



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 21, 2024 | 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

# 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.

Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

## Discipleship Classes

### Current Discipleship Opportunities

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

##### GOD'S FOUNDATIONAL CHARACTER | January 21, 28

The book of Exodus describes the foundational attributes of God in the following words: *Compassion, Grace, Slow to Anger, Loyal Love, and Faithful*. Join us as we explore these words as used throughout the Bible's story of God's gift of redemption.

##### LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ | February 14-March 24

There are two, Lenten series devotionals to choose from: **"Good Enough—40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection,"** and **"Because of This I Rejoice — Reading Philippians During Lent"**. As an add-on, everyone is encouraged to consider adding **"The Art of Lent: A Painting A Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter"** in combination with either the first two books. Books will be available at a table in McKee Hallway each Sunday (starting today) where you can also sign up to join one of the Fellowship Gatherings. *See the announcements page in this bulletin for more information.*

#### WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS 7p-8:30p | PARLOR or ONLINE (ZOOM)

##### Through March 25 | **Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them.**

Whether they were *Bad to the Bone,* *"Bad for a Season, but not Forever,"* or only *"Bad for a Moment,"* these infamous sisters show women how not to handle the challenges of life. *Questions? Email Ruth Miller at [mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 1 Corinthians.

*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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# 8 o'clock Worship

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**PRELUDE** | “Adagio” (from “Trio Sonata in d minor”) —J. S. Bach

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✝ PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Love Has Come” —*Bring a Torch*

*Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

### ✝ CALL TO WORSHIP | Dr. Bill Smutz

Leader: As if this were the only time,

**People: And this the only place,**

Leader: And we the only people,

**People: Jesus will meet us.**

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**All: Let us worship God!**

### ✝ HYMN #327 | “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” —*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

### CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Jim Pfeiffer

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. We also know that you can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. So we lift our prayer of confession to you. Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of grace, for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech, and the words with which we wounded, grant us your forgiveness. For our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness, and for all we have left untended, scatter the sin from our souls. Embrace us always in your tenderhearted mercy; and in Jesus, begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are...*

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is our God?

**People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: We are forgiven, rescued and redeemed. Alleluia! Amen!**

**All: In Christ Jesus, we are all loved and forgiven.**

## Today's Worship Participants

Dr. Bill Smutz  
Interim Pastor

Rev. Jim Pfeiffer  
8a Liturgist

Andrew Hart  
10a Liturgist

Emily Ballentine Erb  
Organist

The Sanctuary Choir

✝ 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.**

✝ THE 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

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GOSPEL READING | John 2:1-10 (*pew Bible page 863*)

MESSAGE | Dr. Bill Smutz

“Fortnightly”

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 #463 | “How Firm a Foundation” —*Foundation*

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ POSTLUDE | “In dir ist Freude” —*setting by Kristina Langlois*

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MESSAGE NOTES

Lined area for message notes.

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✚ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from 1 Peter 1:3-5 and 2:21-24)

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!***

***By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through  
faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

***Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.  
“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”***

***When he was abused, he did not return abuse;***

***when he suffered, he did not threaten;***

***but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.***

***He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;***

***by his wounds you have been healed.***

***For you were going astray like sheep,***

***but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.***

***Thanks be to God for his unending mercy to we who once were lost. Amen.***

**ANTHEM** | “He, Watching Over Israel” (from “Elijah”) —*Felix Mendelssohn*

*He, watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.*

*Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; he will quicken thee.*

*He, watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.*

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✚ **HYMN #137** | “He Came Down” —*He Came Down*

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**WAYS TO GIVE AT TAB**

God provides for the ministry of Tab through your generosity. We honor all gifts with faithful stewardship, ethical business practices, and full accountability so that the financial integrity of our mission remains above reproach. Your gift(s) to support this ministry financially enables us to reach the local community and the world for Jesus!

•Join us on a Sunday morning and place your gift in the offering boxes available at the 34th Street Narthex and Bell Tower Entrances to the Sanctuary.

•Mail in your gift to the church at 418 E. 34th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205 (ATTN: Finance Director).

•Text TABPRES to 73256.

•Scan the QR Code below.



**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. If you or someone you know is in need, please reach out to 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, please call the **Community Care line at 317-805-1281** for an appointment.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## — CALL FOR ANNUAL MEETING —

In accordance with the By-laws, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for **SUN, FEB 4, 2024 at 9a** for the purpose of: reviewing the Annual Report, receiving the approved Operating Budget for 2024, acting on the Associate Pastor Terms of Call, and any other business that may be properly discussed.

The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.

**Rev. Dr. William Smutz**, *Moderator*  
**Sharon Marshall**, *Clerk of Session*

Copies of the Annual Report will be available online; printed copies available upon request.

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Today's beautiful chancel bouquets have been given this morning in celebration of the arrival of **Interim Senior Pastor, The Reverend Dr. Bill Smutz**. We invite you to join us in the Dining Room following the 10a worship service this morning as we welcome him to Tab and to Indianapolis.

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to **Beth Ahearn and family** on the death of her mother, **Fran Bell**, on **SUN, JAN 14**. A service to celebrate resurrection will occur at a later date in March in Bloomington, Indiana.

Please continue to keep the Ahearn/Bell families in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

**Beth Ahearn**  
**3677 Brumley Way**  
**Carmel, IN 46033-3019**

### MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY UPDATE

This week's elementary students will visit **Puerto Rico**, where we will learn how to play a game called "Fizz Buzz," and how to identify five different types of Puerto Rican music and a few Salsa dance moves. We will learn about and play the table game "Cinco Marias," play "The Blind Hen" and "Bell, Beak, or Spider" in the Gym as well. At the craft tables, students will create Festival masks and will draw Coqui frogs. Learn several color and number words in Spanish at the Brain Busters center, and of course, students will taste Asopao de Pollo (chicken and rice stew) and Besitos de Coco (coconut kisses) at the Food Center.

**FUN FACT ABOUT PUERTO RICO:** The only tropical rain forest in the United States National Park Service, El Yunque National Forest, is located in Puerto Rico.

### LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ

The Spiritual Growth & Development Team has two, Lenten devotional choices for you this year for the all-church read:

- 1) **"Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals For A Life Of Imperfection,"** co-written by New York Time's best-selling author, *Kate Bowler*. This book is described as reflections on how truth, beauty, and meaning can be discovered amid the chaos of life.
- 2) **"Because of This I Rejoice,"** by best-selling author, *Max O. Vincent*, a series of "joyful" meditations through readings from the book of Philippians.

We are also encouraging everyone to consider adding **"The Art Of Lent: A Painting a day from Ash Wednesday to Easter"** by *Sister Wendy Beckett* in combination with either of the first two books.

Each of these books will be on display in McKee Chapel where you will also have the opportunity to sign up for Fellowship Gatherings meeting during the week and on Sunday mornings. **Come join us as we prepare ourselves for the Easter joy of the risen Christ!**

### CAMP PYOCA 2024 REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for parents to sign their children up for summer camps at Pyoca, our presbytery's camp and conference center. If your child would like to go, Children's Ministries will pay half of the cost for one week of camp for each "Tab kid" who registers. Spots in the various camps are filling up quickly, especially for the elementary programs, so sign up today!

The link for Pyoca summer camp information and registration is [https://pyoca.org/summer\\_camp/](https://pyoca.org/summer_camp/). Please contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

If you have a new event or meeting that needs to be scheduled at Tab, please send all requests to [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org). If you need to check on a date or want to see what's coming soon, you can see the Tab event calendar by going to [tabpres.org/calendar/](http://tabpres.org/calendar/)

## WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

As a church, one of our core values is connecting with God through prayer and worship. It is for this reason that the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting is one of the most important "services" of the week! As a family of believers, we gather together to lift up needs in the church and around the world, believing God is going to move in mighty ways. **Everyone is welcome to join other prayer warriors each Tuesday at 6:30p in McKee Chapel.**

## STAY CONNECTED

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## 2024 SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS

Would you like to give flowers on a Sunday morning for in "Memory of" or "In Honor of" someone or a ministry? Please contact Linda Fledderjohn for more information at (317) 439-9829 or email her at [fledder@comcast.net](mailto:fledder@comcast.net).

## IF EVER YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL OR A CARE FACILITY...

Please remember to call the church office or ask someone to call us on your behalf. It is on occasion that we hear news that someone has been admitted and we were not aware, which can be a source of frustration or disappointment for the patient, pastors and prayer warriors. Tab's pastors regularly visit people who are in the hospital, so please let us know if you would like a pastoral visit, or even if you simply just want us to remember you in prayer.

# This week at Tab

for the week of January 21-28

For a list of all activities, please visit:  
[tabpres.org/calendar/](http://tabpres.org/calendar/)

### SUN, JAN 21

**Communion Service** | 8a, McKee Chapel  
**Coffee & Fellowship** | 8:45a, McKee Hallway  
**SG&D's God's Foundational Character** | 9a, Parlor  
**Youth Education** | 9a, Youth RM  
**Missions Unit** | 9a, LLB  
**Worship Service** | 10a, Sanctuary  
**Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz Reception** | 11a, Dining RM  
**IMPACT Youth Group** | 11a, YR

### MON, JAN 22

**Open Door Café** | 11a, Dining RM  
**Cub Scout Pack 72 MTG** | Dining RM, G, LLA, LLB  
**Scout Troop 72/721 MTG** | Youth RM

### TUE, JAN 23

**Women Alive** | 10a, Parlor  
**Media Committee MTG** | 3:30p, McWRC  
**Congregational Life MTG** | 5:30p, McWRC  
**Prayer Meeting** | 6:30p, McKee Chapel  
**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)** | 6:30p, DR, G  
**Deacons' MTG** | 7p, Parlor

### WED, JAN 24

**Pastors' Bible Study** | 9:30a, Parlor  
**Open Door Café** | 11a, Dining RM  
**Recreation MTG** | 6p, McWRC  
**NCLC Educational Workshop** | 6p, Dining RM

### THU, JAN 25

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

### FRI, JAN 26

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

### SAT, JAN 27

**Men's Bible Study** | 9a, Parlor  
**Purls of Wisdom** | 10a, Session RM  
**Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Setup** | 10a, Dining RM

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