



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

February 9, 2025 | 5th 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

Learn to embrace God's grace, recognize your value, and strengthen relationships through reflection, teaching, and group sharing. Led by Dr. Shannon Woller.

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

**THE WONDER OF GRACE** | JANUARY 27 - MARCH 17

This eight-part series explores grace's meaning, availability, and transformative power, encouraging purposeful living 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](mailto: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](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.

Cover Art:

*The Five Thousand*  
by Eularia Clarke

# 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

“Ricercar Brevis” *Jan Pieter Sweelinck*

**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: For the richness of your world,

People: For different places and peoples,

Leader: For different songs and stories,

People: No person the same, yet part of one human family,

Leader: Generous God,

People: We praise you.

Leader: We praise you for creating a world of wonder and beauty,

People: Of variety and difference.

Leader: You love and care for all that you have given,

People: And long that your world should know peace.

Leader: Teach us, then, to live in harmony with you and your world.

All: *Now in worship, teach us to love, as you show love!*

### † OPENING HYMN #41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” *Lyons*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of light and love, warming February's chill, tempering the winds, peppering hard ground with early shoots of green and hints of blossom, we lift to you the cold bones of winter, and hearts aflame with hope. We praise you for the Light that has arrived with Jesus, shining in the darkness, unquenchable and true. We praise you for the hope of his presence, guiding our feet, lighting our pathway, casting warming rays and the glow of fulfilment. We praise you for the discomfort of his searchlight beams, which conceal nothing about us, and are truth-telling and life-changing. Examine us and know us, O God. Drive out the darkness that seeks to ensnare us, turn our hearts to you, and fill our souls with the song of salvation, with the message of your love. Holy God, we stand before you now...listening...*

### 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

Psalm 104:10-23 | Pew Bible Page 483

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21 | Pew Bible Page 796

### MESSAGE

What Communities Already Have

## Responding to God's Word

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

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

*We believe that God's Spirit is ever at work to bring order out of chaos, life out of death, beauty out of ugliness, and meaning out of the shapeless events of daily life. We believe that our true humanity depends on our continual response to God's Spirit. Through God's grace we are enabled to become creative, lively and free. We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, created by the Spirit and empowered by love; and in the possibility of the people of God, to witness to God's purpose and will and grace. We believe that God's Spirit can deliver us from the fear that weakens the will, spoils love, and corrupts our minds; and that in dependence on God, we are made able for true community, real compassion and genuine 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

### † CLOSING HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *Hymn to Joy*

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

“Toccata in C” *Johann Pachelbel*

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*

*Call to Worship adapted from Winter, Ruth Burgess, Editor;*

*Prayer of Confession adapted from Spring, Ruth Burgess, Editor;*

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## TIME OF PREPARATION

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“Down By the Riverside”

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## RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

"My Tribute (To God be the Glory)" *Andraé Crouch*

*For those not using the offering plate, you can give by texting **TABPRES** to 73256 or using the QR code.*



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"When the Saints Go Marchin In"

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE



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*Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin, Vocals*

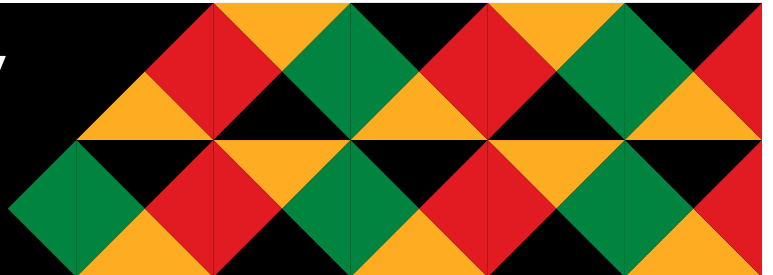
*Carrington Clinton, Drums*

*Steve Dokken, Bass*

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



As we celebrate **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, the music for this morning's 10a service is inspired by the rich tradition of African-American spirituals and gospel songs.

Spirituals, born from the African-American experience, blended African cultural influences with the hardships of slavery. These hopeful songs, yearning for redemption in heaven, evolved into blues and gospel music, which continues to be shared in churches today.

Recognized as one of the premier Black gospel artists, **Andraé Crouch**, American gospel singer and songwriter, was one of the first to help bridge the gap between black and white Christian music. Bringing a "new" form of urban gospel music to the contemporary church in the 1960s and 1970s, he was instrumental in developing the contemporary gospel genre of music heard in many churches today. His influence continues to be heard even today.



We are so grateful for the contribution of our brothers and sisters in bringing their rich heritage and undying perseverance to keeping their music alive, decades and even centuries later. The richness that their music brings to our worship today, and throughout the year, should be embraced by all as part of our continuing walk with Christ, celebrating his redemptive love in each of our lives.

# Announcements

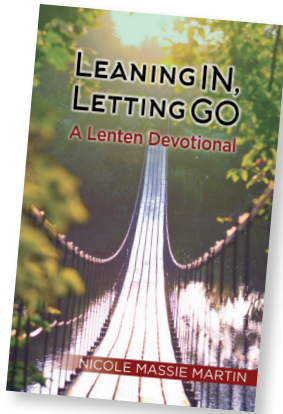
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## INDY AGO ORGAN RECITAL

Join us **tomorrow at 7p** for a recital sponsored by the Indianapolis Chapter of the 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 Petričić. This concert is free and open to the public. Learn more at [tabpres.org/Events](http://tabpres.org/Events).

## LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ: BOOK PICKUP AND GROUP SIGN-UP STARTS TODAY

Deepen your faith through individual or small group readings from the Lenten devotional, "Leaning In, Letting Go" by Nicole Massie Martin. Stop by the table in McKee Hallway Sunday mornings through March 9 to pick up your book copy or sign up for a small group. For more information, please visit [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults) or contact Linda McCabe at (317) 413-6306.



## FRESH STOP ORDER DEADLINE

Our next Fresh Stop is Saturday, February 15 and we hope to see you there! Visit [FreshStop.org](http://FreshStop.org) before midnight tonight to order your share before the deadline. Shares consist of a variety of fresh, locally grown, organic or near-organic produce, and everyone receives the same share. Shares are priced at \$30 (or \$15 for low-income households), with a discounted \$10 price for SNAP card users. Bring your own bag to the Dining Room from 10-11a on pickup day to receive your order. Recipes and food samples are provided. It's that easy!

## BLESSING TABLE DONATIONS

Due to severe cold temperatures this last month, please consider donating men's & women's socks and gloves for our friends at the Open Door Cafe's Blessing Table. You may leave your donations in the bin under the mailboxes in the mailroom. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

## 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](mailto:fledder@comcast.net) or call (317) 439-9829. The cost to fill both vases is \$90.

## MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY RECAP

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Colombia, where we'll play Rapido at the Table Game center, learn several words in Spanish and play a traditional Andean Flute at Hidden Secrets, play a matching game with pictures of international children at Brain Busters, learn the traditional folk dance "Cumbia" at the International Challenge center, make yarn bowls and create Sisal trivets at the craft tables, play Quaits and brush up on our soccer skills in the gym, and taste Ajiaco (a traditional chicken and potato stew) and a dessert called Natilla at the Food Center.



### Fun fact about Colombia:

Colombia is the world's largest exporter of emeralds.

### Bonus fun fact:

Colombia is the rainiest country in the world, averaging more than 10 feet of rainfall per year.

# Calendar

February 9 – 15, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, February 9

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

### Monday, February 10

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 4:30p Endowment Fund Mtg *Parlor*
- 5p Facilities Committee Mtg  
*Session Room*
- 6p AGO Dinner *Dining Room*
- 6:30p BSA Troop 72/721 *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 7p AGO Recital *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72  
*Lower Level*

### Tuesday, February 11

- 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 Committee Mtg  
*Lower Level B*
- 7:15p Worship Committee Mtg  
*Session Room*

### Wednesday, February 12

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

### Thursday, February 13

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

### Friday, February 14

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

### Saturday, February 15

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, February 23 | 9:00 AM  
Sanctuary

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the By-laws, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of: reviewing the Annual Report, approving Associate Pastor's Terms of Call, receiving the approved Operating Budget for 2025, and any other business that may be properly discussed. The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.

An Informational Meeting to receive information from Session concerning the present conversation about denomination affiliation will be held following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

**Rev. Dr. William Smutz, Moderator**  
**Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session**

Copies of the Annual Report will be available online; printed copies available upon request.

