



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 26, 2025 | 3rd 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.

Women Alive | TUESDAY 10a-11a PARLOR

Gather weekly for thoughtful discussions on inspiring books. Current study: *When Faith Becomes Sight*. Contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com for more info.

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:

The Painting of the Jacob's Ladder
by Michael Conrad Hirt

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

“Choral” *Louis Vierne*

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: Wise God,

People: You are older than the ages,

Leader: And you dance in the starlight,

People: And you love us.

Leader: You share your bread with strangers,

People: And you welcome little children;

Leader: You wrestle with the powerful,

People: And comfort all who need you.

Leader: Wise God, shining in the darkness,

People: Seen by those who love you,

Leader: Found by those who seek you,

All: We are here to learn from you.

† OPENING HYMN #265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun” *Duke Street*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you are to us both revealed and hidden, and we welcome you in our midst. Bring to our lives, we pray, the oil of justice, and the lamp of truth. Strengthen us as we meet in fellowship and doubt. Guard us with your cherishing embrace. Forgive us, we pray, in all those times and places when we act and speak in ways that ignore your expectations for us. Challenge us as we engage in dialogue and debate, provoking us to undermine the walls of division between us. Remind us to listen more than we speak; to be open to receive more than we can give. Inspire us on the journey to bring Christ's light to the world. Fill us with the breath of your Spirit, for the work of your Beloved Community on Earth. As we rejoice in the tasks which are before us, walk beside us through our darkness, so that in You, we will not fail...

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

Genesis 28:10-19a | Pew Bible Page 22

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-17 | Pew Bible Page 883

MESSAGE

Let It Begin With Me

Responding to God's Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

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

In faith, we acknowledge that God has acted in the past, in a holy history. In faith, we confess that God seeks to rule our lives today. In faith, we affirm that God continues to send prophets, and speak through willing vessels, to guide the course of all history toward its end. In faith, we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we find in Jesus: compassion, justice, joyfulness and love. In faith, we long to be part of this purpose. 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 #634

“To God Be the Glory” *To God Be the Glory*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“Grand Chorus” *Theodore DuBois*

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

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor

Matt Kauffman, Organist

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer from Hay & Stardust, Ruth Burgess, editor;
Affirmation of Faith adapted from Touch Holiness, R. Duck & M. Tirabassi, Editors.*

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† OPENING SONG

“Here I Am to Worship”

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Precious Lord”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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“How Great Thou Art”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor

Leah Crane, Jeanne Rieger, Vocals

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano

Eric Guion, Guitar

Karis Crane, Bass

Matt Gall, Drums

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Announcements

Week of January 26 – February 1, 2025

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us after worship **today** for the Annual Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Deacons at 11:15a in the Dining Room. Vote for your favorite dish and enjoy a variety of flavors, great company, and festive cheer!

WINTER FRESH STOP ORDERS

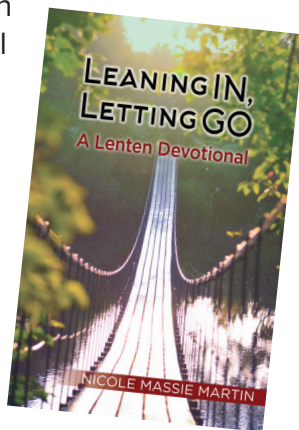
Add more fresh produce to your diet or help someone in need with Fresh Stop! Tab's next Fresh Stop pickup is this Saturday from 10-11a and the deadline to order shares is **tonight at midnight**. Orders can be placed online or at the Front Office. If you'd like to be a Fresh Stop helper or want more information, please visit tabpres.org/FreshStop or contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE WONDER OF GRACE

Join the Women of Tab for an eight-week Bible study starting **tomorrow at 7p** in the Parlor. 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/Adults.

2025 LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ "LEANING IN, LETTING GO"

This Lenten season, deepen your faith through individual or small group readings of the powerful devotional, "Leaning In, Letting Go" by Nicole Massie Martin. Group sign-ups and book pickup begin **February 9 through March 9** in McKee Hallway. Adult Education will also offer an Introduction to Lent on March 2 at 9a in the Parlor. For more information, please visit tabpres.org/Adults or contact Linda McCabe at (317) 413-6306.



INDY AGO ORGAN RECITAL

Join us on Monday, **February 10 at 7p** for a recital sponsored by the Indianapolis Chapter of the



American Guild of
ORGANISTS

American Guild of Organists (AGO), featuring the Rieger tracker organ in McKee Chapel. Installed in 1981, it was the first new tracker organ in Indiana in over 100 years. Performers include Dr. John Allegar, Susan Powell, and Marko Petricic. This free concert is open to the public. Don't miss the chance to experience the beautiful sounds of this historic instrument! Learn more at tabpres.org/Events.

MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY RECAP

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Madagascar, where we'll play a version of Mancala called "Oware" at the Table Game center, learn several words in Malagasy and all about lemurs at Hidden Secrets, assemble a puzzle of the African continent at Brain Busters, learn about vanilla beans, how to open the pods and scrape out the beans, and taste the seeds in whipped cream at the International Challenge center, create orange and clove pomanders and lemur headbands at the craft tables, play "Chasing Stars" and "Petanque" in the gym, and taste spicy Madagascar Pink Rice and peanut brittle at the Food Center.



Fun fact about Madagascar:
About 80% of the animals in Madagascar aren't found in nature anywhere on earth.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Register your child(ren) for Pyoca summer camps! Children's Ministries will cover half of the cost for one week of camp for each "Tab kid" who registers. Spots are filling up quickly, especially for elementary programs, so be sure to sign up early. Learn more and register at pyoca.org/summer_camp. Please contact Jennifer Wirt at Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org if you have any questions.

SUNDAY MORNING CHANCEL FLOWERS

Celebrate a loved one or ministry with flowers for Sunday mornings. For more information or to reserve, email Linda Fledderjohn at fledder@comcast.net or call (317) 439-9829. The cost to fill both vases is \$90.

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 26 – February 1, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, January 26

- 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*
- 11:15a Chili Cook-Off *Dining Room*

Monday, January 27

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Lower Level*
- 6:30p BSA Troop Leaders Mtg 72/721
Youth Room
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, January 28

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5:30p Communications Committee Mtg
Session Room
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 1

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop Pickup *Dining Room*

