** 

**BEN HUGHES** Recreation Director, **18 years** 

> **GREG KASHMAN** *Custodian*, **7 months**

**MATT KAUFFMAN** *Music Director*, **32 years** 

> **SEAN O'BANYEL** *Custodian*, **8 years**

JAMES PAYTON Custodian, 2 years

**DAN & AMY REXROTH** Youth Directors, **7 years** 

DAVE STREIT Media Director, 27 years

**STEVE SUMMERVILLE** *Recreation Assistant*, **15 years** 

**TERRI THORN** Associate Pastor, **4 years** 

JENNIFER WIRT Children's Director, **21 years** 

JANAE WOODSON Community Ministry Coordinator, 2 months

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who prayed, sent a card, email, text or delivered food during Don's recent illness and passing. We truly felt wrapped in love by our church family. —*Sue White* 

#### 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.

#### **REFORMATION HYMNS**

On Sunday, October 29, the Spiritual Growth & Development Team will offer a class during the adult education hour themed around Reformation Sunday. We have invited to the class three Reformation-Era visitors who will share their life story and connection with the Reformation: Martin Luther (played by Scott Carlson), John Calvin (played by Doug Moeller), and Jeanne d'Albret (played by Ann Ost). In addition, Drew & Becca Childs will lead us in singing a couple of Reformation-themed hymns, including Luther's "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." It should be a time of great fun and everyone is invited to join!

#### 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.

#### **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). The deadline for donations is November 12. For more info on what items are suggested for these love boxes

#### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

The family and friends of DALLAS MOORHEAD who passed away at the age of 98 on Friday, October 6.

A memorial service is planned for Wednesday, October 18 at 1p in the Sanctuary here at Tab.

to children all over the world, please go to samaritanspurse.org. 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 UPDATE

We have had a wonderful response for this year's Tab FamilyFest scheduled for the weekend of November 10-12 in Brown County State Park. Currently, we have 170 people coming with a couple of cabins left if any one of you still want to come! Final payment is to be no later than October 22. Stop by the table in McKee Hallway Sunday or call Sara Heitman at 317-402-2778.

#### **BLANKET DONATIONS**

Please join us in helping to keep our neighbors warm this winter and donate a blanket or comforter **by November 13**. We have found that twin, full and queen sizes are perfect for their needs. You can bring these new or gently-used items to the Front Office so they may be included in our annual distribution. The temperatures have gotten chilly and we want to assist keeping our Open Door Café friends warm through the winter months. Many thanks!

#### TAB TUTORING NEWS

Tab tutoring has been in session for about a month now, and we are so excited to see so many familiar, as well as, new faces in the program, both tutors and students. We currently have 24 students in the program ranging in ages from Kindergarten through 6th grade, which is a blessing! We also have 8 students on a waiting list, which is something we would like to address. We would

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like you to consider if this is a ministry in which you would like to serve. Or maybe you know of someone, not part of our congregation, that is looking for a way to serve the Lord. Tutors can be either an adult or high school student. We would love to have more tutors join us in this ministry. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about Tab Tutoring please call Barb Babcock (317-730-3898) or Carol Newell (540-597-0794). As always we are thankful for all your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for the students, the volunteers and the ministry of this program.

#### **DO YOU ENJOY SEWING?**

Raphael Health Center needs your help making bibs, spit-up pads, and blankets/ quilts for new mothers. Please call **Doris Shafer at 317-258-4750** for more info.

#### **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 jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

#### DO YOU LIKE TO COLOR?

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. We would love for you to stop by and add some color to our work of art.

#### **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.



oin Umoja Partnership for their 8th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 5 at 5p. 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, handcrafted jewelry, entertainment, home and garden, travel packages and more. The bidding opens on November 1.

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

### This week at Tab

for the week of October 15-21 Tab's Online Calendar: tabpres.org/calendar/

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

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 Staff Appreciation Reception | 11a, Parlor IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR Women's COVENANT GROUP | 11a, McWRC

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**Open Door Café** | 11*a*, Dining RM **Cub Scout Pack 72 Den MTG** | 6:30*p*, DR, G, LL **Women's Bible Study** | 7*p*, Parlor

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Women Alive | 10a, Parlor Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel Session MTG | 7p,Parlor

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM Moorhead Memorial Service | 1p, Sanctuary Moms of Tab | 6:30p, YR—2s RM/Childcare

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**

Getting Ahead | 6p, McWRC Circles | 6p, Dining RM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7p, Parlor

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

Men's Bible Study | 8a, Parlor Fresh Stop Produce | 10a, Raphael Health CTR