



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 7, 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Easter | 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

The Church in the 21st Century | THROUGH APRIL 28

Where are the "Nones?" Why the Body of Christ is So Essential! Please join us at 9a on Sundays in the Parlor beginning April 7 when we discuss the demographics and ramifications of a declining Church membership, rediscovery of the strengths and purposes of the Church, and what can be done nationally and at Tab to engage in that rediscovery. Our exploration shall be aided by two recent books, "The Nones: Where They Come From, Who They Are, And Where Are They Going" and "The Great DEchurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back." All are welcomed. Please join us for this challenging conversation.

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:

Doubting Thomas

by Rembrandt van Rijn

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

"Meditation Religieuse" *Henri Mulet*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Passing of the Peace

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna" *Hymn to Joy*

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding; see, a spreading tree has grown,
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy One, Spirit of Easter,

People: As you fill us with new life,

Leader: May we delight in sharing it with others;

People: As you tell us the good news,

Leader: Which can never be taken from us,

People: May we rejoice in offering it abundantly,

Leader: To the broken, the sad, the lonely;

People: As you tickle us with grace,

Leader: May we give it away freely,

All: With laughter on our lips, and joy in our hearts!

† HYMN #246

"Christ Is Alive" *Truro*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you know better than we do what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to despair like it is our best friend, we ignore Jesus who can bring us home to your heart.

Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside down, and imaginative ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus, our Lord and Savior...

SILENT CONFESSION

Today's Worship Participants

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

*Emily Ballentine Erb, Organist
Sanctuary Choir*

*"Can I Get a Witness" Participants:
Robert Darku, Pat & Scott Carlson
& Julie Foster*

*Call to Worship & Prayer of Confession
adapted from "Touch of Holiness," by
Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi, Editors.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- † Response #581
“Gloria Patri” *Gregor*

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah! Amen!” *G. F. Handel*

Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah! Amen! Amen! Amen!

O Judah, rejoice, in songs divine!

With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join!

- † HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!” *Lancashire*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13–23 | Pew Bible page 860

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 13 | Pew Bible page 934

MESSAGE

Can I Get a Witness?

- † APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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 #236

“The Strife Is O'er” *Victory*

- † BENEDICTION

- † POSTLUDE

“Gelobt sei Gott” *Setting by John Leavitt*

Missed A Sermon?

Did you miss a sermon? Or want to hear it again? Or read it? All of the sermons our pastors have delivered are available on the Tab website under sermons. Check it out!

Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee, Conversation & Fellowship time.

Calendar

April 7 – April 13, 2024

LOOKING FOR
TAB'S WEEKLY
CALENDAR?

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THIS WEEK AT TAB:

Sunday, April 7

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chpl*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship *McKee Hwy*
- 9a Children's Ed. *Lower Level B*
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Dev. *Parlor*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B (LLB)*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 6p Youth Confirmation Class *Offsite*

Monday, April 8

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 4:30p Endowment Investment *Parlor*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting *Dining Room*

Tuesday, April 9

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Spiritual Growth & Dev *Parlor*
- 7p Children's Ministries *LLB*

Wednesday, April 10

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Missions Committee Mtg *Parlor*

Thursday, April 11

- 3:45p Tab Tutoring *Dining Room*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 6p Handbell Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, April 12

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 3:30p Circle of Hope *Parlor*

Saturday, April 13

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Purls of Wisdom *Session Room*



“Te Deum” & “Requiem”



Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 4:30p
Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
3:30p Meet the Composer

Michael John Trotta, Guest Conductor

Tabernacle Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir
Castlewood Singers



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Announcements

Week of April 7 – April 13, 2024

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Burt, who died peacefully on Easter Sunday morning. Nancy is the sister of Kathy Miller. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

CAN I GET A WITNESS?

Today is "Can I Get a Witness?" Sunday. We'd like to thank our four witnesses for sharing their faith stories during worship morning: Robert Darku, Pat Carlson, Scott Carlson, and Julie Foster.

TAB JAMS REVEAL PARTY

Mark your calendar for the Tab Jams Reveal Party in the gym on Sunday, April 14, at 11a. We will have homemade cookies and announce the star-studded musical line-up! Music will be provided by one of the artists. The event will take the place of Coffee and Conversation that day. Consider signing up for the many volunteer opportunities at one or more of the concerts. The free summer concert series will take place June 9, July 14, and August 11. It is part of Tab's mission to build stronger community. For more, contact: Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or Eric Guion at thistle3378@gmail.com.

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@sbcglobal.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

Today is the 2024 A-mazing Lunch supporting the Umoja Partnership food security program 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.



2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place June 17–21 from 9a until 1:30p for children who have finished grades K-6. This year's format is the always-popular Kids-Games, which is a sports-themed VBS. There is no fee for VBS, but pre-registration is required so that we have plenty of craft, snack, lunch, and learning materials on hand. As always, we will need MANY adult and teen volunteers to serve as group "counselors," craft leaders, and indoor game (non-sports) leaders. Registration is online via the tabpres.org website, and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be in McKee Hallway. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about registration, please contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@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.

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.