

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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

New Spiritual Growth Class | SUNDAYS 11:20a - 12:20p LIBRARY

EPHESIANS | BEGINS APRIL 27

Enjoy this online class led by BibleProject.com co-founder, Dr. Tim Mackie. Lunch will be provided. Please pre-register with Bart Ost at bartonost@gmail.com.

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 10-11a 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 9:30-10:30a 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:

Entry into the City, by John August Swanson

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

"Hosanna" Dennis Eliot

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: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: We greet you.

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

We cheer you. People:

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

We salute you, Jesus our Lord. People:

Leader: You are giving the beast of burden,

People: A new dignity.

Leader: You are giving majesty,

People: A new face.

Leader: You are giving those who long for redemption,

People: A new song to sing.

Leader: With all who look to you, and with heart and voice, we shout:

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

+ OPENING HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lazy lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your rock-hard integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all? Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith, and the timidity of our following. Forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours. Turn us 'round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit—always active within us and among us. Show us how to be open again to your faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be again bearers of the seeds of the community of Jesus...

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

Leviticus 6:1-7 | Pew Bible Page 80

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:23-24 | Pew Bible Page 786

MESSAGE

The Truth Of Grace

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

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

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Jesus is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters which can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. 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 #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Ellacombe

- **+ BENEDICTION**
- † POSTLUDE

"Processional" Walter Mathias

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

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz. Interim Senior Pastor Matt Kauffman, Organist

Call to Worship adapted from Common Order, Church of Scotland; Prayer Of Confession adapted from Eggs and Ashes, Ruth Burgess, Editor; Affirmation of Faith adapted from Traveling to Easter with Jesus as Our Guide, by Patmos Abbey

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CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL

(Please remain seated during Children's Procession.)

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen individuals to speak your Word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these men and women whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do this special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Holy Forever"

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



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† CLOSING SONG

"Because He Lives"

- † BENEDICTION
- † POSTLUDE

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Welcome to the Ministry!

2025 Elder Ordination & Installation Carol Lukemeyer & Ann Weller

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor Cathleen Perry, Liturgist Matt Kauffman, Organist Leah Crane. Staci McCrackin. Vocals Pavel Polanco-Safadit. Piano Rob Dixon, Saxophone Steve Dokken. Bass Carrington Clinton, Drums

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Announcements

Week of April 13 - 19, 2025

EASTER FLOWERS - DEADLINE TODAY!

Help make our Easter celebration extra special by donating a potted plant or fern in honor or memory of someone dear to you. Each \$30 donation adds beauty to our worship space and carries a personal touch of love and remembrance. You're welcome to take your plant home after the 10a Easter service. Order online or stop by the Front Desk—today is the final day to participate!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School is coming June 16–20, and student registrations are already rolling in for Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace! Now we need YOU to make it happen. We're looking for Group Leaders to guide small groups between activities and Marketplace Shopkeepers to help with crafts, games, and hands-on fun. Shopkeepers serve just two days; Group Leaders can join for one to five days. Sign up in McKee Hallway or contact Jennifer Wirt at Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org to learn more.

GOOD FRIDAY CHORAL SERVICE

Join us this Friday in the Sanctuary for two deeply moving Good Friday services. At 5p, experience Michael John Trotta's "Seven Last Words," featuring Tab's Sanctuary Choir, orchestra, and quest soloists Patrick Lord-Remmert and Toria Sigafoes. At 7p, a solemn Tenebrae service will quide us through Christ's passion with Scripture, litanies, and prayer, ending in semi-darkness. All are welcome to these sacred times of reflection and remembrance.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop over to Tab's Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 19, from 10-11a 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 9a—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 or during Easter worship this Sunday, April 20.

YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST

Celebrate Easter morning with your Tab family over a light continental breakfast, served from 8:45-10a in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to connect in fellowship as we rejoice in the resurrection. All donations will support the Youth Ministry's summer mission trip. No reservations needed—come and go as you're able. We look forward to seeing you there!

TABJAMS CONCERT SERIES REVEAL PARTY

Plans are underway for the 2025 free familyfriendly summer concert series in Tab Park. Find out about the musical lineup for TabJams after the 10a worship service on May 4 in the Gym and learn about volunteer opportunities. Enjoy live music from some of the participating artists and homemade cookies from our Deacons. The reveal party will take the place of Coffee and Conversation on that day. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or Eric Guion at thistle3378@gmail.com.

THANK YOU, WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to all the wonderful help who came out on the Ted O'Banyel Work Day! It was a HUGE success, and our beautiful building looks even better than we could have hoped! You are greatly appreciated, and we hope you had much fun in fellowship while cleaning God's house.

Calendar

April 13 – 19, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, April 13

All Day Palm Sunday

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

Children's Education 9a

Lower Level

10a Worship Service Sanctuary

Junior Church LLB 10a

Coffee & Fellowship Parlor 11a

11a **IMPACT Youth Group**

Youth Room

Monday, April 14

Open Door Café Dining Room

5:30p Facilities Committee Mtg Session Room

6:30p BSA Troop Leaders' Mtg Youth Room

Women's Bible Study Parlor 7p

Tuesday, April 15

9:15a Yoga Parlor

Women Alive Parlor 10a

6:30p Prayer Meeting McKee Chapel

6:30p Bible Study Fellowship

Dining Room

Session Meeting Parlor 7p

Wednesday, April 16

9:30a Pastors' Bible Study Parlor

Open Door Café Dining Room

Thursday, April 17

2:30p Tab Tutoring

Gym & Lower Level 6р Circles Dining Room

6:30p Good Friday Instrumental Rehearsal Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service 7p McKee Chapel

7:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Parlor

Friday, April 18

Open Door Café Dining Room 11a

Good Friday Choral Service

Sanctuary

7p Good Friday Tenebrae Service Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

Men's Bible Study Parlor

8:30a Easter Decorating Chapel, Sanctuary

10a Easter Rehearsal Sanctuary 10a Easter Egg Hunt Tab Park

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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