



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 22, 2024 | 18th 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!

### Women's Bible Study | MONDAY 6:30p PARLOR

Gather with the ladies of Tab for faith and fellowship at our Monday Night Women's Bible Study! We're excited to dive into the Gospel of John and explore Jesus' profound "I Am" statements through the engaging study guide, "Believe I Am" by Megan Marshman.

### 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 New Testament book of Hebrews. 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:

*excerpt from Matthew 5:7. Blessed Are the Merciful*

by Mark Lawrence

# 8 o'clock Worship

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

† Please stand in body or spirit.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Lantzer – History of Tabernacle Presbyterian

Mission Study Survey

## PRELUDE

“Toccatà” *Georg Muffat*

**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.

## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May our worship be what nothing else is—

**People: A softening of the edges of doubt;**

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**People: A wordless answer to overwhelming questions;**

Leader: A tender blowing of the Holy Spirit;

**People: An assurance that there is a better way;**

Leader: An example of what community can be.

**People: Let us turn now from all that clutters  
our minds and hearts,**

Leader: And give ourselves fully,

**All: To the joyful celebration of our God!**

### † HYMN #93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *Truro*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, who loves all, we come before you in need and in hope. For not singing when we are joyful; for not shouting to the world the good that you do; for not trusting the love that surrounds us; for not enacting the justice you call us to; for not believing the Good News is meant for all. Forgive us. Encourage us. Change and help us. Inspire us, that we will imitate and magnify you, as Jesus teaches us...*

## 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

Exodus 31:1–5 | Pew Bible Page 68

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:7 | Pew Bible Page 785

#### THE MESSAGE

You're blessed when you care.

At the moment of being “care-full,” you find yourselves cared for.

#### NRSVUE

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

### MESSAGE

To the Gills

## Responding to God's Word

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us join together proclaiming some of that which we believe.

*We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life, and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was squandered by the evil that awaits to enslave us all; and whose death-defeating love holds a promise of freedom.*

*Though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we gratefully trust in God. As disciples of Jesus, we commit ourselves to serve others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth, to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and to embrace for ourselves and all others, the transforming power of love. 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)*

## 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 #753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” *Prayer of St. Francis*

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

“Te Deum” *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

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*

*Matt Kauffman, Organist*

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### † SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

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## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

† **CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

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**RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Song to God”

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“The Blessing”

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*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Leah Crane, Vocals*

*Eric Guion, Guitar*

*Matt Gall, Percussion*

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# Announcements

Week of September 22 – September 28, 2024

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

Today's yellow carnations in the Chancel are given in recognition of Tab's 50-year members. Congratulations!

## 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Today we honor and celebrate with the members of our Tab family who have reached a 50-year milestone as members of this congregation. Congratulations to Mike & Pat Cracraft and Nancy Russell.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of David F. Metzger who passed away on September 11. Survivors include his sister, Eva Mohler, and brother, Robert Metzger. A service was held on Monday, September 16, at Day & Genda Funeral Home in Rossville.

## FRESH STOP DEADLINE

Do you want more local, fresh produce in your diet? Are you concerned that Tab is located in a "food desert"? Would you like to do something to help those with low food access? You can get involved with Fresh Stop by going to [freshstop.org](http://freshstop.org) before midnight tonight. Everyone gets the same array of freshly harvested, local produce, but pays differently according to income. For more information, there are flyers at the front office, or contact Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com).

## ORLOVSKY CONCERT

Don't miss Arkady and Tamara Orlovsky in a special free concert at Tab on Sunday, September 29 at 3pm! 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](http://tabpres.org/Events).

## 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!

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Children's Ministries will be hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, October 4 from 6–8:30pm in Lower Level B for Tab infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary students. We'll have games, make a snack, do a craft, and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!) We'll be offering a separate childcare room for children age 4 and younger. There's no fee and registration is not required, but please feed your child dinner before you arrive. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt.

## FUN FACT ABOUT THE TAB GOLF CLASSIC!

Did you know...

The Deacons' Benevolence Fund helps families make ends meet when they can't do it on their own. On average over the last five years, the fund has been assisting nine families annually. This year already, however, we have seen a 22% increase in need. Financial assistance goes toward rent/mortgage payments, home/auto repair, medical bills, food/gas, and counseling services. The Golf Classic has been the single source of fundraising for the Deacons' Benevolence Fund since the late 1970s. This year's event is happening at Eagle Creek Golf Club on Saturday, October 12.

# Calendar

September 22 – September 28, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, September 22

- 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 23

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Tuesday, September 24

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 3:30p Media Committee *Parlor*
- 5:30p Congregational Life Committee *McWhirter Resource Center*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

### Wednesday, September 25

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

### Thursday, September 26

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

### Friday, September 27

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

### Saturday, September 28

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop Produce *Raphael Health Center*
- 10a Purl's of Wisdom *Session Room*

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS: HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TAB

9/22: CAT survey closes at the end of the day.

10/1: Presentation of the CAT survey results to Church Officers.

10/2 - 11/2: Mission Study Team (MST) will review the survey analysis.

11/3: Presentation of the CAT survey results to the Congregation.

Location: Tab Sanctuary | Time: 11:10a–12:10p

Format: 30–45 minute presentation from MST and Holy Cow, followed by 15–20 minutes for questions.

## Help Shape the Future of Tab

Complete the in-depth **Congregational Survey** before September 22.



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



## 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](https://tabpres.org/giving)
  - [onrealm.org/tabpres/Give](https://onrealm.org/tabpres/Give)
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