



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 19, 2025 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

2025 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAY 9-10a PARLOR

NURTURING THE HEART WITHIN | JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 16

Join Dr. Shannon Woller each Sunday through February 16 for the seven-week series, *Nurturing the Heart Within*. Learn more at tabpres.org/Adults.

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

THE WONDER OF GRACE | JANUARY 27 - MARCH 17

Join us on January 27 for an eight-part series exploring the concept of grace. Understand its true meaning, its universal availability, and its transformative power in our lives, encouraging us to live purposefully 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.

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:

Sunset in the Wood
by Adobestock

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

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Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Drawn by God's presence,

People: We gather.

Leader: Inspired by God's spirit,

People: We worship.

Leader: Empowered by God's grace,

People: We live.

Leader: Opened by God's love,

All: We share!

† HYMN #620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *Lauda Anima*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know now what we did not know before, patient God; that every choice matters in the seasons of life. Spring, summer, fall, winter – each affects the other, each part intertwined in an inescapable web of mutuality. As one season leads to another, so it is with our words and actions; one choice, one shortcut, one curse, one request ignored, one insult spoken aloud, one stranger passed by. Forgive our lack of knowing, and our intentional unknowing, and the inattention to the pattern of our days. Help us to grasp your flow of life, and embrace the woven-ness of creation, and be remade as those who know, that how we live matters to you. As Jesus teaches, so we pray...

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

† RESPONSE #581

“Gloria Patri” *Greatorrex*

*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

Proverbs 2:1-11 | Pew Bible Page 510

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:1-14 | Pew Bible Page 799

MESSAGE

Anchors Away

Responding to God's Word

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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;
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ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” *David McCarthy*

*Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.*

*Alleluia, thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee.
But by Babylon’s sad waters mourning exiles now are we.*

*Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.*

*Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us blessed Trinity;
At the last to keep thine Easter with thy faithful saints on high;
There to thee forever singing alleluia joyfully!*

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Lift High the Cross" arr. Leland B. Sateren

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the crucified for victory.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaims;
O praise ye the Lord!*

† 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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Announcements

Week of January 19 – January 25, 2025

MLK DAY CELEBRATION

Join the MLK Day Celebration **tomorrow, January 20** from 10a to 1p at Phillips Temple CME (210 E. 34th St., Indianapolis). This family-friendly event will feature workshops on non-violence, personal expression, and community building, along with a worship service at 11a and a free lunch at noon. All are welcome! Learn more at 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

Join us **next Sunday** for the Annual Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Deacons at 11:15a in the Dining Room. Stop by the table in McKee Hallway to enter your best chili recipe or simply come taste and vote for your favorite. Enjoy a variety of flavors, great company, and festive cheer! Learn more at tabpres.org/Chili.

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. Contact Jennifer Wirt at Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org for questions.



MONDAY NIGHT 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.

MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY RECAP

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting France, where we'll play French Solitaire at the Table Game center, learn several words in French by playing French Bingo at the Brain Busters, learn to make (and eat!) Nutella Crepes at the International Challenge center, create a paper model of Paris landmarks and learn about Georges Seurat and Pointillism at the craft tables, play "Bell Tag" and run the Tour de France (on scooters) in the gym, hear about Marcel Marceau and try our hands (and bodies) at miming, and taste Vichysoisse, Croque Monsieur, and for the bravest students, escargot at the Food Center.



Fun fact about France:

It's illegal to name a pig "Napoleon" anywhere in France.

TOWER CHIMES NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Starting in March 2025, the Tower Chimes newsletter will transition from a monthly publication to a seasonal one. This change will better align with the church calendar, allow more time to create thoughtful, thematically focused content, reduce printing costs, and encourage greater reader engagement. For more information about this change and how to submit content, please visit tabpres.org/Communications or contact Erica Hewitt at Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org.

2025 CHIMES SCHEDULE:

Spring/Lent (March 1 - May 31)

Summer (June 1 - August 31)

Fall (September 1 - November 30)

Winter/Advent (November 30 - January 31)

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.



Calendar

January 19 – January 25, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, January 19

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Development
Parlor
- 9a Children's Missions Unit
LLA, LLB, Gymnasium
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*

Monday, January 20

- All day Church Building Closed
- 10a MLK Jr Celebration
Offsite
- 11:30a Preteen MLK Lunch & Movie
Offsite

Tuesday, January 21

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6p Elder Communion Training
Sanctuary
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
Dining Room
- 10a Purls of Wisdom *Session Room*

