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Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 10, 2024 | 4th Sunday in Lent



# Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

## 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.

Cover Art:

Roses

by Vincent van Gogh

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

### 2024 Discipleship Opportunities

#### Spiritual Growth & Development

##### Lenten All-Church Read | THROUGH MARCH 24

Small groups are meeting throughout the Lenten season at the 9a Education Hour and at other times and places throughout the week. If you wish to join a group, e-mail Linda McCabe at [lkmcabe@outlook.com](mailto:lkmcabe@outlook.com). The books being studied 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 Alive | TUESDAY 10a–11:30a PARLOR

From now through May, Women Alive will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans. We will be using videos that are part of "The Bible for Normal People" series. Daniel Kirk, a New Testament professor at Duke University, is the teacher. We would love to have you join us! We meet from 10a – 11:30a on Tuesday mornings in the Parlor. For more information, please email Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com).

##### Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAY 9:30a–10:30a PARLOR

Join us as our pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the up-coming Sunday worship service.

##### Men's Bible Study | SATURDAY 8a–9a PARLOR

The Men of Tab are studying the book of I Corinthians. Questions? Contact [dlconrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dlconrads@yahoo.com) for more information about this wonderful time of study and fellowship.

LOOKING FOR  
TAB'S WEEKLY  
CALENDAR?

SCAN HERE 

Additional events and information  
can be found on our website at  
[tabpres.org/calendar/](https://tabpres.org/calendar/)

# 8 o'clock Worship

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

## The Prelude

*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.*

## PRELUDE

“Toccata in a minor” *Jan Pieter Sweelinck*

## WELCOME & 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: Ever-present God, around us, within us,

**People: We come to praise and worship you.**

Leader: God of eternity, God of the here and now,

**People: We come seeking to serve you.**

Leader: God of the big picture whose loving purpose embraces the whole world,

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Leader: God of the smallest detail, closer to us than breathing,

**People: We come to increase our discernment.**

Leader: God of the rhinoceros and the midge; God of the Large Hadron Collider and the iPhone,

**People: Help us to sense your presence through all things.**

Leader: God whose grace is sufficient for all our needs,

**All: Help us to be people of compassion, justice and peace!**

## † HYMN #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *Lobe Den Herren*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we are playing Pharisee again, and in doing so, we are hurting ourselves and others. We are more interested in Sunday morning attendance, than in the feeding of your sheep; more interested in stars for our crowns, than in sharing a cup of cold water; more interested in tradition and appearance, than in following Jesus. Forgive us, we pray. Save us from our constant temptation to use Jesus against others – to demand particular behaviors, to carry our agendas, to make us feel superior. Give us the courage to free Jesus from the distant past where we try to keep him, that he may continue to shower the world today with your love and grace and hope.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Dr. William Smutz,  
Interim Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Jennifer Wirt*

*Matt Kauffman, Organist  
Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano  
Frank Smith, Bass*

*Rob Dixon, Sax  
Carrington Clinton, Percussion  
Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin and  
Randy McCrackin, Vocals  
Tabernacle Handbell Choir*

## 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.*

### + AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together state some of that which we believe:

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## Prayer Requests

*Do you have a special prayer request that you would like the pastors or Tab’s Prayer Team to lift up during their time together?*

*You can email your requests to: prayer@tabpres.org. We hope that this will be a way for our Tab family to make sure their requests and concerns are known and prayed for during this time.*

*Are you a Pray-ER? Every Tuesday evening from 6:30p–7:15p we have a faithful gathering of prayer partners meeting in McKee Chapel to pray. If you are a Pray-ER—we would love to have you join us in this ministry.*

## 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 and 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 contact 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 with Terri Thorn.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 28:16–17a | Pew Bible page 571

## GOSPEL READING

John 2:13–22 | Pew Bible page 863

## MESSAGE

1,000 Touches a Day

## A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

“Let Us Break Bread Together” *Let Us Break Bread*

*(Please join in singing during the serving of the Sacrament of Communion.)*

*Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.*

*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; let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 #309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages” *Abbot’s Leigh*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

“Erhalt uns, Herr” *Setting by Emily Maxson Porter*

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

*Call to Worship adapted from the Wild Goose Worship Group*

*Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of Faith adapted from Reaching for Rainbows by Ann Weems*

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# 10 o'clock Worship

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**PRELUDE**

“Praise the Name of Jesus” *Pavel Polanco-Safadit*

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† **OPENING SONG**

“Way Maker” *Sinach*

**JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!**



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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](http://tabpres.org), then scroll to the bottom of the homepage and tap “Sign up for email updates.”

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Let Go, Let God” *DeWayne Woods*

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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# Announcements

Week of March 10 – March 16, 2024

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Brenda Sweeney, wife of Dan Sweeney and mother of Kelly (Ben) Donaldson, who passed away on Monday, February 26. A memorial service was held at Flanner and Buchanan on Friday, March 8. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

## COLLECTION FOR THE DEBORAH HOUSE IN ROMANIA

In fall 2023 a mission team from Tab (Matt Gall, Don Heitman, and Mike O'Banyel) visited our partners in Romania. A touching highlight of their visit was time spent at the Deborah House shelters for abused and abandoned girls. The team noticed that the girls take great pride in decorating their rooms and appreciate music CDs. As a source of encouragement, the Mission Committee is preparing a "care package" to be sent later this month. We are collecting small décor such as vases with artificial flowers, uplifting posters or pictures from calendars, or other such small wall décor. In addition, we hope to send CDs of music—anything from classical to pop (with "appropriate" lyrics). If you have any items that you would like to add to the collection, please leave them at the Front Office by March 17 and label them "Deborah House." Thank you for your support and generosity.

## CHILI COOK-OFF

Get ready to spice up your St. Patrick's Day with the Deacons' Chili Cook-off! We invite you to join us on Sunday, March 17, at 11a in the Dining Room. This is a chance to enter your best chili recipe to tantalize everyone's tastebuds. If you do not 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 the Deacons' Chili Cook-off and enjoy delicious food, great company, and festive cheer!

## OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

Thank you for supporting the Open Door Café's Blessing Table! Your generosity enables us to help those in need. If you would like to donate this month, items in high demand include: toothpaste, body lotion, Kleenex (small purse-size packages), and men's socks.

## LET'S GET EXCITED!

Save Sunday, April 14, at 11a for the TabJams summer concert series "Reveal Party" in the Gym. 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. Come join the fun!

## 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.

## 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/](http://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 forms 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 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](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org).

## EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join your Tab family for a light, continental breakfast on Easter Sunday, 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.