



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 12, 2025 | Baptism of the Lord

# 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

**Spiritual Growth & Development** | SUNDAY 9-10a PARLOR

**Nurturing the Heart Within** | JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 23

Join us each Sunday through February 23 as Dr. Shannon Woller leads the seven-week series, *Nurturing the Heart Within*. Learn more at [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults).

**Women's Bible Study** | MONDAY 7-8:30p PARLOR

**The Wonder of Grace** | JANUARY 27 - MARCH 17

Christians talk a lot about grace – but what is it, really? Does God give it to everyone? And if so, what difference does it make in our lives? In this eight-part series, you are invited to explore and embrace the astonishing, counterintuitive, transformational power of God's grace, and so make your life count for Jesus.

**Pastor's Bible Study** | WEDNESDAY 9:30a–10:30a PARLOR

A pastor-led Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

**Men's Bible Study** | SATURDAY 8a–9a PARLOR

**The Book of Hebrews** | THROUGH FEBRUARY 14

Join the Men's Ministry at Tab on Saturday mornings for a study of the book of Hebrews, continuing through February 2025. Questions? Please contact Doug Conrads at [dlconrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dlconrads@yahoo.com).

### 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.



# 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

### PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fuge in G Major” *J. S. Bach*

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: Creator of the galaxies,

People: Ruler of the uttermost reaches of space,

Leader: You are nearer to us than hands and feet,

People: Closer to us than our next breath.

Leader: We sense your Presence

People: In the tightly curled rosebud,

Leader: And in the open arms of a scarlet maple.

People: We hear you in the sound of a snowy wind

Leader: And in the soft chatter of happy children.

People: Your Presence is woven into the life of the world,

Leader: And into our lives,

All: *And we are glad to sing your praise!*

### † OPENING HYMN

“All Beautiful the March of Days” *Forest Green*

*All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go;  
The Hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow;  
Hath sent the hoary frost of Heav'n, the flowing waters sealed,  
And laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.*

*O'er white expanses sparkling pure the radiant morns unfold;  
The solemn splendors of the night burn brighter than the cold;  
Life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth,  
And clearer sounds the angel hymn, “Goodwill to men on earth.”*

*O Thou from Whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows,  
Thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose,  
Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim,  
In ever changing words of light, the wonder of Thy Name.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*As a shepherd seeks the lost sheep; as a woman searches for a lost coin, so You, O Loving God, seek and search for us. We have wandered far from our home in You. We have lost touch with what nourishes and stretches us. We have missed the mark, by aiming at false security rather than seeking the goal of Your Beloved Community on earth. We have preferred prosperity to the cutting edge of life lived in Your presence. We have bowed down to the false idol of expediency, and neglected to tend the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus, who makes us whole, bring us back from the precipice. May the Spirit, who leads us into all truth, bring us home to You...*

### 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.*

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (See questions on page 11)

#### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

## Proclaiming God's Word

### SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | Pew Bible Page 158

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:43-47 | Pew Bible Page 787

### MESSAGE

Who We Are

## Responding to God's Word

#### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

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

*We believe God gave God's all to the world in the bleakness of a stable. Love was born that day. Pure love. Undiluted. Poured out for all who call on God's name. We believe that such undeserved grace, deserves a response in the life that we lead. Such grace overwhelms our ingratitude for all that God has done. Such grace draws us to God's Word made flesh. Such grace gives us a new song to sing, and a new way to live; one that begins in a worn and smelly stable, and resonates throughout the world. 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

### † CLOSING HYMN #17

“Sing Praise to God, Ye Heavens” *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fuge in g minor” *J. S. Bach*

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

## Today's Worship Participants

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

*Joshua Ridenour, Organist*

*Call to Worship & Prayer of Confession adapted from  
The Green Heart of the Snowdrop, Kate McIlhagga, editor;  
Affirmation of Faith adapted from faithandworship.com.*



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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fresh Stop Winter Program

## PRELUDE

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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“Goodness of God”

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### RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

"Redeemer"



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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
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and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
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## Departing to Serve

### † CLOSING SONG

“Cry Out”

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

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

### Today's Worship Participants

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

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin, Val Phelps, Vocals*

*Rob Dixon, Saxophone*

*Steve Dokken, Bass*

*Carrington Clinton, Drums*

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# Announcements

Week of January 12 – January 18, 2025

## WELCOME LITTLE ONE

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Jackson Travis Barnes, born on December 30, to Dustin and Caryn Barnes. Proud grandparents are Andy and Linda Costlow. Congratulations and our prayers are extended to the Barnes and Costlow families.

## FLOWERS

This morning's beautiful chancel flowers are given by Bruce and Ruth McDonald in memory of Bruce's parents, Jean and Wick McDonald, on this the 100th anniversary of her birth and the 7th anniversary of his passing from this world to the next.

## FRESH STOP RETURNS THIS WEEK. ORDER TODAY!

For the first time ever, Fresh Stop is running through the winter, thanks to local farmers growing in greenhouses! Our winter pilot program **starts January 18**, with pickups every other Saturday through March in Tab's Dining Room. Pre-order all five pickups or order weekly. **Orders for the first pickup must be made by midnight tonight.** Learn more at [tabpres.org/FreshStop](http://tabpres.org/FreshStop).

## CAMP PYOCA REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register your child(ren) for Pyoca summer camps! Children's Ministries will cover half the cost for one week of camp for each "Tab kid." Spots fill up quickly, especially for elementary programs, so sign up early. For more details and to register, visit [pyoca.org/summer\\_camp](http://pyoca.org/summer_camp). Contact Jennifer Wirt at [Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org) for questions.



## PRETEEN LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Tab 5th- and 6th-graders are invited to the annual "Lunch and a Movie" outing on MLK Day, January 20. The group will leave Tab at 11:30a, have lunch, and then watch a family-friendly movie at either Glendale or Castleton Square. Please notify Jennifer Wirt at [Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org) by Wednesday if your preteen plans to attend so movie tickets can be purchased.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THE WONDER OF GRACE

Join the Women of Tab for an eight-week Bible study starting Monday, January 27. Grace is a term Christians often talk about, but what is it, really? Does God extend it to everyone? And if so, what impact does it have on our lives? Come, explore and embrace the astonishing, counterintuitive, and transformational power of God's grace, and discover how it can make your life count for Jesus. Learn more at [tabpres.org/Women](http://tabpres.org/Women).

## MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY RECAP

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Arizona, where we'll hear from the Tab Youth about their mission trip each summer to Neighborhood Ministries, learn about the Navajo "Code Talkers" of WWII and how to count to ten in Navajo, learn to make (and eat!) Indian Fry Bread at the International Challenge center, take a quiz about the Grand Canyon at Brain Busters, play "Rattler" and "Feather Toss" in the gym, try our hands at a traditional Native American game called "Awithlakhannai" at the Game Center, create coil pots and make God's Eyes at the craft tables, and taste Sonoran Posole and Prickly Pear lemonade in the Food Center. Fun fact about Arizona: there are more rattlesnakes in Arizona than in any other state. Bonus fun fact: it's illegal to deny anyone who requests it a drink of water in Arizona.

# Service for Ordination and Installation at Tab

## Constitutional Questions to Church Officers

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

*I do.*

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

*I do.*

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

*I do.*

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

*I will.*

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

*I will.*

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors and work for the reconciliation of the world?

*I will.*

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

*I do.*

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

*I will.*

*(For Ruling Elder)*

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and, in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*I will.*

*(For Deacon)*

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*I will.*

## The Laying On Of Hands

### Unison Prayer

*Almighty God, in every age you have chosen individuals to speak your Word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these men and women whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do this special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.*

## Welcome to the Ministry!

2025

### Elder Ordination & Installation

Bruce McDonald<sup>†</sup>, Blake Morton\*,  
Caitlin Teague, Ann Weller

### Deacon Ordination & Installation

Karen Amstutz, Jeff Crane, Kirby Moffatt,  
Kit Moorman, Peg Padgett<sup>†</sup>,  
Angi Parks, Randy Phillips

\* 8am service

<sup>†</sup> Installed only

# Calendar

January 12 – January 18, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, January 12

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation  
*McKee Hallway*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Development  
*Parlor*
- 9a Children's Missions Unit  
*LLA, LLB, Gymnasium*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 12p New Officer Training  
*McWhirter Resource Center*

### Monday, January 13

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Facilities Committee Meeting  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Lower Level*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop 72/721  
*Youth Room*

### Tuesday, January 14

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Mtg  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 7p Children's Ministries Committee Mtg  
*LLB*
- 7:15p Worship Committee Mtg  
*Session Room*

### Wednesday, January 15

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Missions Committee Mtg *Parlor*

### Thursday, January 16

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Gym & Lower Level*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

### Friday, January 17

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

### Saturday, January 18

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Scout Troop 72/721 Lock-In  
*Youth Room*
- 10a Fresh Stop *Dining Room*

## MLK DAY CELEBRATION

Join the MLK Celebration from 10a - 1p on January 20 at Phillips Temple CME Church (210 E. 34th St., Indianapolis).

This family-friendly event, hosted by local churches, reflects on Dr. King's message of peace, justice, and unity.

The celebration will include workshops on non-violence, personal expression, and community building for all ages.

At 11a, there will be an inspiring worship service focused on reflection, prayer, and unity, followed by a free lunch at noon. All are welcome! Additional details and community service opportunities can be found at [tabpres.org/MLK](http://tabpres.org/MLK).

**Note: Tabernacle Presbyterian Church will be closed all day on Monday, January 20 in honor of MLK Jr. Day.**



## ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Spice up your winter at Tab's annual Chili Cook-Off, hosted by the Deacons! Join us on Sunday, **January 26**, in the Dining Room at 11:15a. Enter your best chili recipe to wow everyone's taste buds—sign-up begins January 5. No recipe to enter? No worries! Come taste and vote for your favorite chili. Whether you prefer mild or spicy, vegetarian or meaty, there will be something for everyone. Mark your calendar and enjoy delicious food, great company, and festive cheer!

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your support helps Tab spread the love of Christ through worship, music, outreach, and more. Your contributions make a real difference. Scan the QR code or text TABPRES to 73256.

