



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.

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

Do you want to read a good Lenten daily devotional during Lent? There are a few books available at the Front Desk. The books are: "Good Enough—40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection," "Because of This I Rejoice — Reading Philippians During Lent" and "The Art of Lent: A Painting A Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter."

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 diconrads@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 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.

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 | “Two Settings of ‘O Sacred Head, Now Wounded’” —*Johann Pachelbel, Max Reger*

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.*

✝ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lent is a time to take stock.

People: To take stock of the life we are living,

Leader: The goals we have set,

People: The world we will leave behind.

Leader: Called out of the waters of baptism,

People: Into the wilderness of uncertainty,

Leader: That confounds and disorients us,

People: We seek in this time of worship,

Leader: The One who forever leads us in right paths,

All: And watches over us in love!

✝ **HYMN #41** | “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” —*Lyons*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Today we place our feet with yours on the road to Easter, and by your grace, walk the Way that you have walked before us. Amen!

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✝ **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

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

**Tabernacle
Handbell Choir**

✝ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

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We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

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We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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MESSAGE | “Out of Sight is Not Out of Mind”

A TIME 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

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 #816** | “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” —*Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott*

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** | “Wondrous King, All Glorious” —*Hans Arnold Metzger*

*Wondrous King, all glorious, Sovereign Lord victorious,
O, receive our praise with favor!
From the welled God’s kindness through we in our blindness
Strayed from thee, our blessed Savior.
Strengthen thou, help us now;
Let our tongues be singing, thee our praises bringing.*

✝ *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

MESSAGE NOTES

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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.”

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✝ OPENING SONG | “The Old Rugged Cross”

SPECIAL MUSIC | “Scherzo” —*Matthew Compton*

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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.



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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✝ POSTLUDE | "Good, Good Father" —Anthony Brown & Pat Barrett

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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/

PRETEEN FUN NIGHT

All 5th & 6th grade students are invited to an evening of pizza, games, movies, an indoor campfire, and the ever-pouplar "hide and seek in the dark" on **FRI, March 1, from 6:30p until 10:00p in Lower Level B**. There is no fee for this event, registration is not required, and friends are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Spring forward, you must — or late to church you will be! This is your friendly reminder to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before bed on **SAT, March 9**.

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 are 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!

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to help fill our McKee Chapel and Sanctuary with beautiful flowers on Easter in honor or in memory of someone, please submit orders no later than **SUN, March 24**. Go to tabpres.org/giving/ and choose



Grab your family and friends and join us as we embark on our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** in Tab Park! We will have crafts, games, cookie decorating (as well as eating!), the Resurrection Story, and of course—the big hunt for eggs.

**No registration
is required.**

We will set up activities and hide approximately 1,500 eggs beginning at 9a that morning. Any teens or adults who wish to help out with the preparations and fun, or if you have any questions, please contact Children's Director, Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org!

"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 forms are also available at the Front Desk.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join your Tab family for a light, continental breakfast on Easter **SUN, March 31, from 8:45-10a in the Dining Room**. All donations will support and help summer mission trip plans for the Youth Ministry. Reservations for the breakfast are not required.

PRAYER AND PANCAKES

Prayer, pancakes, butter, syrup, and fellowship! Mark your calendars for Monday evening, **April 15!** Tab's Missions Committee is planning a brief

prayer service for our mission and ministry partners starting at 6p in the Sanctuary (which will 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**.

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ BLESSING TABLE

Each Wednesday at the Open Door Café, volunteer hosts provide hygiene items for our neighbors. If you would like to help in this ministry, the following items would be helpful this month: feminine hygiene products, deodorant, and chapstick. You may leave your donations at the Front Desk.

CHEERLEADING COACHES NEEDED

Tab Recreation is looking for two or three cheerleading coaches for the upcoming 2024 flag or tackle football seasons. The time commitment would just be 2-3 hours per week during the Flag Football (April and May) season and Tackle Football (mid-July to early October) season. If you are interested either the flag or tackle season (or both), please call or text **Ben Hughes, Recreation Director** at **317-213-4464**.

LET'S GET EXCITED!

Save SUN, April 14, at 11a (Gym) for the TabJams summer concert series "Reveal Party." We will announce the musical artists who will perform at our June, July and August concerts this summer. Live music and refreshments will be offered, as well as opportunities in which you can get involved in this exciting, community-building event.

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'S MISSIONS UNIT UPDATE

This week, on our "trip around the world" to learn about the geography, culture, and Christians missions in other countries, Tab's elementary students will be visiting: **The Netherlands!** While we're there, we will learn a few words and phrases in Dutch, cook (and eat) a Dutch pastry called a Poffertjes at the International Challenge, play "Alles Vogels Vliegen" and Dutch Pins in the gym, try our hands at Dutch Blitz at the Game Center, create paper windmills and plant tulip bulbs at the craft tables, learn about the Dutch Masters and play a matching game with some of their most famous paintings at Brain Busters and taste Frikandellar (Dutch fried meatballs), Gouda cheese, Herring on rye bread, and Stroopwaffles in the Food Center.

FUN FACT ABOUT THE NETHERLANDS: *Amsterdam, the nation's capital, has 1,281 bridges spanning the cities 165 canals. Bonus fun fact, Dutch men are, as a group, the tallest men in the world with an average height of 6 feet.*

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!



PALM SUNDAY
Hosanna to the King

MARCH 24 | 8a & 10a



MAUNDY THURSDAY
Remember Me

MARCH 28 | 7p | McKee Chapel



GOOD FRIDAY
It is finished!

MARCH 29 | 7p | Sanctuary



EASTER SUNDAY
He is Risen

SUN, MARCH 31

Sunrise Service | 7:30a, McKee Chapel
Easter Breakfast | 8:30-10a, Dining Room
Easter Celebration Service | 10a, Sanctuary