



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 14, 2024 | 3rd 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 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 De-churching: 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](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.

Cover Art:

*Good Shepherd*

by Jorge Cocco

# 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.*

## Today's Worship Participants

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

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Matt Kauffman, Organist  
Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin,  
Val Phelps, Vocals  
Carrington Clinton, Percussion  
Rob Dixon, Saxophone  
Frank Smith, Bass  
Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Call To Worship adapted from Spring,  
Ruth Burgess, editor*

*Prayer of Confession adapted from  
Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck, editor*

*Thom M. Shuman poem, reflecting on  
2 Corinthians 2:14-17, from the book  
Grace Will Walk Us Home*

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from  
First United Methodist Church,  
Brenham, Texas*

## PRELUDE

"Praise the Name of Jesus" *Pavel Polanco-Safadit*

## 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: The sun rises higher and days lengthen as night grows short;

**People: Praise the God who gives the light!**

Leader: The trees that rested through winter's cold,

**People: Now awaken as the earth grows warm;**

Leader: Praise the God who gives the life!

**People: Buds once tight now swell and break,**

Leader: Soft green leaves unfurl into the light;

**People: Praise the God who gives the growth!**

Leader: Seeds crack open and shoots emerge;

**People: Nests are gathered and built;**

Leader: Praise the God who gives the song!

**People: Winter gives way to spring, just as darkness give way to light;**

Leader: So, death gives way to unexpected life.

**All: We praise and worship our God, for whom all things are possible!**

## † OPENING SONG

"Open Up the Heavens" *Meredith Andrews*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Each day of life overflows with the blessing of your abundance—with relationships which nurture and challenge, with service rendered in love, and justice to always be done. Each day brims with your meaning and purposes. And yet, we often miss your presence. With much around us to be done, we complain of boredom. Or, we are so busy, we lose track of your calling. Too often we scurry around without appreciation, delight, or much sense of purpose. Forgive us, O God, and call us out of emotional poverty into the richness of life lived in love. Ever move us toward you and one another. Set us free in Jesus...*

† Please stand if able.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Love the Lord” *Richard Smallwood*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 2:14–17 | Pew Bible page 938

## GOSPEL READING

John 11:28–44 | Pew Bible page 874

## SHUMAN POEM

## MESSAGE

Grace Will Walk Us Home: Hope-Givers

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together state some of that which we believe:

*We believe in the wildness of Easter when strong winds blow through the earth and the swollen tips of plants are bursting forth with life; when the logic of all life is challenged by talk of resurrection and return. We believe in the power of God to contradict our naive assumptions, and overturn our natural expectations by raising Jesus from the dead again, even in the apathy of our post-modern lives.*

*We believe in the presence of the risen Jesus, who is here now in the community of faith, smiling in the faces of children, nurturing the hopes of the elderly, and challenging us to deny the finality of death. He did not die in vain. God made him the first fruits of those who slept. God made the rejected stone the foundation of everything. God planted a wildness in our hearts that will not go away. In the wildness of Easter nothing will ever again be the same; for death itself has died, and we are gifted with life forevermore. Thanks be to God! Amen!*

## † CLOSING SONG

“The Blessing” *Kari Jobe*

## † BENEDICTION

## † POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine” *Pavel Polanco-Safadit*

## Shuman Poem

*like warm  
bread just  
out of the oven,  
may we be the  
bouquet  
of grace  
for those  
hungering for  
hope.*

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

# Calendar

April 14 – April 20, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT TAB:

### Sunday, April 14

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chpl*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship *McKee Hlwy*
- 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*
- 11a TabJams Reveal *Gym*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 6p Youth Confirmation Class *Off-site*

### Monday, April 15

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6p Prayers & Pancakes Service & Dinner *Sanctuary & Dining Room*

### Tuesday, April 16

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

### Wednesday, April 17

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10:30a Rec 100th Anniv Mtg *Resource Ctr*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Thursday, April 18

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

### Friday, April 19

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

### Saturday, April 20

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Trotta Concert Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 10a PraiseStage Board Mtg *Resource Ctr*

## TAB WELCOMES COMPOSER/CONDUCTOR DR. MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

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 as we welcome Dr. Trotta to Tab! Presented by the Worship, Music and Arts Committee of Tab.

*“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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TAB'S WEEKLY  
CALENDAR?

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# Announcements

Week of April 14 – April 20, 2024

## WELCOME LITTLE ONE

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in celebration of the birth of Claire Elizabeth Goss born on April 3 to Kristin and Caleb Goss. Congratulations!

## 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 TODAY! 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 today. We hope to see you there and engage you as a volunteer or spectator at the concerts.

## PRAYER AND PANCAKES

Prayer, pancakes, butter, syrup, and fellowship! What more could you ask for?! Join us tomorrow evening, April 15, at 6p as we gather in the Sanctuary for Tab's Missions Committee's brief prayer service for our mission and ministry partners. Then join us in the Dining Room for a delicious pancake supper. This is a great opportunity to learn about our partners and have "breakfast for dinner!" If you have not already done so, please RSVP to [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org) if you are planning on coming to this special evening of prayer and pancakes! (The prayer service will be live-streamed beginning at 6p.)

## INQUIRERS' CLASS

Are you interested in finding out more about Tab or the Presbyterian Church? A class will be offered on Saturday, May 4, from 9a to 11a that will help answer all of your questions about who we are, give an overview of our ministries, and give you an opportunity to officially join as a member of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. If you would like to sign up or simply want more information please email [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org) and ask your questions or let us know that you will be there!

## 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 KidsGames, 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## TAB REC VISIONING

Tab Recreation will begin a four-session series of generative dialogues to help discern the future direction and needs of the ministry. The Committee seeks dialogue participants from the congregation and the community. Each topical session in the series will be offered at three different timeslots. The content will be the same at each one. Participants are free to choose the one timeslot that is best for their schedule.

To participate in the full process, attendance at the first topical session is essential and required as much information about Tab Rec and the generative dialogue process will be shared. Identical occurrences of the topical session will be offered at Tab on Thursday, April 25, at 9a, again at 6p, or Sunday, April 28, at 3p. Pre-registration is not required. Please contact John Byers, Ben Hughes or Pastor Terri with questions. ([j-byers@att.net](mailto:j-byers@att.net); [ben.hughes@tabpres.org](mailto:ben.hughes@tabpres.org); [terri.thorn@tabpres.org](mailto:terri.thorn@tabpres.org))