



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 30, 2025 | 4th 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

Deepen relationships through Bible study and inspirational book discussions. 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.

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 Inescapable God
by Mike Moyers

8 o'clock Worship

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† Please stand in body or spirit.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Prelude in B flat Major” *J.S. Bach*

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Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lead us on our journey,

People: From who we are, to who you want us to be.

Leader: So that patience is built into us,

People: Kindness is assumed in us,

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People: Compassion flows from us,

Leader: And the commitment to love is part of us.

People: Lead us on our journey,

Leader: This day, this Lent, forever.

All: *We follow in gratitude, with thanksgiving and praise!*

† HYMN #415

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Restoration*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, forgive us for how we have got you wrong. Lazily we have settled for pictures of you in our minds, which tell a terrible tale. We have painted you stern and unbending, the eternal judge with no mercy and no compassion. We have summoned you onto our side in battle – in the board room, in war, in the pew – giving you a uniform to wear of our own making. Too often we have been responsible for turning others away from you, by the ways we behave and treat others. We are even responsible for turning away from you ourselves. Forgive us. Lead us into the truth of your full nature...as shown in Jesus.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

† RESPONSE #581

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
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World without end. Amen. Amen.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 4:1-3 | Pew Bible Page 732

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Ezekiel 36:22-30 | Pew Bible Page 704

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Matthew 9:1-8 | Pew Bible Page 789

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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

“Lamb of God” *arr. Richard Proulx*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

ANTHEM

“Thy Will Be Done” *Craig Courtney*

Our cup was filled with darkness.

Our cup was filled with death.

*Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope,
Gave us himself.*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me,
Yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.*

*In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane.
Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope,
For one more day.*

*Then they took our savior, and led him to a tree;
And there they broke his body, poured out his life,
Put him to death to rise again!*

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Surely, He Bore our Sorrows” *Tommaso Ludovico da Vittoria*

*Surely, he bore our sorrows, and he laid on himself our afflictions;
And with his stripes we are healed.*

*He was wounded for all our transgressions,
And bruised for our iniquities that we might attain eternal peace.*

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† 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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Announcements

Week of March 30 – April 5, 2025

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the newest addition to the Kukolla family. Congratulations to Joe and Julie Kukolla on the birth of their granddaughter, born on March 23 in Red Lodge, MT. She is the daughter of Brooke and Joe Kukolla.

TED O'BANYEL WORK DAY

Roll up your sleeves and join us **this Saturday, 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. Stop by McKee Hallway to sign up.



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

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.

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**.

GOOD FRIDAY CHORAL SERVICE

Join us in the Sanctuary on **April 18** at 5p to experience a moving musical service featuring Michael John Trotta's "Seven Last Words." The performance will include Tab's Sanctuary Choir, orchestra, and guest soloists Patrick Lord-Remmert and Toria Sigafos.

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.

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 to register!

Calendar

March 30 – April 5, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, March 30

- 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 31

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p BSA Troop 72/721 *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, April 1

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5:30p Spiritual Growth Mtg
Session Room
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, April 2

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Missions Committee Mtg
Parlor

Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 4

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Saturday, April 5

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 8a Ted O'Banyel Work Day
Indoors

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, 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



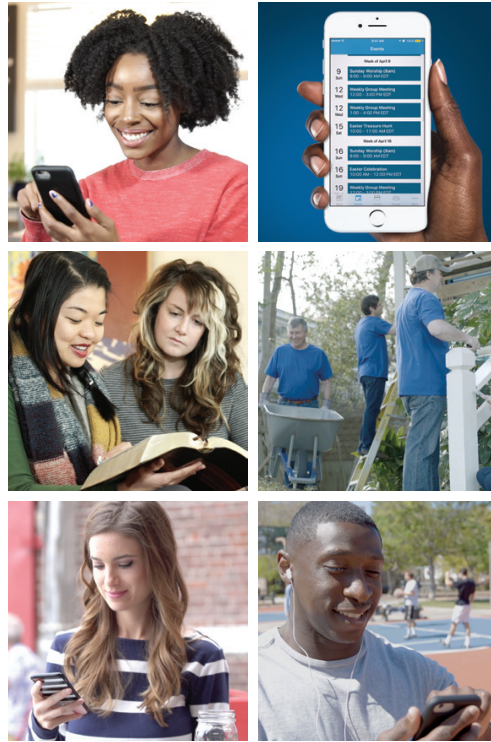
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