



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

LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ | Through 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.

PARISHIONERS WITHOUT PARTNERS | 4th SUNDAY, 11a | McWRC/Parlor

This is a women's covenant group that 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'S BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS 7p-8:30p | PARLOR or ONLINE (ZOOM)

Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them.

Questions? Email Ruth Miller at 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.

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS 9:30a-10:30a | PARLOR

Our Pastors lead a Bible study each week 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.

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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The Baptism of Jesus
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8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE | “Andante” —*Elizabeth Stirling*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ **PASSING OF THE PEACE** | “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” —*Rathbun*

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

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Leader: Following you calls us to journeying, God,

People: So give us the determination we need—

Leader: Courage when we stumble,

People: Light in the darkness,

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People: And our own inner ear,

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People: Lent is our time,

Leader: To discover new things,

All: About ourselves, and about you!

✝ **HYMN #163** | “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice —*Aberystwyth*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of us all, forgive us when our mouths run ahead of the rest of us – when we are too quick to give our opinions, or our interpretations, or our version, instead of holding fire until our brains and hearts have a chance to catch up with our tongues. Forgive, when we assume we know what someone’s like, when we run to jump on the bandwagon of popular opinion, when we are keen to think the worst, and in our surety, are all too ready to wade into the mess. Give us wisdom, to see through your eyes, and hear through your ears, to hold our tongues when they get ahead of us, and instead lead with the love you teach us in Jesus...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz
Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Terri Thorn
Associate Pastor

Emily Ballentine Erb
Organist

Matt Kauffman
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.

✝ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Let us together state some of that which we believe:

All: *We believe in God, who made the sun and the sky, the stars and the sea, who calls us to live responsibly. We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many. His journey was one of life and death and resurrection. His light continues to shine in the darkness. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe. We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone – old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak. We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, siblings, a light for our world. Amen!!!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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MESSAGE | “Beyond Awareness... But Very Much In Control”

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*please join in singing*)

“Let us Break Bread Together”

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

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✝ **HYMN #618** | “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” —*Deo Gracias*

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** | “Consolation” —*setting by John Carter*

✝ *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Please join us in McKee Hallway immediately following worship for Coffee & Fellowship time.

MESSAGE NOTES

Call to Worship & Prayer of Confession adapted from “Dancing In The Desert: Prayers And Reflections For Lent,” by Sally Foster-Fulton

Affirmation of Faith adapted from “Eggs and Ashes: Practical & Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week,” Burgess & Polhill, Editors.

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“Ciacona” —*Dietrich Buxtehude*

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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, then scroll to the bottom of the homepage and tap “Sign up for email updates.”

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.



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 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.

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ANTHEM | "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" —Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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—from Psalm 51:10-13

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✝ HYMN #829 | "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" —Olivet

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RESPONSE | "Prayer to Jesus" —arr. John Ness Beck

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;

From selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;

Let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;

Through darkness and perplexity point out the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that when this life is past,

I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

Amen.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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Service for Ordination and Installation at Tab

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DEACON

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Margie Craft

PASTOR: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, or Deacons.

In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: *“Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and those who want to be first among you, must be the slave of all!”*

Constitutional Questions to Church Officers

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

> **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God’s Word to you?

> **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

> **I do, and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

> **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

> **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors and work for the reconciliation of the world?

> **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

> **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

> **I will.**

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

> **I will.**

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen individuals to speak your Word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for those whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do this special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

PASTOR: You are now a Deacon in the church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

Welcome to the ministry!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING FOR
TAB'S WEEKLY
CALENDAR?

SCAN HERE 



Additional events and information
can be found on our website at
tabpres.org/calendar/

WELCOME NEW ARRIVAL!

The rose on the communion table today is in celebration of a new birth!

Scott Christopher Hand

was born February 8, 2024 to proud parents, **Dr. Taylor Browning and Matthew Hand**; and is the grandson of **Charlton and Michelle Browning** and great-grandson of **Virginia Browning**.



MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY UPDATE

("Missions Unit" is Tab's Sunday school replacement for elementary-aged students to learn about the geography, culture, and Christian missions in other countries.) **TODAY, Tab's elementary students will visit THAILAND.**

While there, they will learn a few words and phrases in Thai, construct a traditional, celebratory sand structure called a Phrasai at the International Challenge table; play "Ka Fao Jai" and "Chak-ka-yar" in the Gym, try our hands at "O-O-O-SOOM" (the Thai version of rock, paper, scissors) at the Game Center, create plumeria paintings and make CD/felt elephants (the national animal of Thailand!) at the craft tables. Then we will play a matching game about some of the many exotic animals of Thailand, and taste Tom Kha Gai (a traditional coconut/chicken/lime soup) and sticky rice mango pudding in the Food Center. **FUN FACT ABOUT THAILAND:** It's capital city, Bangkok, boasts the longest official city name in the world. Locals call Bangkok "Krung Thep," which is a shortened version of the city's full name.

Take a deep breath before you try to say the full name: *Krunghthepmahanakhon Amonrat-tanakosin Mahinthara Yutthaya Mahadilok Phop Noppharat Ratchathani Burirom Udom Ratchaniwet Mahasathan Amonphiman Awatansathit Sak-kathattiya Witsanukamprasit.*

TAB YOUTH BOWLING EVENT

TODAY, FEB 18, 12p-2p. The Tab Youth (middle-high school students) will meet at Woodland Bowl on North Keystone (just north of 465). Cost is \$10 per player (for bowling and food) and Tab will cover the rest of the cost. Please bring your own money for the arcade. Drop off and pick up will be at Woodland.

PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCH & A MOVIE TOMORROW! MON, FEB 19, 12p—2p

All Tab elementary students are invited to participate in our annual "lunch and a movie" get-together. We will meet at NOON in Lower Level B to have lunch and then we will play some games and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!). *Questions?* Contact Mrs. Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

DEACONS CHILI COOKOFF SUN, MAR 17 | 11a | Dining Room

Spice up your St. Patrick's Day with the Deacons' Chili Cookoff! You will have a chance to enter your best chili recipe to tantalize everyone's tastebuds! Don't have a recipe to enter? *No problem!* Come taste and vote on your favorite chili! Whether you're a fan of mild or spicy, vegetarian or meaty, there will be something for everyone! So, mark your calendar for this year's cookoff and enjoy delicious food, great company, and festive cheer!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Parents—there is still time to sign your kids up for summer camp at Pyoca. For all who want to go, Tab's 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, so sign up today! Go to https://pyoca.org/summer_camp/ or contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED FOR THE OPEN DOOR CAFÉ BLESSING TABLE

Hats, gloves, mittens and scarves are especially nice to have on hand at the Blessing Table each Wednesday at Open Door.

Thank you for helping to keep folks warm by donating and leaving your generous items in the bin under the mailboxes in the work room.

EASTER FLOWERS

Help fill our Sanctuary and McKee Chapel with beautiful flowers for Easter in honor or in memory of someone. **Orders are due no later than SUN, March 24.** Go to tabpres.org/giving/ and choose "Easter Flowers" from the drop-down menu (note: because characters are limited, please use **IMO** for "In Memory Of" or **IHO** for "In Honor Of" and include the person's name you wish to remember). Order form are also available at the Front Desk.

PRAYER AND PANCAKES

Prayer, pancakes, butter, syrup, and fellowship! Mark your calendars for Monday evening, **April 15!** Tab's Mission Committee is planning a brief prayer service for our mission and ministry partners starting at 6p in the Sanctuary (which will also be live-streamed) followed by a delicious pancake supper in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to learn about our partners and have "Breakfast for Dinner!" In order to plan appropriately, we are asking for RSVPs for the pancake supper portion of the evening. Go ahead and reserve the date now; **please RSVP to frontdesk@tabpres.org.**