



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 16, 2025 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

# 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

**LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ** | THROUGH APRIL 13

Individual and small group study of Rev. Dr. Nicole Massie Martin's Lenten devotional, *Leaning In, Letting Go*.

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

**THE WONDER OF GRACE** | ENDS MARCH 17

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

**MIRACLES OF JESUS** | MARCH 24 THROUGH MAY 5

A 7-week study exploring the incredible ways Jesus healed, provided for, and transformed lives, with teachings available through Right Now Media.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:dlconrads@yahoo.com) for more info.

### 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:

*I Will Awake the Dawn*  
by Mike Moyers

# 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

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Justice Ventures International

### PRELUDE

“Andante Mosso” *L. Bottazzo*

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## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gathering God,

People: Our rock and shelter,

Leader: We are here to meet with you.

People: Traveling God,

Leader: Our way and wonder,

People: We are here to follow you.

Leader: Summoning God,

People: Our joy and adventure,

All: We are here to praise you!

### † HYMN #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” *Lobe Den Herren*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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### 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 146:1-10 | Pew Bible Page 507

### GOSPEL READING

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### MESSAGE

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*God loves us. This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ.  
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.*

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### TIME OF PREPARATION

“God Himself Is With Us” *Joachim Neander*

*God himself is with us:*

*Let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him.*

*God is in his temple:*

*All within keep silence, and before him bow with reverence.*

*Him alone, God we own;*

*To our Lord and Savior praises sing forever.*

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Dr. Daniel Rexroth

### ANTHEM

“From the End of the Earth” *Alan Hovhaness*

*Hear my cry, O God.*

*From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee.*

*When my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

*For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.*

*I will trust in the covert of thy wings.*

*Alleluia!*

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#### † HYMN #727

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## RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

"Pastorale" Michael Mazzatenta

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



## † 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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*Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir*

*Tabernacle Handbell Choir*

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# Announcements

Week of March 16 – 22, 2025

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Rev. Owen Ireland, who passed away on January 26 in Winter Park, Florida, at the age of 97. Rev. Ireland served as Assistant Pastor at Tab under the leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Orlo Choguill from 1963-1965 and was also the brother-in-law of Tab member Annette Ireland.

## LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ

While we no longer have copies of *Leaning In, Letting Go* available at the church, you can purchase a hard copy or e-book version for under \$4 on Amazon or ChristianBook.com.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Lent, make a difference through One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gifts support programs that fight hunger, aid disaster recovery, and empower communities to overcome poverty. Every donation brings hope and healing. Learn more at [tabpres.org/Giving](http://tabpres.org/Giving).

## JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

**April 13 | Palm Sunday**

Worship | 8a | Chapel

Worship | 10a | Sanctuary

**April 17 | Maundy Thursday**

Worship | 7p | McKee Chapel

**April 18 | Good Friday**

Choral Service | 5p | Sanctuary

Tenebrae Service | 7p Sanctuary

**April 19 | Easter Egg Hunt**

10a | Tab Park

**April 20 | Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service | 7:30a | McKee Chapel

Easter Celebration Service | 10a | Sanctuary

Youth Breakfast | 8:45-10a | Dining Room



## EASTER FLOWERS

Brighten our worship spaces this Easter with beautiful potted plants and ferns! Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and take your plant home after the 10a Easter service. At just \$30 each, these plants make a meaningful gift and help support a beloved tradition. Order online or complete a form at the Front Desk **by Sunday, April 13**.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MIRACLES OF JESUS

Join us next Monday for the start of our next 7-week study exploring Jesus' miracles across all four Gospels. This study, available on Right Now Media, includes teachings from Jennie Allen, Bianca Juárez Olthoff, Jada Edwards, and Sadie Robertson. Meet in person or via Zoom for weekly discussions. Learn more at [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults).

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Mark your calendars and join us for "Egypt: Joseph's Adventures from Prison to Palace" VBS, **June 16-20**, 9a-12p. Activities include Bible lessons, crafts, music, games, and marketplace fun! Open to students who have completed grades K-6. There is no fee to participate but pre-registration is required. Registration will be open soon!



# Calendar

March 16 – 22, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, March 16

- 8a Communion Service  
*McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship  
*McKee Hallway*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Development  
*Parlor*
- 9a Lenten All-Church Read  
Small Groups *Dining Room, McW. Resource Ctr, Nursery*
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 9a Children's Education  
*Lower Level*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group  
*Youth Room*

### Monday, March 17

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5p Communications Committee  
*Mtg Session Room*
- 6:30p BSA Troop 72/721 *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72  
*Lower Level*

### Tuesday, March 18

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 10a Oaks Academy Tour  
*McKee Chapel, Sanctuary*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

### Wednesday, March 19

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

### Thursday, March 20

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

### Friday, March 21

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Saturday, March 22

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Month of February 2025

	Plan	Actual	Difference	
Income	\$500,072	\$509,366	\$9,294	Positive/Above
Expense	495,828	459,734	36,094	Positive/Below
Difference	\$4,244	\$49,632	\$45,388	

A snapshot of Tab's income and expenses for the month of February. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to carry out our mission and ministries.

## SUBSCRIBE TO EMAILS

The easiest and most effective way to receive news about our church and church family is to subscribe to our emails. We send out a newsletter every Thursday, with updates as-needed at other times. To subscribe, go to [tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org), then scroll to the Stay Connected section at the bottom of the homepage, and tap "Subscribe".



