

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 6, 2025 | 5th 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 | 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](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.

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# 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

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *Timothy Flynn*

*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: Let us give thanks for the pleasures of this day:

People: For the people who make us smile;

Leader: For the places where we know we belong;

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Leader: For the relationship we enjoy that make us secure.

People: Let us give thanks for these good gifts.

Leader: All of them are God's doing.

All: *Our worship now proclaims our gratitude!*

### † HYMN #223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *Hamburg*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God, we humbly come this day to confess our regrets for all those times: when we should never have said what we did; when we could have done more, but chose not to; when we spread hurt and harm, instead of acceptance and love; when we thought the worst, instead of looking for the best. Forgive us, as well, for the brokenness that only you will ever know about. By your grace, may we discover once again your wholeness, through which we can become a blessing to others...*

## 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

Genesis 18:1-14 | Pew Bible Page 12

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:40-48 | Pew Bible Page 841

#### MESSAGE

Bestowing Blessing

### *Responding to God's Word*

## † APOSTLES' CREED *(in unison)*

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,  
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

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*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" In Babilone*

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### † POSTLUDE

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

### † HYMN #430

“Remember Not, O God” *Southwell*

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### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Cantique de Jean Racine” *Gabriel Fauré*

*O redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,  
Eternal light of the earth and the sky,  
We kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye.  
Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming,  
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,  
And rouse our slumb’ring souls with radiance all-illum’ning,  
That they may waken thy mercy to tell,  
O Christ bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee,  
Who here are gathered on penitent knee.  
Accept the hymns we chant to thine everlasting glory,  
And these thy gifts we return unto thee.*

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Loving God, we thank you for welcoming us to your table of grace. Through this meal may we know the presence of Jesus among us afresh. Lead us out now, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.***

## RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

“Out of the Depths” *Richard Frost*

*Out of the depths have I cried unto you.  
Lord, hear my voice, Lord, hear my voice.  
Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry;  
Lord, hear my cry for mercy.*

*If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin, who, then, could stand?  
But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness.  
Therefore, you may be feared.*

*I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope.*

*Psalm 130:1-5*

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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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*Sanctuary Choir*

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# Announcements

Week of April 6 – 12, 2025



## 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

## SUMMER CHIMES DEADLINE

Want to promote an event, small group gathering, or make an announcement in the next Tower Chimes newsletter? The deadline for submissions is **Friday, April 11**. Visit [tabpres.org/CommunicationsForm](https://tabpres.org/CommunicationsForm) to complete a Communications Request Form, or email [Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org](mailto:Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org).

## 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 this 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.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop over to Tab's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 19**, from 10-11am in Tab Park! Enjoy crafts, games, cookie decorating, the Resurrection Story, and the big egg hunt. No registration or fee required, and friends are welcome! Help us hide 1,500 eggs starting at 9am—teens and adults are welcome to join in the fun!

## 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, big or small, brings hope and healing to those in need. Give online at [tabpres.org/Giving](https://tabpres.org/Giving) or during worship on **April 20**.

## 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](https://tabpres.org/VBS) to register!

## SESSION UPDATE

Session met for a Special Session on Tuesday, April 1, where discussion and action included the following: confirmation of a schedule for staff, lay leadership, and others to work with the Center for Healthy Churches on conflict transformation, worship liturgist assistance, advanced membership roll review, formation of an Interim Pastor Search Team, and methods of communication to the congregation.

# Calendar

April 6 – 12, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, April 6

- 8a Communion Service  
*McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship  
*McKee Hallway*
- 9a Congregational Meeting
- 9a Sanctuary Choir *Parlor*
- 9a Children's Education  
*Lower Level*
- 9a Youth Education  
*Youth Room*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group  
*Youth Room*
- 11a Rev. Thorn Reception  
*Dining Room*

### Monday, April 7

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

### Tuesday, April 8

- 9:15a Women Alive w/ Yoga *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Cmte Mtg  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 7p Children's Ministries Cmte  
Meeting *Lower Level B*
- 7:15p Worship Cmte Meeting  
*Session Room*

### Wednesday, April 9

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

### Thursday, April 10

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

### Friday, April 11

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Saturday, April 12

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

## 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



## 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".

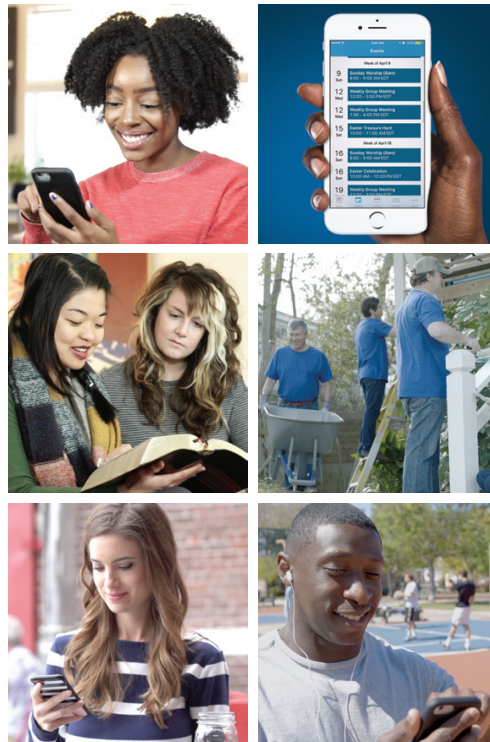


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- 👥 Communicate with groups & teams
- 📅 Follow church announcements
- 🔍 Look up members
- 💰 Manage giving
- 📅 Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.



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