



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 28, 2024 | 4th 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 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 of the first two books. Books will be available at a table in McKee Hallway each Sunday where you can also sign up to join one of the Fellowship Gatherings. *See the announcements page in this bulletin for more information.*

#### PARISHIONERS WITHOUT PARTNERS (Women's Covenant Group) | 4th SUNDAY, 11a | McWRC/Parlor

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

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

Now 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 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 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

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community as you worship with us.

PRELUDE | "Canzona" —*Andrea Gabrieli*

*The prelude music is a time of worship offering praise to God as well as giving each of us an opportunity to prepare our hearts for worship. Please use this time to pray, meditate and reflect on how God might speak to you during the service this morning.*

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: In the morning light, O God,

People: **May we glimpse again your image deep within us,**

Leader: The threads of eternal glory,

People: **Woven into the fabric of everyone, everywhere.**

Leader: Again may we catch sight of the mystery of the human soul,

People: **Fashioned in your likeness,**

Leader: Deeper than knowing,

People: **More enduring than time.**

Leader: And, in glimpsing these threads of life,

People: **Amidst the weakness and distortions of our lives,**

Leader: Let us be recalled,

People: **To the strength and beauty deep within our souls.**

Leader: Let us be recalled,

**All: To the strength and beauty of your image in every living soul!**

✝ HYMN #32 | "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" —*Ellacombe*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Terri Thorn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Creator God, forgive us for those times when we have been willing to be entertained, but not changed; when we have allowed our insights to harden into clichés; when we have spoken, only to consolidate our own position; when we have called on you, only to hear the sound of our own voices; when our celebrations have left others with nothing to enjoy. Teach us the humility to learn from those who know true rejoicing. From the raw material of our lives, make us a community of love. We ask through Jesus, who simply revealed your glory.....*

SILENT CONFESSION

## Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz  
*Interim Senior Pastor*

Rev. Terri Thorn  
*Associate Pastor*

Matt Kauffman  
*Organist*

Leah Crane  
Jeanne Rieger  
*Vocals*

Eric Guion  
*Guitar*

Karis Crane  
*Bass*

Matt Gall  
*Percussion*

Pavel Polanco-Safadit  
*Piano*



# 10 o'clock Worship

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community as you worship with us.

**PRELUDE** | “This is Amazing Grace” —*Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro & Phil Wickham*

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### ✝ OPENING SONG | “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” —*Chris Tomlin, John Newton & Louie Giglio*

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## GET IN TOUCH, STAY IN TOUCH

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The easiest and most effective way to receive news about our church and church family is to subscribe to our emails.

**We send out a digest every Friday,** 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.”

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ✚ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us together state some of what we believe.

**All: We believe in You, our Creator God, who spoke the universe into being through your Word, who formed us in your image, who calls us by name; to you we lift our hearts and give our thanks and praise. We believe in You, our Redeeming God, who was born as one of us in Jesus, who told stories, restored the lost and broken, and tore away barriers, who died and rose for us, and lives and reigns forever; to you we lift our hearts and give our thanks and praise. We believe in You, our Sustaining God, who is ever-present with us through the Holy Spirit, who calls us, leads us, inspires and upholds us, who brings us into a fellowship beyond earthly ties; to you we lift our hearts and give our thanks and praise. Amen!**

### SPECIAL MUSIC | "In the Bleak Midwinter" —Gustav Holst

### 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.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING | Paraphrase of Genesis 1

On the sixth days God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image.'  
So the wind grew strong over the swelling sea and from the moist earth humanity was born.  
Spirit and flesh were formed in the likeness of God.  
Male and Female came forth together.  
And the words of heaven were spoken on earth, 'Be fruitful and multiply.  
The earth is yours and you are the earth's, the seeds, the seas, the creatures,  
everything that has breath and every plant that grows.  
Be strong in my likeness and guard the unity of life.'  
God saw all that had been created and it was very good.  
The relationship of earth and woman and man had begun.  
And there was evening and morning, creation's sixth day.

Paraphrase by J. Philip Newell

### GOSPEL READING | John 8:1-11 (pew Bible page 870)

### MESSAGE | Dr. Bill Smutz

"Day 6: From the Moist Earth"

### A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### ✚ CLOSING SONG | "How Great Thou Art" —How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

(Refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim, "My God, how great thou art." (Refrain)

### ✚ BENEDICTION

### ✚ POSTLUDE

Call to Worship adapted from J. Philip Newell; Prayer of Confession adapted from The Pattern Of Our Days, Kathy Galloway, Editor;  
Affirmation of Faith adapted from Fire And Bread by Ruth Burges

✚ Please stand if able.

## 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 are available online at <https://tabpres.org/what-we-believe/>;  
printed copies available upon request.

## WELCOME NEW ARRIVALS!

The roses on the communion table today are in celebration of three new births!

 *Emilia Suzanne Flick*

born November 2, 2023 to proud parents,  
**Ryan & Ashleigh Flick**, granddaughter  
of **Chris Iverson**.

 *Andrew Thomas Berry*

born January 18 to proud parents,  
**Jon Glasscock & Melissa Berry**, and elated  
grandparents, **Gene & Carolee Berry**.

 *Timothy James Pfeiffer*

born January 19 to parents,  
**Luke & Emily Pfeiffer**, and elated  
great-grandparents, **Jim & Robin Pfeiffer**.

## MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY UPDATE

This week, Tab's elementary students will visit Lebanon where they will learn a few words and phrases in Arabic, make their own hummus at the International Challenge Center, do some Arabic math at Brain Busters, and will try to drink from a "brik." In the Gym, kids will play "Do You Have Fire?" and "Pebble Toss." At the Table Game center, students will try their

hands at the dice game "Hazards," will learn how many times Lebanon is mentioned in the Bible (75 times!), and will taste Kofta, rice pilaf, and Kanafeh in the Food Center!

### FUN FACT ABOUT LEBANON:

The world's oldest city, Byblos, is in Lebanon and has been inhabited since about 10,000 B.C.

### BONUS FUN FACT ABOUT LEBANON:

It is customary that when one enters a room during a visit, they must kiss every single person in the room three times on the cheek. To do otherwise is considered the height of rudeness.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will be offered for 9-12 graders beginning in February. The class will consist of approximately twelve meetings between February and May 2024. Most meetings will occur after youth group on Sunday afternoons. Dan Rexroth will host a short informational meeting at **11a on SUN, February 4**, in McKee Chapel. Interested youth and their parents are welcome.

## SUMMER CAMP 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.

## LENTEN SEASON STUDY SERIES

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 Times 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 Hallway where you will also have the opportunity to sign up for Fellowship Gatherings meeting during the week and on Sunday mornings.

For more information, contact **Linda McCabe** at **(317) 413-6306**, or email **lkmccabe@outlook.com**.



### TAB'S MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Groups needing a new event or meeting scheduled at Tab, please send all requests to [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org). If you simply 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.**

## This week at Tab

for the week of January 28-February 4

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

### SUN, JAN 28

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  
Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Parlor  
IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR  
Women's Covenant Group | 11a, McWRC, Parlor

### MON, JAN 29

Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM  
Scout Troop 72/721 MTG | 6:45p, Youth RM  
Women's Bible Study | 7p, Parlor, ZOOM

### TUE, JAN 30

Women Alive | 10a, Parlor  
Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel  
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) | 6:30p, DR, G

### WED, JAN 31

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

### THU, FEB 1

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, FEB 2

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

### SAT, FEB 3

Men's Bible Study | 8a, Parlor

### SUN, FEB 4

Communion Service | 8a, McKee Chapel  
Coffee & Fellowship | 8:45a, McKee Hallway  
Annual Meeting | 9a, Sanctuary  
Youth Education | 9a, Youth RM  
Missions Unit | 9a, LLB  
Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary  
Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Parlor  
Youth Confirmation Info MTG | 11a, McKee Chapel  
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