



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

May 5, 2024 | 6th 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 Awe of God | THROUGH MAY 19

Have you lost your awe and wonder? Did you know there is a real science of awe with health benefits? Please join us at 9a on Sunday in the Parlor beginning May 12 where we will discuss the power of awe, beauty and a healthy fear of the Lord. Learn what it can do for you, your relationship to Christ and reigniting joy in your worship. All are welcome. Please join us for this engaging conversation and new information on the topic.

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.

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Park Güell Sun Mosaic
ceiling in Barcelona

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

“Prelude and Fugue in d minor” *Felix Mendelssohn*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Passing of the Peace

“The Day of Resurrection” *Lancashire*

The day of resurrection!

*Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.*

*From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory*

Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this holy hour,

People: With our own lonely silences and loud distractions.

Leader: In the midst of all that clutters our spirits,

People: We seek God's quiet presence.

Leader: With prayer and praise and song and thoughtful listening,

People: Let us seek the peace and courage,

Leader: And the patience and acceptance,

† **People: And the forgiveness that we all need.**

Leader: And then, let us be open to the incredible blessing,

All: Which is the presence of one another!

HYMN #403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” *Unser Herrscher*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Potter-God, with the clay of our lives on your fingers—we confess that the treasure of your love for all people, is held in the earthen jar of our lack of compassion. We confess that the treasure of your justice, is held in the earthen jar of our avoidance of issues. We confess that the treasure of your peace, is held in the earthen jar of our restless conflict. We confess that the treasure of your gospel, is held in the earthen jar of our church. Forgive, restore, and sculpt us to your will. Do not shatter us, but rather mold us to a shape in which we can be pourers of grace for others...

Today's Worship Participants

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

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

*Jennifer Wirt, Director of
Children's Ministries*

*Emily Ballentine Erb, Organist
Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir*

*Call To Worship & Prayer of Confession
adapted from An Improbable Gift Of
Blessing, Tirabassi & Grant, Editors*

*Prayer Of Commitment adapted from
Celtic Benediction by J. Philip Newell.*

Calendar

May 5 – May 11, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB:

Sunday, May 5

- 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*
- 9a Women's Ministries Mtg
Resource Center
- 9a Special Session Meeting
McKee Chapel
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 11a Media Orientation Mtg *Sanctuary*
- 6p Youth Confirmation Class *Off-site*

Monday, May 6

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 4:30p Endowment Investment Comm.
Parlor
- 5p HR Committee *Online Meeting*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Tab Park*

Tuesday, May 7

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Spiritual Growth & Dev. Mtg
Parlor
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

- 9a Recreation Visioning Meeting
Tabitha Room
- 3:45p Tab Tutoring *Dining Room*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 6p Recreation Visioning Meeting
Tabitha Room

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

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

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

Communion Anthem

“Come to the Table of the Lord” *Jay Althouse*

*Come to the table where the bread is broken,
Come to the table where the word of God is spoken.
And take this bread into your life as a token.
Come to the table of the Lord.*

*Come to the table and drink this wine.
Come to the table believing in this sign.
Renew your spirit with this food divine.
Come to the table of the Lord.*

*Hungry and thirsty, we come, Lord to thee.
We humbly bow on bended knee.*

*Come to the table and dwell in God's light.
Come to the table and kneel before his sight.
Join in communion and know his holy might.
Come to the table of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

For the loaf and the cup. For the call to the table, and the call to share your love far and wide. For the welcome of this faith community, and the push to enliven other communities. For the gift of Jesus, and the opportunity to follow him in discipleship. For all your good gifts, thanks be to you O God. Amen!

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

Departing to Serve

† HYMN #187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” *Bradbury*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G Major” *Fanny Mendelssohn*

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

LOOKING FOR
TAB'S WEEKLY
CALENDAR?
SCAN HERE ↗



Announcements

Week of May 5 – May 11, 2024

TABJAMS VOLUNTEER FUN!

If you have ever wanted to be a band roadie or offer hospitality to concert guests, consider volunteering for TabJams this summer. The free concerts will take place June 9, July 14, and Aug. 11 and are part of Tab's mission of "Building Stronger Community through Music." You will get a cool t-shirt and the opportunity to get to know fellow church members better and make new friends. For more info or to sign up contact: Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or Eric Guion at thistle3378@gmail.com.

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!

SAY A BIG "THANK YOU" TO DAVE STREIT

Join us for a special reception to honor Dave Streit, our Director of Media Ministries, on his retirement at the end of May. This special "thank you" will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 11a in the Dining Room. Stop by and let Dave know how much you have appreciated his faithful ministry to this congregation and beyond for the past 27 ½ years!

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!

TAB FAN DRIVE

We hope you will join us this spring and help us to keep our neighbors from the Open Door Café cooler as temperatures rise. We are accepting new, boxed fans this month as we will distribute fans the first week of June. You can bring your fan and leave it in the Front Office Workroom or you may make a monetary donation to this drive, and we will purchase the fan for you. Thank you for your help in keeping folks cooler.

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!

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 9a 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.

THANK YOU, EMILY

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to our Music Intern, Emily Ballentine Erb, for sharing her expertise with our congregation since January. Emily has accepted a position as Organ Scholar at Trinity Church in Bloomington. This is wonderful opportunity for her and we send our best wishes with her for a fruitful and blessed time as she continues her studies. Thanks for everything, Emily!