



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 23, 2025 | 3rd 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**

**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 RightNow 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:

*Crumbs of Love*  
by Michael Cook

# 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

"Prelude in d minor" *J.S. Bach*

*The Prelude is a musical offering dedicated to the glory of God as his people gather for worship. Please use this time to give thanks for the blessings that God has bestowed upon you during the past week and remember Christ's promise of redemption for all who believe in him as Lord and Savior.*

## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When voices around us shout, "Bigger, better, faster."

People: Jesus says, "Come away with me and rest awhile."

Leader: When voices around us shout, "There is no path forward."

People: Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Leader: When voices around us shout, "Build it and they will come."

People: Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Leader: Let us listen for the still small voice.

People: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

### † OPENING HYMN #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" *Nicaea*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy. We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others. We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death. We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share. We come clinging to our meager lunches: bless them, and us. Break them, and us. Share them, and us. Receive us, forgive us, transform us. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## 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

2 Samuel 7:1-6, 11b | Pew Bible Page 245

#### GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-45 | Pew Bible Page 818

#### MESSAGE

On Tents and Tables

### *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 Christ: compassion, justice, generosity, and love. In faith, we pray and work to be a part of that 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 #353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *Solid Rock*

### † BENEDECTION

### † POSTLUDE

“Fuge in d minor” *J.S. Bach*

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

## Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Gracie Payne, Associate Pastor for Engagement, Second Presbyterian Church*

*Rev. Jim Pfeiffer*

*Joshua Ridenour, Organist*

*Prayer of Confession adapted from Katherine Hawker  
Affirmation of Faith adapted from James T. Fatzinger in Touch Holiness*



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### TIME OF PREPARATION

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### † OPENING SONG

"Believe for It"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Carol Newell

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### RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

“Redeemer”

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



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“Come Jesus Come”

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

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## Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Gracie Payne, Associate Pastor for Engagement, Second Presbyterian Church*

*Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session*

*Carol Newell*

*Leah Crane, Ivonne Blanco, Vocals*

*Karis Crane, Bass*

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Matt Gall, Drums*

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# Announcements

Week of March 23 – 29, 2025

## WELCOME, REV. GRACIE PAYNE!

Rev. Gracie Payne is the Associate Pastor for Engagement at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, IN, where she focuses on discipleship, hospitality, and welcoming new members. A Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA), she draws on her background in ballet to emphasize embodied faith in community. Gracie holds an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a B.A. from Indiana University.



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Hoagland Elliott, who passed away on March 18 at the age of 87. Visitation will be held at Tab on Saturday, March 29, at 10a in the Parlor, followed by a memorial service at 11a in McKee Chapel.

We also offer our prayers for the family of Stephanie DeTrude, in the loss of her mother, JoAnne (Root) Wade, who passed away on March 18. Services for JoAnne were held this past Thursday.

## TED O'BANYEL WORK DAY

Roll up your sleeves and join us on April 5 from 8a - 1p for the Ted O'Banyel Work Day at Tab! Help with small projects around the church, from painting to cleaning. Whether you're experienced or just want to help, there's a task for everyone. It's a great way to connect with others and enjoy donuts, coffee, and lunch. Sign up with Mike O'Banyel in McKee Hallway this Sunday and throughout March.

## LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ

It's not too late to join a small group study of the Lenten devotional, *Leaning In, Letting Go*. Stop by the Front Desk on Sundays to be directed to a small group during Education Hour. While we no longer have book copies available at the church, you can purchase a hard copy or e-book version for under \$4 on Amazon or ChristianBook.com.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MIRACLES OF JESUS

Join us tomorrow at 7p 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).

## VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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. Visit [tabpres.org/VBS](http://tabpres.org/VBS) to register!

## 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).

## 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**.



# Calendar

March 23 – 29, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, March 23

- 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 Children's Education  
*Lower Level*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*

### Monday, March 24

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

### Tuesday, March 25

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Congregational Life Mtg  
*McWhirter Resource Center*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

### Wednesday, March 26

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

### Thursday, March 27

- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
*Sanctuary*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
*Parlor*

### Friday, March 28

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Saturday, March 29

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

JOIN US FOR A

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, April 6 | 9:00 AM  
Sanctuary

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A Special Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for, Sunday, April 6, 2025, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship with Associate Pastor Reverend Terri Thorn. The Meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.

A reception for Terri will be held following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Dining Room.

**Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz**, Interim Senior Pastor  
**Sharon Marshall**, Clerk of Session

### SESSION UPDATE:

Session met on Tuesday, March 18, where, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, Rev. Terri Thorn shared the Tab Recreation Vision Team's proposed organization model, which Session approved. Also discussed were recent conversations with the Whitewater Valley Presbytery regarding potential consultants who will work with Tab on an "objective study of conflict identification" for a future pastoral candidate, as well as a timeline for Session action. Session also approved a Dissolution Agreement and Release for Rev. Thorn, presented by the Human Resources Committee. Rev. Thorn's last day at Tab will be April 11, 2025, and her ministry is gratefully acknowledged.

### 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".

## 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

