



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 3, 2024 | 3rd 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:

Moses

by Michelangelo

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

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.

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 will begin a study of I Corinthians beginning January 13. Questions? Contact 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/

8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE

“Voluntary Op. 5 No. 9” *John Stanley*

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All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

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People: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Pastor: Be still and know . . .

People: We come to discern the Word which can set us free.

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All: Our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the Sabbath,
Prince of Peace,
Lead us away from our work for rest.
Our world is so fast,
So noisy,
So full.
Help us stop and rest with you.
Our world is so pressured,
Work, work, work;
Buy, buy, buy;
More, more, more.
Reveal the fears that drive us,
The pride and shame disguised as sacrifice and hustle.
Free us to trust and follow you in the doing and in the ceasing.

SILENT CONFESSION

Pastor: Together Lord,

All: *We trust your promise to renew a right spirit within;
We trust your presence and providing;
We trust your blessing of Sabbath rest.
Breathe in... Breathe out... in the name of the Father.
Breathe in... Breathe out... in the name of the Son.
Breathe in... Breathe out... in the name of the Spirit.
Amen.*

Today's Worship Participants

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

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Emily Ballentine Erb, Organist

Sanctuary 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

Pastor: Together, let us give testimony to our faith by stating some of that which we believe:

All: *Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,
and the world came into being.*

*The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness,
matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.*

*In the quiet of a small town in Palestine
the Word of God came to us.*

*Even though of one being with the Creator,
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born,
lived and walked among us,
speaking the words of life.*

He was crucified, died, and was buried.

He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.

He is the one who saves us from ourselves.

*In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
whispers the Word,
and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ,
back to the wholeness of everlasting life
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.*

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

Exodus 20:1–17 | Pew Bible page 58

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 11:28–12:8 | Pew Bible page 792

MESSAGE

Sabbath: Making Room for God

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)

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!



PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please join in singing)*

Our Father, which 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 #182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" *Kingsfold*

† 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 written by Thom Shuman and posted on "Lectionary Liturgies." <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

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

Announcements

Week of March 3 – March 9, 2024

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of John and Judy Fraps whose nephew, Joe Canada, passed away unexpectedly on February 22. Joe was the son of Judy's brother, John Canada, who passed away in November and the grandson of Judy Canada. A memorial service was held on Thursday. Please keep the Fraps and Canada families in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

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 Saturday, March 9.

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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 "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.



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