



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 8, 2024 | 16th 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

Join us for a new Adult Faith Formation Class each Sunday at 9a in the Parlor. Led by Andrew Hart, this five-week series will explore the Beatitudes, a profound and often misunderstood part of Jesus' teachings. Dive into the Sermon on the Mount and reflect on its impactful words. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion!

### Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAY 9:30a-10:30a PARLOR

Join us as our pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming 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:

*Pure Heart*

by Janice Jurkovic

# 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

“Pastorale” *Darius Milhaud*

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

Mission Study Survey

## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

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People: Life with never be the same again.

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**All: Come, let us worship God!**

### † HYMN #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Hyfrydol*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives—that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive our sinfulness we pray, and empower us to be imitators of Jesus in our loving and serving others...*

## 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.*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

# Proclaiming God's Word

## PSALM READING

Psalm 51:10–15 | Pew Bible Page 424

NRSVUE

- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right[ a ] spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing[ b ] spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:8 | Pew Bible Page 719

NRSVUE

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

MSG

<sup>8</sup> You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.”

## MESSAGE

Inside Out

# Responding to God's Word

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We affirm our faith in God the creator, Jesus the living water and the Holy Spirit, fount of love. We believe in God who created heaven and earth, and founded the land on deep waters. God who flooded the earth, and gave us a promise. God who divided the water, and set the people free. God who leads us beside still waters, and gives us strength. We believe in Jesus, who walked on water, and calmed the raging sea. Jesus who turned water into wine, and baptizes us with water, spirit and love. Jesus who washed his disciples' feet, and washes our souls clean. We believe in the Holy Spirit who is poured out, and comes to us as water and fire. Holy Spirit who is strength and power, and fills us with living water. Holy Spirit who is gentleness and love, and is God's gift to each of us. We believe, and so know life abundant, and receive the courage to love generously. 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 #378

*"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" Merle's Tune*

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

*"Toccata" Johann Pachelbel*

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

### Today's Worship Participants

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

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Joshua Ridenour, Organist*

*Call to Worship adapted from Before The Amen, Tirabassi & Tirabassi, Editors*

*Prayer of Confession adapted from Beth Merrill Neel*

*Affirmation of faith adapted from Holy Ground by Paynter & Boothroyd*

# 10 o'clock Worship

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"Believe For It" CeCe Winans, Kyle Lee, Mitch Wong & Swan Hill

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## SONG

"Way Maker" Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## † SONG

“Goodness of God” *Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding & Brian Johnson*

## *Proclaiming God's Word*

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## OFFERTORY

“Redeemer” *Nicole Mullen*

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# Departing to Serve

## † CLOSING SONG

“The Blessing” *Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe & Steven Furtick*

## † BENEDICTION

## † POSTLUDE

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## Today's Worship Participants

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

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Matt Kauffman, pianist*

*Staci McCrackin, Valerie Phelps, and Glynis Yowell, vocalists*

*Frank Smith, bass*

*Rob Dixon, sax*

*Carrington Clinton, percussion*

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# Calendar

September 8 – September 14, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, September 8

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee Conversation  
*McKee Hallway*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Development  
Class *Parlor*
- 9a Children's Education *Lower Level B*
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Coffee Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*

### Monday, September 9

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 11:30a Oaks Academy Lunch Meeting  
*Session Room*
- 5p HR Committee *On-line Meeting*
- 5:30p Facilities Committee Meeting  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop *Youth Room*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Lower Level*

### Tuesday, September 10

- 8a Tab Rec Committee Meeting  
*Tabitha Room*
- 10a Staff Meeting *Session Room*

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Budget and Finance Meeting  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Children's Ministries Committee  
*Lower Level B*

### Wednesday, September 11

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

### Thursday, September 12

- 3p Tab Tutoring Meeting  
*Gym & Lower Level A*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

### Friday, September 13

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 3p Simmons/Vaughan Wedding  
Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 3:30p Circle of Hope *Parlor*

### Saturday, September 14

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Tab Rec 100th Anniversary Festival  
*Parking Lot, Athletic Field, Gym*
- 10a Fresh Stop Produce  
*Raphael Health Center*
- 3:30p Simmons/Vaughan Wedding  
*Sanctuary, Parlor*

#### YOUR VOICE MATTERS:

#### HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TAB

Thank you to the many of you who have already completed your Congregation Assessment Tool survey. We have received over one hundred submissions so far but our journey is not over just yet. We still need to receive a minimum total of 180 responses by Sunday, September 22, so don't delay, tell your friends and family members to visit [tabpres.org/MissionStudy](http://tabpres.org/MissionStudy) or visit the table in McKee Hallway after Sunday worship to access this in-depth survey. Your feedback is essential for selecting our new pastor.

# Help Shape the Future of Tab

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

Scan to learn more or visit  
**[TabPres.org/MissionStudy](http://TabPres.org/MissionStudy)**



# Announcements

Week of September 8 – September 14, 2024

## WELCOME LITTLE ONE

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Hayden Lane Hughes, born on September 3 to Carly (Marshall) and Kyle Hughes. Hayden is the little sister of Emmelyn and Kellan. Proud Grandparents are Sharon and Bill Marshall. Congratulations and our prayers are extended to the Hughes and Marshall families.

## FRESH STOP PRODUCE

Don't miss the next Fresh Stop pick up this Saturday, September 14. Order your shares of fresh, local, and affordable produce today! The order deadline for Saturday's pick up is tonight before midnight. Visit [FreshStop.org](http://FreshStop.org) to reserve your shares and we'll see you next weekend at Raphael Health Center. Questions? Contact Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com).

## TAB REC 100TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

*Where should you be this Saturday, September 14, from 10a to 6p?*

Answer: Celebrating Tab Recreation's 100th Anniversary on the Tab campus! Enjoy live music, inflatable amusements, thrilling activities like bungee runs and axe throwing, youth soccer games, special appearances by some of your favorite Indy mascots, and so much more. Don't miss the 1:40p unveiling of a new art installation by Ryan Feeney of Indy Art Forge. Come celebrate with an unforgettable day of festivities that honors a century of community fun and recreation!

## HELP US CAPTURE FESTIVAL MEMORIES!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us create lasting video memories at the upcoming Tab Rec festival! Assist guests by recording their stories, memories, or words of thanks at our Record-a-Message Tent, or record video of guests and festivities. Your contributions will help us create a memorable and engaging festival experience. Interested in volunteering? Contact Erica Hewitt at [erica.hewitt@tabpres.org](mailto:erica.hewitt@tabpres.org).

## ORLOVSKY CONCERT

Don't miss Arkady and Tamara Orlovsky in a special free concert at Tab on Sunday, September 29 at 3p! Join us in the Sanctuary as these beloved musicians return to Indy to share their virtuosity after a vibrant summer in New York. Enjoy a beautiful performance and reconnect with this esteemed duo. A reception will follow in the Parlor. Bring your family and celebrate their return! Learn more at [tabpres.org/Events](http://tabpres.org/Events).

## TEE OFF FOR A CAUSE: TAB'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC!

Did you know...the success of the Tab Golf Classic is heavily reliant on the support and participation of the congregation—golfers, hole sponsors, and volunteers alike. The generous proceeds have allowed the Deacons to expand their outreach efforts, including support of the Tab Community Care Fund and other local missions. Join us at Eagle Creek Golf Club on Saturday, October 12, and make a difference while enjoying a great game! Learn more at [tabpres.org/Golf](http://tabpres.org/Golf).

## 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)