



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 2, 2025 | Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Greetings! We warmly welcome those joining us in-person or via livestream today. As we celebrate, we pray you'll sense God's presence among us.

If you're a guest, please fill out a Connection Card in the pew racks to help us get to know you better. You can hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. 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 stay with their families during worship or attend Junior Church in Lower Level B after the Children's Message. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

Discipleship Classes

2025 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAYS 9-10a PARLOR

AN INTRODUCTORY WALK THROUGH LENT | MARCH 2

Explore the meaning of Lent through reflection on Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ | MARCH 9 - APRIL 13

Pick up a copy of the Lenten devotional, *Leaning In, Letting Go*, and sign up for small groups in McKee Hallway.

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:

Transfiguration
by Mike Moyers

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

THE WONDER OF GRACE | JANUARY 27 - MARCH 17

Explore grace's meaning, availability, and transformative power, encouraging purposeful living for Jesus.

Women Alive | TUESDAYS 10a-11a PARLOR

A weekly gathering discussing inspirational literature. Current study: *When Faith Becomes Sight*. Contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com for more info.

Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAYS 9:30a-10:30a PARLOR

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

Men's Bible Study | SATURDAYS 8a-9a PARLOR

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE | BEGINS MARCH 1

Join the Men's Ministry of Tab as we study the Gospel of Luke. Contact Doug Conrads at dlconrads@yahoo.com for more info.

8 o'clock Worship

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† Please stand in body or spirit.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Adagio” *Luigi Bottazzo*

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Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Believing that God made and loves the world, we gather.

People: That it may be reshaped to fulfil God's purposes, we pray.

Leader: To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking, we listen.

People: To honor God who gave us voice, we worship.

Leader: Now may our prayers and praise,
our singing and responding,

All: *Celebrate the God who made and loves and leads us!*

† HYMN #618

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” *Deo Gracias*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us, God. You call us to walk in your way. You show us in Jesus how we should live. You give us your Holy Spirit to keep us right. And we are grateful. And, in return, what you require of us is love and justice; love for you, and love and justice for ourselves, and for our neighbors. And we try. And sometimes we get it right, but sometimes we fail. In those times when we forget justice, and do not remember how to love... those times when our words and actions do not match... those times when our choices inflict pain, and cost others their dignity... in all these times and more, O God, forgive us, and stay close to us. For we would pay attention to your Holy Spirit, and follow in the way of Jesus, and always be listening for your call...

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.*

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Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 2:14-15 | Pew Bible Page 731

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-15 | Pew Bible Page 835

MESSAGE

Integrity: Courage Over Comfort

Responding to God's Word

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 *(please join in singing)*

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
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Departing to Serve

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PREPARATION

“God Be In My Head” *John Rutter*

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei” (from "Requiem") *Michael John Trotta*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest eternal.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

We pray, O God, both in gratitude and hope. Grateful for your gifts of bread and cup. Grateful for your love broken open for us, and your grace poured out upon us in such great abundance. In your generous nourishment, may your Spirit descend upon our hearts, and transform our words and deeds; and may we be so filled with your goodness, that we go out into the world to bear the burdens of others. For so much, we offer grateful hearts. Amen!

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Even When He Is Silent” *Kim André Arnesen*

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I feel it not.

I believe in God even when he is silent.

† 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.

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The text for this morning's offertory, “Even When He Is Silent,” was found written on a wall at a concentration camp after World War II. Imagining what that person went through makes the words so powerful. When everything is dark and difficult in life you might wonder where God is, or if God is there at all. This is about keeping faith in God, love and hope. Even when people take away your freedom, your friends, the people you love—they cannot take God away.

Announcements

Week of March 2 – 8, 2025

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Chris Fedor whose father, Jody Fedor, passed away on Sunday, January 5. A service of celebration was held on Friday, February 21.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join your Tab family **this week** as we enter into the season of Lent together with a meaningful Ash Wednesday service. We'll gather for prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes this Wednesday, March 5, at 7p in McKee Chapel. For those unable to attend the evening service, Tab offers convenient "Drive-Thru" ash services with Pastor Bill Smutz. Stop by the porte-cochère in the Tab parking lot from 7:30-8:15a or 4:30-5:15p and receive ashes from the comfort of your car. It's quick, easy, and a great way to start your Lenten journey with Jesus. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

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

Deepen your faith through individual or small group readings from the Lenten devotional, "Leaning In, Letting Go," by Rev. Dr. 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 or contact Linda McCabe at (317) 413-6306.

2025 A-MAIZING LUNCH

Mark your calendars for the 2025 A-Maizing Lunch, supporting the Umoja Partnership food security program, on Sunday, March 9, at 11:15am in the Dining Room, following worship. Enjoy a flavorful twist on *githeri* (maize and beans), a dish our children eat for school lunch. Not a fan? No worries! Hear about the

Eluhobe Comprehensive School, funded by the John and Kristin Gable retirement gift, and learn about the new Umoja Tabernacle Technical Training Institute. See how you're making a difference in these children's lives. Watch for sign-up sheets in McKee Hallway!

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.

MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS

Thanks SO MUCH to all of our Missions Unit volunteers, who faithfully guided Tab's children on a wonderful trip around the world to learn about Christian missions in seven different countries. Those volunteers are: Tab Youth, Heidi Hoopingarner, Tate Turman, Terry Turman, Caleb Fowles, Sean O'Banyel, Christen Prible, Emily McClelland, Sarah Noel, Karen Murrell, Christine Fedor, John Murrell, Jacquie Green, Peg Padgett, Scott McClelland, Emily Wirt, Sara Heitman, Linda Costlow, Bethany Chatelain, Caitlin Teague, Charlotte Prible, Megan Pike, Sarah Pike, Libby Pike, Jill O'Banyel, Maya Wagle, Kate Ase, Becca Childs, Kathy Fowles, James Fowles, Emily Boits, Delia Pinero, Margaret Pinero, Todd McLean, Amy McLean, Beth Buchanan, Liz Strodtman, Chad Lynn, Stephanie Lynn, Mariah Greene, Don Heitman, Sadie Rexroth, Lily Sturgis, Julie Earnest, Christine Gall, and Bart Ost. Children's Ministries absolutely couldn't do the Missions Unit without you and we're SO grateful!

Calendar

March 2 – 8, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, March 2

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Development
Parlor
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group
Youth Room
- 11:15a Home Communion
Session Room
- 11:15a Children's Ministries Mystery
Day Communion *Offsite*

Monday, March 3

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5p HR Committee Mtg *Online*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72
Lower Level

Tuesday, March 4

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5:30p SG&D Committee Mtg *Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 7p Session Meeting
Session Room
- 7:20p Missions Subcommittee Mtg
Session Room

Wednesday, March 5

- 7:45a Ash Wed. Drive-Thru Ashes
Parking Lot/Porte Cochère
- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 4:30p Ash Wed. Drive-Thru Ashes
Parking Lot/Porte Cochère
- 5:30p Missions Committee *Parlor*
- 7p Ash Wednesday Service
Chapel

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Saturday, March 8

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas
Session Room

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