



TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

August 25, 2024 | 14th 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.

## Discipleship Classes

2024 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

### Sermon On The Mount | BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8 at 9a PARLOR

The Spiritual Growth & Development Team is offering a new Adult Faith Formation Class beginning Sunday, September 8, at 9a in the Parlor. Our facilitator/guide will be Andrew Hart and this is how he describes the series: "It's been called a counter-cultural manifesto, the greatest teaching in history, and an age-old source of inspiration for Christians and non-Christians alike. So in five short weeks we will study this most celebrated and, arguably, least understood words of Jesus. Perhaps we will get through The Beatitudes only, but that will be a start on contemplating Jesus' teaching known as the Sermon on the Mount." Join us for a discussion-based study of this "Sermon" found in Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5 through 7. It is good to be together in fellowship while reflecting on God's Word. Please come and join us!

### 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.

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*Daughters of Zelophehad*

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# 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

"Andante Sostenuto" *Alexandrè Guilmant*

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

Minute for Mission

## + PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe Den Herren*

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!*

## Gathering In God's Name

## + CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: Love, peace, joy patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

All: *Let all generations worship God together.*

## HYMN #2

"Come, Thou Almighty King" *Italian Hymn*

## A LITANY OF CONFESSION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*(Please see the last page of this morning's bulletin)*

## + 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.*

# Proclaiming God's Word

## SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 27:1–11 | Pew Bible Page 128

## MESSAGE

Sometimes the Children Raise the Village

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS | Madeline Prible

## VIDEO PRESENTATION

# Responding to God's Word

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe that Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. The Spirit gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare. We believe that the Spirit is evident in the world and produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in us.*

## 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)*

## † 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 #299**

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” *Hanover*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

"Allegretto" *Simon Molitor*

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

## Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Joshua Ridenour, Organist*

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, CRC publications*

# 10 o'clock Worship

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*Gathering In God's Name*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

"Here I Am to Worship" *Tim Hughes*

Children's Musical Participants

Morgan Barnett & Tommy Summers, soloists

## BIBLE PRESENTATION

## + SONG

"You Never Let Go"

## A LITANY OF CONFESSION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*(Please see the last page of this morning's bulletin)*

## + SONG

"Good, Good Father"

*Proclaiming God's Word*

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# Departing to Serve

### † CLOSING SONG

"Oceans"

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

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

## 2024 YOUTH MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Oakley Asare	Megan Pike	Tate Turman
Emory Clement	Sarah Pike	Shaniya Westmoreland
Theo Clement	Delia Pinero	Grace Rexroth, Chaperone
Caleb Fowles	Margaret Pinero	Amy Rexroth, Youth Director
Stella Fowles	Charlotte Prible	Dr. Daniel Rexroth, Youth Director
Gavin Green	Madeline Prible	Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor
Betty Harmless	Sadie Rexroth	
Heidi Harmless	Lily Sturgis	
Lainey Meils	Claire Turman	

## Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Leah Crane, Vocalist*

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Eric Guion, Guitar*

*Karis Crane, Bass*

*Matt Gall, Percussion*

*Members of the Tab Youth Group, Liturgists & Readers*

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, CRC publications*



# Help Shape the Future of Tab

Complete the in-depth  
**Congregational Assessment**  
before September 22



Scan to learn more or visit  
**TabPres.org/MissionStudy**



# Calendar

August 25 – August 31, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT TAB:

### Sunday, August 25

- 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 Teen Helper Training *Lower Level B*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Room*
- 11a Parishioners Without Partners  
*McWhirter Resource Center*

### Monday, August 26

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 2p Raphael Health Center HIV  
*Awareness Dining Room*

### Tuesday, August 27

- 5:30p Congregational Life Committee  
*McWhirter Resource Center*
- 5:30p Special Session Meeting *Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Mtg *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Dining Room*

### Wednesday, August 28

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

### Thursday, August 29

- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

### Friday, August 30

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

### Saturday, August 31

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

## WE NEED YOU TO TAKE THE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Today, we start a key step in finding a new pastor for Tab and need your input. We're launching the Congregational Assessment Tool survey, which all members and attendees are encouraged to complete. Access the survey via the QR code in the bulletin, the September Chimes, our weekly e-newsletter, or at [tabpres.org/MissionStudy](http://tabpres.org/MissionStudy). Your feedback on Tab's current state and future vision is vital for our path forward. The survey takes about 30 minutes, is anonymous, and must be completed in one sitting. Assistance is available in McKee Hallway after worship, and paper copies are available upon request. For questions, email [MST@tabpres.org](mailto:MST@tabpres.org). Thank you for your participation!

## BIBLE PRESENTATION RECIPIENTS AND READERS

Students receiving Bibles this morning are Penelope Costlow, Max Gall, Alistair Hunt, Nia Karugah, Hazel Moudy, Maggie Teague, and Za'mir Williams. Bible readers are Liam Barnett, Dromo Darku, Miles Fowles, Frantz Lynn, Hank Teague, and Ya'Mila Williams. Please pray for these students as they receive the gift of God's Holy Word.

## TABERNACLE RECREATION CELEBRATION

**Question:** *Where should you plan to be on Saturday, September 14, from 10a-6p?*

**Answer:** *On the campus of Tab Church to help celebrate the 100th birthday of Tab Recreation.*

Details: A full day of great live music will fill the air from the outdoor stage in the Parking Lot. Kids and adults alike will be challenged to try their skills at exciting activities like Dual Lane Bungee Run, Adrenaline Rush Obstacle Course, Axe Throwing (not real axes), and many more. Tab Recreation's Youth Soccer League will be in action with games on the athletic field all day long. The walls of the Gym will be wrapped by a history display of Tab Recreation's 100 years. In a room just off the Gym, you will be reminded of friends you had when both of you were younger as you watch a special video of Tab Recreation through the decades. There will be festival food, airbrush artists to paint tattoos, and a video station where folks may record a word of thanks, a favorite memory, or a story about Tab Recreation. In addition, you will not want to miss the 2p unveiling and dedication of a new art installation specially sculpted for Tab by artist Ryan Feeny of Indy Art Forge.

**Conclusion:** *You must be here! An event like this will not happen again for another 100 years!*

# Announcements

Week of August 25 – August 31, 2024

## **WELCOME LITTLE ONE**

The rose on the Communion Table is to welcome Santiago Elias Urfalian to the Tab family born Wednesday, August 14. Santiago joins brothers Lucas and Mateo. Proud parents are Diego Urfalian and Heidi Hoopingarner and grandmother is Marion Hoopingarner.

## **TEEN HELPER TRAINING TODAY**

Children's Ministries will again be encouraging all students in grades 6 through 12 to participate in our Teen Helper program. Being a Teen Helper involves serving once a month in our Ones/Twos nursery or in the Preschool Class as a classroom assistant in the same nursery or class on the same Sunday each month (i.e. in the Preschool class the second Sunday of every month). Being a Teen Helper is not only a wonderful way to serve the Tab family, but it is also a good way to earn service hours for school, Scouts, or other organizations. As a bonus, the little kids think you are AMAZING!! We will have Teen Helper training and sign up for rooms and weeks this morning in Lower Level B immediately after worship. We will also have refreshments and door prizes! Hope to see Tab's teens there!

## **THE START OF A NEW CHOIR SEASON**

In September we will welcome Tab's Sanctuary Choir back to assist in leading worship, and we are looking for singers in each of our sections! If you are interested in joining this great group of vocalists as we lift our voices in song, join us on Thursday evenings at 7p in the Parlor beginning Thursday, August 29. We have great season of wonderful music planned for Tab's worship services and some special presentations throughout the year! Questions? Contact Matt Kauffman at [matt.kauffman@tabpres.org](mailto:matt.kauffman@tabpres.org).

## **PRETEEN KICKOFF BREAKFAST**

All of Tab's 5th and 6th-graders are invited to our annual kickoff breakfast on Saturday, September 7. We will meet at the Lincoln Square Pancake House at 86th and Ditch from 9a until about 10:15a to eat delicious pancakes and waffles and

talk about plans for Tab's preteens during the upcoming school year. No need to bring any money, but please let Mrs. Wirt know by September 4 if you will be joining us so we can get a large enough table. Hope to see our preteens for breakfast!

## **FUN FACT ABOUT THE TAB GOLF CLASSIC!**

Did you know ...?

The Tab Golf Classic became a Tab annual tradition post 1979 and has been instrumental in supporting the community and fostering fellowship and camaraderie. The event began as a fundraising effort to support the Deacons' Benevolent Fund, and throughout the years it has consistently raised thousands of dollars annually aiding numerous families and individuals in financial crisis. This year's event is happening at Eagle Creek Golf Club on Saturday, October 12. Start time is 9a Is your calendar marked?

## **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.

## **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 others in prayer each Tuesday at 6:30p in McKee Chapel. If you would like to request special prayers, you can let the prayer team know by emailing [prayer@tabpres.org](mailto:prayer@tabpres.org)

# A Litany of Confession & Spiritual Growth

Based on Galatians 5:22-23 and Journal entries from the Youth Mission Trip

*Liturgist: In his letter to the Galatian faith community, Paul reminded Christ followers that we are to live by the Spirit of God, and not by our own egos and desires. He gave a picture of the fruit that emerges when the Spirit is present in our lives and at work in the world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As a faith community, let us confess the things that keep us from living by the Spirit and from seeing God's Spirit in one another.*

**Reader:** Gracious Lord, on our mission trip in Phoenix, we were tasked with looking for evidence of your presence in our ministry work and in each other. Thank you that when we sought, you were always found.

**Reader:** We first saw the presence of your Spirit in the way the youth group was unconditional in its love for the kids at the camp from the first day we arrived. We received your love as the kids accepted us. We felt your love grow among us as we got to know one another.

**People:** **Forgive us, Lord, when we are too afraid to reach out to people we don't know and miss the chance to give and receive love. Help us be more courageous and inclusive.**

**Reader:** We felt pure joy each morning in the worship services when everyone was singing, dancing and getting so excited for their favorite worship songs. We pray it was pleasing to you, Lord. We especially saw joy in the face of one of the little ones when the worship song was sung in her family's first language, Spanish.

**People:** **Forgive us, Lord, when we are more worried about what other people think than we are about embracing pure worship of you. Help us to express joy in our own ways and to encourage others as they worship you in their own languages, cultures, and forms.**

**Reader:** Loving God, we recognized the presence of your peace when doing crafts with the kids. Even with all the craziness we felt peace because we saw how much the kids enjoyed what they were doing. We also felt peace every day when we slowed down and reflected back on the day of service.

**People:** **Gracious God, forgive us for the times we let the noise around us disturb the peace within us. Help us learn to slow down and offer gratitude for your presence in every circumstance.**

**Reader:** Patient Lord, we saw your gracious forbearance displayed in one of the Tab youth when a little girl was demanding and disrespectful toward her. Rather than let her patience be tested, the youth group member stayed calm and used spunky humor to gently reset the tone with the girl. Her patience with the little girl created a special bond between the two of them for the rest of the week.

**People:** **Forgive us, merciful God, for the times we react with defensiveness rather than seize the opportunity to respond with grace. Help us see one another's pain and to look for ways to connect in our common need for grace, humor, and love.**

**Reader:** Loving God, we were witness to so much kindness on our trip to Phoenix especially in the way the little children treated each other—helping one another, sharing craft supplies with one another, and siblings consoling younger siblings who were upset. We also saw kindness in our youth group when one of the girls volunteered to go on an errand so that another could finish her summer class homework online. Many of the girls experienced kindness from some of the older girls who gave up their breakfast time every day to help braid hair for the newbies before we went to the Kids Camp.

**People:** **Kind and compassionate God, forgive us when our self-concern is so great that it blinds us to the needs of others or keeps us from being kind. Open our eyes to see the little things that we can do and the simple sacrifices that we can make so that others will experience feelings of comfort, care, and belonging.**

**Reader:** Holy God, we saw your goodness in all the children we served. They were pure, kind, and eager to participate. We also experienced your goodness in our youth group by the way we interacted with each other, always had each other's backs, and pitched in on the chores.

**People:** Forgive us, Lord, for the times we are defensive and ruthless, seeking to be right rather than good toward others. Open our hearts and minds to be like curious and eager children...eager to love and serve you by loving and serving one another.

**Reader:** Faithfulness was evident in the way the local teen leaders responded to the spread of Covid in their group over the first weekend. Despite the need to merge groups, the complications in the transportation, and the many schedule changes, the still healthy teens modeled faithfulness. They were very chill and trusted God in whatever happened. They wrote their prayer requests on the prayer wall and trusted God would hear them. As an act of our own faithfulness, God, we pitched in helped where we could. We praise you for taking care of everything and everyone.

**People:** Forgive us, O God, when we panic. We when try to fix and control everything rather than trusting in your provision, guidance and will. Help us learn to be “chill,” trust, and release to you!

**Reader:** Your beautiful gentleness, God, was present in so many leaders as they worked with kids, but we were especially touched to see it in an interaction between two little girls—one who spoke both Spanish and English and another one who mostly spoke Spanish. This little girl was very curious about Indiana, but her limited vocabulary made it hard for her to express herself. The first little girl very gently helped her friend talk with us about Indiana by encouraging her and translating when necessary.

**People:** Forgive us Lord, when we are insensitive to the hearts and minds and contributions of those whose abilities are different than our own. Remind us again that you have created all of us good and given us purpose in your world. Help us become more like Jesus who notices struggles, appreciates contributions, and responds with compassion.

**Reader:** Thank you, God, that even in the heat and humidity of Phoenix, we saw people practicing self-control that was not very easy to do. During the really hot afternoons, it was tempting for everyone to go to the water-game areas or stay in the air-conditioned classrooms instead of rotating to the outside activities, however, the groups chose to do what they were supposed to do. We also saw self-control in our group at dinner each night when we all made sure that everyone had enough to eat before we took seconds. The adult leaders saw us showing self-control when we stayed off our phones in the evenings and hung out with each other instead.

**People:** Forgive us, God, for those times when we just can't wait, when we don't want to stop, when we indulge ourselves...and in doing so, sacrifice the well-being of ourselves or others. Help us find the balance of being carefree and spontaneous as well as disciplined and purposeful so that we might experience the joy and peace that comes with self-control.

*Liturgist: In the words of St. Augustine of Hippo, “To confess, then, is to praise and glorify God; it is an exercise in self-knowledge and true humility in the atmosphere of grace and reconciliation.” Having confessed with the intention of growing in God's grace, we give praise and glory to the One who loves us, forgives us and makes us whole. Amen.*