



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 24, 2024 | Palm/Passion Sunday | 10a Worship Service

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.

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. 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.

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 for more information about this wonderful time of study and fellowship.

Cover Art:

Hosanna

by Mike Moyers

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

10 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

"Hosanna" *Paul Wachs*

BAGPIPE PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Passing of the Peace

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *Hamburg*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out, people of faith!

People: We rejoice and praise God!

Leader: Cry out, people of faith; for our Savior draws near.

People: Hosanna! God saves all!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

People: Blessed is Jesus,

Leader: For he did not, and does not, turn back in fear.

People: Let us now praise the God who loves us:

Leader: Hosanna! God saves all!

All: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSION

† HYMN #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *Ellacombe*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

† HYMN #93

"Lift Up Your Heads" *Truro*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago. We are hungry for a hero. We crave some glimpse of greatness. We are starving for the spectacular. We are gathered here like those who watched the first Palm Sunday parade, craning our necks to catch a glimpse of our Messiah, but not completely sure we are ready to give him our lives. Forgive our uncertainty, and reticence that acts like resistance. Give us courage to let go of our fears, and follow after Jesus, trusting our lives to your never-ending care...

SILENT CONFESSION

† Please stand if able.

Today's Worship Participants

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

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Dr. Daniel Rexroth

*Matt Kauffman, Organist/Pianist
Rufus Campbell, Bagpiper
Leah Crane, Vocalist*

*Call To Worship & Prayer of Confession
adapted from Touch Holiness, Ruth Duck
& Maren Tirabassi, Editors*

*Affirmation of Faith from St. Paul's
Lutheran Church, Wheaton, Illinois*

Calendar

March 24 – March 30, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB:

Sunday, March 24

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chpl*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship *McKee Hlwy*
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Dev. *Parlor*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Lenten Study Grp *Resource Ctr*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*

Monday, March 25

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, March 26

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 3:30p Media Committee *Resource Ctr*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, March 27

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Thursday, March 28

- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 6p Handbell Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 7p Maundy Thursday Svc *McKee Chpl*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, March 29

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 3p Church Office Closes for Good Friday
- 3:30p Circle of Hope *Parlor*
- 7p Good Friday Service *Sanctuary*

Saturday, March 30

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Resource Ctr*
- 9a Easter Decorating *Sanctuary*
- 10a Easter Brass Rehears. *Sanctuary*
- 10a Easter Egg Hunt *Tab Park*

LOOKING FOR
TAB'S WEEKLY
CALENDAR?
SCAN HERE



*We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,
who is bold in seeking justice,
and humble in taking power.*

*We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love
around it,*

*cocooning us in hope,
tethering us to one another.*

*We believe in a God who is always carrying us
from the pain of the world
into the hope of a new day.*

That is where God is headed.

That is where we follow.

May it be so.

Amen!

+ HYMN #196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

“Processional” *William Mathias*



**TAB
WELCOMES
COMPOSER/
CONDUCTOR
DR. MICHAEL
JOHN TROTТА**

We are excited to welcome Dr. Michael John Trotta to Tab as we present a concert of his music on Sunday, April 21. We will begin the afternoon with a special “Meet the Composer” at 3:30p in the Parlor followed by a concert featuring his compositions, “Te Deum” and “Requiem,” beginning at 4:30p in the Sanctuary. The Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir will be joined by the Castlewood Singers and instrumentalists for this special presentation. Join us following the concert for a reception in the Parlor.

You might recall that Dr. Trotta composed our commissioned piece for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of our Sanctuary last year. His work, “Venite Adoramus,” was also featured in the 2023 “Christmas With Tab” presentation.

Mark your calendars and join us for this very special event presented by the Worship, Music and Arts Committee of Tab!

Announcements

Week of March 24 – March 30, 2024

LET'S GET EXCITED!

TabJams is back! To learn more about Tab's free summer concert series or how to volunteer stop by the Gym at 11a on Sunday, April 14. We will reveal the star-studded musical line-up for the concerts, provide volunteer information and sign ups. We will also have one of the musicians perform and plenty of refreshments. The event will take the place of Coffee/Conversation that day. We hope to see you there and engage you as a volunteer or spectator at the concerts.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Tab's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, March 30, from 10a until 11:15a (ish) in Tab Park. We will have crafts, games, cookie decorating (and eating!), the Resurrection Story, and of course, the big hunt for eggs. No registration required, and friends are welcome. We will be setting up activities and hiding about 1500 eggs beginning at 9a that morning and would welcome help from any teens or adults who would like to be part of the preparations and fun. See you there!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Some youth at Tabernacle Presbyterian will be taking a Confirmation Class beginning on Sunday, April 7, taught by our Youth leaders, Dan and Amy Rexroth, and lasting about 8 weeks. Would you be willing to be a "sponsor" for a youth? This entails praying for the confirmand and writing and mailing notes to them. If so, please contact Cathleen Perry, Elder for Youth, at cathleenperry@sbcglocal.net or 317-255-7631. You will be matched up with a confirmand and given contact information. Thanks for being a part of this special time for our youth.

A-MAIZING LUNCH

Mark your calendars for the 2024 A-maizing Lunch supporting the Umoja Partnership food security program on Sunday, April 7, at 11am in the Dining Room following worship. See a video message from John Gable at the Eluhobe Primary School during the kick-off event. Enjoy a spiced up version of githeri, maize and beans, that our children have for school lunch every day. Not a fan of githeri, no worries just come and see the school that Tabernacle Presbyterian Church helped to become the 21st partner school. You have made a difference in the lives of these children, come learn about the difference you are making! Look for sign-up sheets in McKee Hallway.

CAN I GET A WITNESS? - SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Someone once made the very keen insight that "If the announcement of the Easter day is true (which it is!), then the Sunday after Easter should be the largest attended service of the year!" Plan to join us on Sunday, April 7, at 8a or 10a in

person or for our live-stream of "Can I Get A Witness?" when we will hear testimony from several of our fellow Tab members as to what it means to them to say that "Jesus is alive!"

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Easter Sunday, March 31, Tabernacle will join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Please join us as we give our special gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. Special envelopes will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletins or you may give on-line at tabpres.org.

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 - LAST WEEK TO ORDER

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 Sunday, 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 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.

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.