



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 1, 2024 | 15th 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

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 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:

Loaves and Fishes

by John August Swanson

10 o'clock Worship

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

PRELUDE

Some of your favorite hymns

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

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Azmon

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of his praise!*

Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 34:1–10

Leader: Holy Source of Abundant Life,
the poor cried out;
you heard and saved them from all their troubles.

People: To those who have nothing,
your promise is this:
whatever is needed will be given.

Leader: Your eyes are on those who do justice,
and your ears are open to their voice.

People: To those who yearn for peace,
your promise is this:
whatever is needed will be given.

Leader: Your arms enfold the brokenhearted,
and rescue those whose spirits are crushed.

People: To those who fear the future,
your promise is this:
whatever is needed will be given.

All: *O taste and see how good God is!
Happy are those who take refuge in Him.
Let us worship and be glad!*

† HYMN #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth” Dix

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Together as a congregation, in faith, let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways.
We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns,
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.
We confess that we are prone to fight or flight when things get difficult.
We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries.
We admit, too, that we sometimes question your presence and your power
when we feel defeated.*

*Forgive us, Lord.
Grant us patience. Fill us with faith. Help us trust in you.
Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives and our ears to listen for
your gentle whisper when we least expect it.
And, heal us, O God, that we might grow in grace and love as Christ loved us.
These things we pray, and those in the silence of heart, in his name.*

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Leader: Beloved of God, receive the good news: God's love is sure and steadfast.

*All: God is always near, forgiving for us, blessing us, providing for us, so that we
might live in grace and love one another as Christ has loved us. Amen.*

† 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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SOLO

"There is a Balm in Gilead" *arr. Mark Hayes*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.*

*If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul,
Go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all."
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.*

Proclaiming God's Word

GOSPEL READING

John 6:35, 41–51 | Pew Bible Page 868

† HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me!” *Jesus Loves Me*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Kings 19:4–8 | Pew Bible Page 284

MESSAGE

A Broom Tree of Love

Responding to God's Word

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

*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

Communion Solo: “Amazing Grace” *arr. John Ness Beck*

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days so sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
And grace will lead me home.*

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 #616**

“Our God Is an Awesome God” *Awesome God*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

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

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Caroline Foster, Liturgist

Matt Kauffman, Pianist

Alana Jones, Vocalist

Call to Worship adapted from Stone Soup, a liturgy on the Seekers Church website. <http://www.seekerschurch.org/>

Calendar

September 1 – September 7, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, September 1

10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*

Monday, September 2

Office closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 3

9:30a Women Alive *Parlor*
6:30p Prayer Mtg *McKee Chapel*

Wednesday, September 4

9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
5:30p Missions Committee *Parlor*

Thursday, September 5

3p Tab Tutoring Meeting
Lower Level B
6p Circles *Dining Room*
7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 7

8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
9a Pre-Teen Kick-Off Breakfast
Off-Site

REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Please be sure to complete the Congregational Assessment Tool survey and share your thoughts on the future direction of Tab. Your feedback is crucial for the process of calling a new pastor. All responses are anonymous and will help the Mission Study Team create a report which will guide the Pastor Nominating Committee in their search for a new pastor. Access the survey using the QR code here, in the September Chimes, or visit tabpres.org/MissionStudy. It takes about 30 minutes and must be done in one sitting. Stop by McKee Hallway after worship for assistance. Paper copies are available upon request. Questions? Email the Mission Study Team at MST@tabpres.org.

Help Shape the Future of Tab

Complete the in-depth
Congregational Assessment
before September 22



Scan to learn more or visit
TabPres.org/MissionStudy

Announcements

Week of September 1 – September 7, 2024

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with Diego Urfalian and Heidi Hoopinger following the passing of Diego's mother, Norma Calvelo.

Please join us in keeping Diego, Heidi, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

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 September Chimes shares a fun history and highlights about the Tab Golf Classic. Have you read it yet? Look for it today if you haven't. Golf Classic registration opens September 8! Look for the table in Mckee Hall to see all the ways that you can help support this year's event.

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!*

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. 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