



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 28, 2024 | 5th Sunday of Easter | 10a Worship Service

Welcome

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

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.

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.

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, re-discovery 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:

Abide on the Vine

by Mindi Oaten

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

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: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,

**People: We need only to look around:
within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.**

Leader: We need not listen for a distant thunder to
find God,

**People: We need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

**All: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and who indwells our lives.**

† OPENING SONGS

“How Great Is Our God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: Beloved, let us love one another.

Voice: But only if others deserve to be loved.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their
brothers and sisters, are liars.

Voice: But we only hate the really bad people.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Liturgist: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we
also ought to love one another.

*Voice: The truth is, we have trouble believing anyone
is worthy of God’s love, including ourselves.*

All: Lord, have mercy.

Today’s Worship Participants

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

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

*Leah Crane, Jeanne Rieger, Vocals
Karis Crane, Bass
Matt Gall, Percussion
Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Call to Worship posted on the
Presbyterian Church USA website.*

*[https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/
media/uploads/peacemaking/pdf/
mlk-resources.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/peacemaking/pdf/mlk-resources.pdf)*

Calendar

April 28 – May 4, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB:

Sunday, April 28

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chpl*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship *McKee Hlwy*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Dev. *Parlor*
- 9a Children's Ed *Lower Level B*
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 11a Parishioners Without Partners
Resource Center
- 3p Recreation Vision Mtg *Tabitha Rm*
- 6p Youth Confirmation Class *Off-site*

Monday, April 29

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 12:15p Tab Tutoring Leaders Mtg
Resource Center
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Tab Park*
- 6:45p Scout Troop 72 *Youth Room*

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

- 8a Men's Bible Study
Resource Center
- 9a Inquirers' Class *Parlor*

moment after moment, of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome to the possibility of new experience and radical welcome.

The church is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew. The church is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences, and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts; gathering, however we can, to say to the world: welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.

For the church is us—each and every one of us—together, a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.

- written by Rev. Margaret Weis

† CLOSING SONG

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” *I Want to Be a Christian*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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

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 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.

“KIDSGAMES” VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need adults to oversee crafts, indoor learning games, and group time during KidsGames, which will be held from June 17-21 from 9:00a until 1:30p each day. We expect many students to participate from both our Tab congregation and from the surrounding community. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know a terrific group of children and to share Tab's love and commitment to our neighbors! The volunteer sign up will be available on Sundays in McKee Hallway.

LOOKING FOR
TAB'S WEEKLY
CALENDAR?

SCAN HERE →



Announcements

Week of April 28 – May 4, 2024

BAPTISM

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Susan Canterbury, born on June 1, 2023, to parents Zachary and Hannah Canterbury. Congratulations to the Canterbury family!

TAB JAMS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Thank you to those who attended the Tab Jams Reveal Party recently and signed up to help with this summer's free concert series. Volunteers are still needed. Please consider serving in one of the many volunteer opportunities at one or more of the concerts from setting up and breaking down the stage to offering hospitality to our guests. The concerts will take place June 9, July 14, and August 11. It is part of Tab's mission of "Building Stronger Community through Music." For more info or to sign up, contact:

Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or
Eric Guion at thistle3378@gmail.com.

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. A required introductory session will be held today at 3pm in the Tabitha Room. Pre-registration is not required. Please contact John Byers, Ben Hughes or Pastor Terri with questions. (j-byers@att.net; ben.hughes@tabpres.org; terri.thorn@tabpres.org)

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 and ask your questions or let us know that you will be there!

GROW WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

The Women of Tab Committee would like to invite our Tab friends, families and neighbors to our Annual Plant Exchange on May 18 from 10a to 1p in Tab Park. Over the past few years we have enjoyed getting to know our friends and neighbors better through sharing gardening tips and exchanging plants for inside or outside our homes.

We hope you will come for the fellowship and leave inspired with the love of making things grow. At our plant exchange we will have plants, seeds, tools, and gardening tips that anyone can contribute to or take home. Even if you do not have anything to bring, you are invited to come and join the fun. See you there!

OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING

On Sunday, May 26, the 10a worship service will be filled with some of your favorite hymns along with their stories. If you have an especially meaningful or favorite hymn let us know, and we will see what we can do to work it into the service. Please email Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org with that special hymn and what it means to you!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

It is hard to believe that it is already time to recognize our graduates from the Class of 2024! We would like to acknowledge and honor their accomplishments and successes. If you have a student that is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please send one or two photos with their name, future plans, and connection to Tab to ARexroth@Carmelpsychology.com by May 19, 2024. A brief video will be presented during the worship service on Sunday morning, June 2. Congratulations to each of our graduates!

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.