



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

May 12, 2024 | 7th 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 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.

Cover Art:

The Sermon on the Mount

by Beryl Lewis

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

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place” *Lanny Wolfe*

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 seeking a spirit of wisdom,

People: **A spirit of revelation.**

Leader: We come to know God,

People: **And to enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Leader: We come to be reminded,

People: **Of the hope to which God has called us,**

Leader: And the riches of God's glorious inheritance.

People: **We come trusting in the immeasurable
greatness of God's power,**

Leader: The genesis of Resurrection and Ascension;

**All: The power that seats Jesus beside God for all
time and people!**

† SONG

“Way Maker” *Leland*

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

† CONGREGATIONAL STATEMENT OF WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the worship and work of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, and offer you our Christian friendship and fellowship. United by faith, we pray that together we may grow into the likeness of Christ, being faithful in every good work, to the service and glory of God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Today's Worship Participants

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

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

*Staci McCrackin, Valerie Phelps,
& Leah Crane, vocals*

Steve Dokken, bass

Carrington Clinton, drums

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, piano

*Call to Worship adapted from
spaciousfaith.com*

*Prayer of Confession adapted from
Ministry Matters*

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from The
Calvin Institute for Christian Worship*

† Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are impatient! We want everything right now, instantly! We do not want to wait for anything. We rush our holidays, our celebrations, our very lives and then wonder why our spirits are exhausted and depressed. Slow us down, Lord. Help us to enjoy the process of waiting for the wondrous things you offer us. Let us feel the power and beauty of singing your praises. Clear away our "high gear" mentality and place us on paths of peace and hope. Forgive our arrogance and impatience. Help us to overcome those traits which pull us away from you and from appreciating all that you have done for us. Let our hearts be at peace knowing that you have taught us what we need to know to serve you joyfully in this world. Inspire us and give us delight for what is to come...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Redeemer” Nicole Mullens

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

Proclaiming God's Word

PSALM READING

Psalms 95:1–7a | Pew Bible page 479

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1–9 | Pew Bible page 785

MESSAGE

The Wisest Thing

Responding to God's Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together state some of that which we believe:

As followers of Jesus, living in this world, we declare with joy and trust:
**Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until God's kingdom,
God's Beloved Community on earth fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to God!**

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!

Calendar

May 12 – May 18, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB:

Sunday, May 12

- 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 Media Orientation Mtg *Sanctuary*
- 3p Recreation Visioning Meeting
Tabitha Room

Monday, May 13

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 4:30p Endowment Trustees *Parlor*
- 5:30p Facilities Committee *Session Rm*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Tab Park*
- 6:30p Media Committee Welcome
Reception *Parlor*
- 6:45p Scout Troop 72/721

Tuesday, May 14

- 8a Recreation Committee *Tabitha Rm*
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Comm. *Virtual*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Children's Ministries *Lower Level B*
- 7:15p Worship, Music & Arts *Session Rm*

Wednesday, May 15

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6p Media Committee Dinner *Off-site*

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Resource Ctr*
- 10a Women's Ministries Plant
Exchange *Tab Park*

*In ascension, Jesus now sits beside God,
and through the continually imaginative
work of the Holy Spirit,
renews creation, and renews us, and transforms
everything!
Thanks be to God!*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | Benjamin Mason Drucker

Departing to Serve

† CLOSING SONG

"Believe For It" CeCe Winans

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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

happy mother's day!

In celebration of all women, the Tab Deacons have a special gift for you this Mother's Day. Please stop as you exit following the services this morning to receive our "Thanks" by way of a flower for you!



Save the Date: June 9

FOR A 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Please plan to attend the centennial birthday celebration of our oldest outreach ministry, the Tab Recreation Program! It is on Sunday, June 9, following the 10a service in the Gym. It will be loads of fun with cupcakes, fellowship and viewing a "Through the Years" video compiled by Dave Streit. You will also have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for the festival which will be held on Saturday, September 14!

LOOKING FOR
TAB'S WEEKLY
CALENDAR?

SCAN HERE →



Announcements

Week of May 12 – May 18, 2024

BAPTISM

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Benjamin Mason Drucker. He is the son of Paul and Shantell Drucker. Congratulations, Ben, on your baptism this morning!

NEW MEMBERS

This morning we welcome Tabernacle's newest class of church members! Please extend a warm welcome to Robert & Laura Dunlap, Paul McIntyre, Angela Parks and Robert & Leslie Willsey when you see them this morning. Welcome to Tab!

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 August 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!

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and it is one of the only Sundays of the year that the liturgical color is red! Wear your best looking red "Sunday go to meetin'" outfit and let's celebrate Pentecost in a special way!

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

New fans are needed to help keep our neighbors cool this summer. By donating a new box fan, or funds to purchase one you help us keep our neighbors cooler. If you would like to donate, you can simply put a note with your check, written to Tab, or drop your fan off in the Front Office Workroom as soon as you can to give us plenty of time to organize the giveaway. The fans will be distributed on June 5. Thank 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!

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School takes 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 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 Sundays in McKee Hallway.