



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 15, 2024 | 17th 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 | SUNDAY 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 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:

excerpt from Sermon on the Mount
by Cosimo Rosselli

8 o'clock Worship

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Study Survey

PRELUDE

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† HYMN #415

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Restoration*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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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

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 20:7–12 | Pew Bible Page 630

NRSVUE

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and sustain in me a willing spirit.
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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.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“One Thing” (based on Psalm 27) *Craig Courtney*

Sanctuary Choir

*One thing, one thing alone,
One thing, one thing I ask from the Lord.
That I may gaze, I may gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.
The Lord is my salvation,
He will keep me safe.
In the day of trouble, I will seek his face.
In the shelter of his dwelling I will hide.
One thing, one thing alone.
One thing, one thing I seek of the Lord.
That I may dwell within his house evermore.
That I may dwell within his house forevermore.
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“Blest Are They” *Blest Are They*
(Please join together on the Refrain)

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“The Lord Is My Light” *Frances Allitsen*
(based on Psalm 27)

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Whom, then, shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life,
Of whom then, shall I be afraid?
Though an host of men were laid against me,
Yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though there 'rose up war against me,
Yet will I put my trust in him.
For in the time of trouble,
He shall hide me in his tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling
Shall he hide me,
And set me upon a rock of stone.
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DOXOLOGY

† HYMN #606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" *Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise *him, all creatures here below;
Praise *him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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Dr. Daniel Rexroth, Co-Director of Youth Ministries

Matt Kauffman, Organist

Joshua Ridenour, Pianist

Sanctuary Choir

Zachary Sigafoes, Cantor

Regina Walker, Soloist

Liturgy adapted from Touch Holiness, Duck & Tirabassi, Editors

Calendar

September 15 – September 21, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, September 15

- 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 16

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop *Youth Room*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Lower Level*

Tuesday, September 17

- 10a Staff Meeting *Session Room*
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café Volunteer
Appreciation Luncheon
Dining Room
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Session Meeting
Parlor

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring Meeting
Gym & Lower Level
- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

- 7a Nancy's Ride *Parking Lot*
- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

YOUR VOICE MATTERS: HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TAB

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Congregation Assessment Tool survey! We've received over 150 responses but need at least 180 before next Sunday, so don't delay! Tell your friends and family to visit tabpres.org/MissionStudy or stop by the McKee Hallway table after worship to complete your survey. Your feedback is crucial in determining the future direction of Tab!

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 15 – September 21, 2024

ORLOVSKY CONCERT

Don't miss Arkady and Tamara Orlovsky in a special free concert at Tab on Sunday, September 29 at 3 PM! 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 one-hour 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.

NANCY'S RIDE

The 7th Annual Nancy's Ride is less than one week away! Register today (or onsite the day of) and join the fun this Saturday, September 21 at 9 AM. Register, volunteer, and learn more at freewheelinbikes.org/Nancys-Ride. There are "routes" for all ages and abilities. This is a family friendly event with booths and activities for children and youth. All proceeds benefit our local ministry partner, Freewheelin' Community Bikes, a youth development organization that connects youth with skills for life over a shared passion for the bicycle.

BLESSING TABLE

As the weather changes, so do the needs of the Open Door's Blessing Table. Help us provide men and women's socks (new or gently used & laundered) and stretchy gloves. The black ones from the Dollar Store are great because they protect skin from the wind and they work for men and women! Just drop your donation in the bin under the staff mailboxes in the workroom. Many thanks!

TEE OFF FOR A CAUSE:

TAB'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC!

Did you know...You don't have to be a golfer to support and participate in the Tab Golf Classic! While we encourage you to support as a player because it's just fun, you can also participate by sponsoring a hole or simply by making a donation to Tab. Or perhaps do all three! Your involvement will help to continue the tradition of this important event and make a positive impact in the community. You can make a donation at the registration table, or by going to tabpres.org/Golf online. Be sure to join the support and fun for this year's event. Hope to see you on Saturday, October 12 at Eagle Creek Golf Club!

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your generous support enables Tab to spread the love and joy of Christ to thousands each year. Whether through worship, music, community outreach, pastoral care, ministry programs and events, your faithful commitment and contributions truly make a difference. Thank you for giving!

Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR code
- Text **TABPRES** to 73256
- Give online at:
 - tabpres.org/Giving
 - onrealm.org/tabpres/Give
- Download the Realm Connect app



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