



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

July 14, 2024 | 8th Sunday After Pentecost

# 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.

## Discipleship Classes

2024 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

### The Book of Acts | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

We are looking at the Book of Acts and our teacher/facilitator is Carter Booker! Carter invites you to bring your Bible each week; extras will be on hand. There will be lots of opportunities for refreshing study, discussion and questions. Come join us this summer for good fellowship and reflection.

### 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 II Corinthians. Questions? Please contact Doug Conrads at [dlconrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dlconrads@yahoo.com) for more information about this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and study.

### 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.

### Cover Art:

*Psalm 121:1 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills"*

by Margaret Putnam

# 8 o'clock Worship

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community as you worship with us.

## PRELUDE

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.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Nicaea*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*

*Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!*

*God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

## Gathering In God's Name

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of God,

**People:** Who created us,  
who holds us and the whole world in his hands.

Leader: In the name of the Son

**People:** Who came into the world,  
who reconciles us with God.

Leader: In the name of the Holy Spirit

**People:** Who fills us with eternal life,  
who links us with all Christians  
and incites us to peace,

**All:** *We come together to offer our thanks and praise.*

### + HYMN #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *St. Denio*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your gracious ways, and bless us with abundant life.*

*Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call rather than your call to commitment. We quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us. We hold onto our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation. We cling to petty jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have, and we respond defensively, protecting our ego from shame.*

*Merciful God, forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other and overwhelm us with your grace that we may grow in faithfulness, love compassionately, and work together in peace. In the name of Christ, we pray this and that which we carry in the silence of our hearts...*

## MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

#### † RESPONSE #581

"Gloria Patri" *Greatorex*

*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.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scott Christopher Hand

# Proclaiming God's Word

## PSALM READING

Psalm 121 | Pew Bible Page 498

## GOSPEL READING

John 3:1–8 | Pew Bible Page 863

## MESSAGE

How Can This Be?



# Responding to God's Word

## † THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us together state 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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” *Let Us Break Bread*

*(Please join in singing during the serving of the Sacrament of Communion.)*

*Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*We give you thanks, O God, for this meal where we are nourished with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the sharing of one bread and one cup bind us to one another as your beloved community and teach us, again, the path of your unconditional love. Amen.*

## 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.*

# Departing to Serve

## † HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision” *Slane*

## † BENEDICTION

## † POSTLUDE

Please join us in McKee Hallway immediately following worship for Coffee & Fellowship.

## Today's Worship Participants

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

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Rebecca Childs, Piano*

*Call to Worship - Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting, Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday*

*Affirmation of Faith - An adaptation of "I Believe" by Bruce Prewer*

# 10 o'clock Worship

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and incites us to peace,

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### † SONG

“Believe For It” CeCe Winans

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## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**  
**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## *Proclaiming God's Word*

**PSALM READING**

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Because of Who You Are” *Vicki Yohe*

**GOSPEL READING**

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**MESSAGE**

How Can This Be?

**PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION STATEMENTS OF FAITH**

Theo Clement

Ben Drucker

Caleb Fowles

Gavin Green

Sarah Pike

Margaret Pinero

Sadie Rexroth

Tate Turman

## *Responding to God's Word*

**SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**

Presentation of Confirmation Class

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Covenant Questions

+ Congregational Response

*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.*



## † Affirmation Of Faith

Let us together state some of that which we believe:

*In spite of many unanswered questions, we believe.*

*We believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,  
who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and unseen,  
who from the dust of earth calls up living beings to be children of eternity,  
who through countless ages has provided for us many liberators  
and tirelessly seeks to bring victory out of defeat and life out of decay.*

*We believe in Jesus the Christ, God's true Son,  
who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,  
who took upon himself the healing of the human race,  
who bearing the burden of our sins went to Golgotha carrying his cross,  
who was betrayed, crucified, dead and buried in a borrowed tomb,  
who on the third day was found to be gloriously alive,  
meeting with those who trust him and serve him to the end of the world.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit of God,  
within and among all who cherish Christ and his way,  
who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow,  
who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church  
that it may always be the contemporary body of the risen Christ,  
loving the world through prayer, word and deed.*

*We believe that even we are caught up in the resurgent life of Christ Jesus,  
and that nothing in life or death can separate us from his love and joy.*

*In spite of unanswered questions...yes, we believe. Amen*

Confirmation Prayer

Recognition and Gifts

Anointing and Blessing

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Blessing" *Kari Jobe*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
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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

### † CLOSING SONG

"Because He Lives" *Bill & Gloria Gaither*

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

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

### Today's Worship Participants

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

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Dr. Daniel Rexroth, Youth Director*

*Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin & Val Phelps, Vocals*

*Rob Dixon, Saxophone*

*Steve Dokken, Bass*

*Carrington Clinton, Drums*

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

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# Calendar

July 14 – July 20, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT TAB:

### Sunday, July 14

- 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 Room*
- 11a Deacons' Meeting *Dining Room*
- 6p TabJams *Tab Park*

### Monday, July 15

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Tuesday, July 16

- 10a Women Alive *Off-Site*
- 6p Just for Moms Craft Night  
*Lower Level B*
- 6:30p Prayer Mtg *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

### Wednesday, July 17

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Children's Musical Rehearsal  
*Lower Level B*

### Thursday, July 18

- 6p Circles *Dining Room*

### Friday, July 19

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

### Saturday, July 20

- 9a Music & Arts Camp

LOOKING FOR  
TAB'S WEEKLY  
CALENDAR?  
SCAN HERE ➔



# Announcements

Week of July 14 – July 20, 2024

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Chris Erotas on the passing of her sister, Kathy, on Thursday, July 4. Please let Chris know that you are thinking of her and praying for her comfort in this time of grief.

## BAPTISM

Congratulations to the family of Scott Christopher Hand, born February 8, on the day of his baptism at the 8a service this morning. Proud parents are Matt Hand and Taylor Browning, grandparents, Charlton and Michelle Browning, and great-grandmother, Virginia Browning. Congratulations!

## 2025 CHURCH OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Nominating Committee requests the support and prayers of the congregation in their decisions regarding new 2025 church officers for Deacons, Elders and Endowment Fund Trustees. Using the "Recommendation for Church Officer" form available at the Front Office, please send your suggestions for officer nominees to one of the following: Tabernacle Presbyterian Church 2024 Nominating Committee, 418 East 34th Street, Indianapolis 46205, email your suggestions to Kyle.Ems@gmail.com or leave them at the Front Office. Please submit recommendations no later than Monday, July 29.

## TABJAMS

Bring a friend, a lawn chair and a picnic to the TabJams free concert beginning at 6p in Tab Park, just north of the Parking Lot. Enjoy an evening of inspirational music and fellowship with soulful and eclectic performances led by world-class performers, songwriters and worship leaders, Sarah Scharbrough McLaughlin and Jeffery Thomas II. It is all part of Tab's mission of "Building Stronger Community" through music. In case of rain, the concert moves indoors to the Sanctuary. This is a family friendly event and we will see you there!

## JUST FOR MOMS CRAFT NIGHT

All Tab ladies are invited to join us for an evening of refreshments and crafts on July 16, 6:30p–8:30p in Lower Level B. We will have two or three crafts

available, and we will also have a pitch-in taco bar with dessert. There is no fee, reservations are not required, and Children's Ministries will provide the dessert. All you need to do is just bring your crafty skills and an item to share for the taco bar. Questions? Contact Jennifer Wirt at [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org)

## BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Donations needed! Tab is once again hosting Mapleton-Fall Creek Community Back-to-School Celebration on July 21 from 1p–3p. Children in attendance will receive a new backpack as well as an opportunity to choose from school supplies donated by Tab members and community partners. Donations will be accepted at Tab through Thursday, July 18, during normal business hours from 8:30a–4:30p. Items needed include notebooks, glue sticks, pencils, magic erasers, crayons, pocket folders, pencil pouches/boxes, 8-count markers or colored pencils, and boxes of tissues. No backpacks needed.

We are also seeking volunteers that day. Volunteers at tables in Tab Park will help the students choose free school supplies. We are expecting around 200 children and their families to attend. There will also be snacks, games, and music. Each collaborating partner is recruiting volunteers for their tables. For Tab, this means we primarily need assistance with setting up and staffing the school supply giveaway as well as assistance with games and snacks. If interested in helping, please contact Caitlin Teague at [caitybair@gmail.com](mailto:caitybair@gmail.com).

## LACEY/MANELLA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Two sisters, Ruth Lacey and Peggy Manella, have left a gift to Tab in order to establish a Women's Education Scholarship Fund. The Lacey/Manella Women's Scholarship Fund is a \$2,000 grant for up to four years for first-time or returning students who are members/participants of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church seeking a post-secondary degree. Interested applicants should contact [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org). Please note "Lacey/Manella Fund" in the subject line of your email.