



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

June 22, 2025 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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 Adult Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Sunday Spiritual Growth Classes

Jesus' Parables | SUNDAYS 9-10a PARLOR

Discover Jesus' teachings through the fresh insight of 1st-century Jewish lens. Contact class leader, Mark John at beaconmark@gmail.com to join the discussion via livestream.

Ephesians | SUNDAYS 11:15a MCWHIRTER RESOURCE CENTER

Enjoy a free lunch-and-learn on Ephesians with BibleProject's Dr. Tim Mackie. Pre-register with Bart Ost at bartonbost@gmail.com.

Women's Tuesday Walkers | TUESDAYS 7:30a BLUE BRIDGE

Start your Tuesdays with a refreshing walk, good company, and coffee! Meet us at the Blue Bridge (56th & Illinois) and enjoy nature, conversation, and friendship. All women welcome! Contact Ellen Moeller at ellensmoeller@gmail.com with any questions.

Men's Bible Study | SATURDAYS 8a-9a PARLOR

Looking to build lasting connections with other men at Tab? Dive into Scripture and prayer in a supportive small group setting that values authenticity and spiritual growth.

See the full weekly schedule of Spiritual Growth programming at tabpres.org/Adults.



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 Adoration of the Golden Calf
by Nicolas Poussin

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

“Ayre” *Georg Philipp Telemann*

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: To see the life that teems around us,

People: To give thanks for the gift we have received;

Leader: To notice the beauty and promise of summer,

People: To breathe deeply of the season;

Leader: To accept the gift of love, and love in return:

People: This is to embrace holiness.

Leader: This is to worship God.

All: *We join now our voices in praise!*

† HYMN #645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” *Mit Freuden Zart*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We sometimes forget that you created us for joy, O God. Our minds get too busy, our hearts grow too heavy, for us to remember that we have been called to dance your sacred dance of life. We too easily forget that we are created to smile, to love, to be lifted up, and to lift others up in return. In your overwhelming and abundant grace, help us remember who we are and how you have created us to be. Untangle our feet from all that ensnares. Free our souls from every temptation to forget your goodness within us. Unleash us in compassion that we might dance, and that our dancing, in and with Jesus, might be contagious!

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

Exodus 24:15-18 & 32:1-6 | Pew Bible Page 62 & 69

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:57-62 | Pew Bible Page 843

MESSAGE

To Strive Backwards

Responding to God's Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

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

*We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives,
and in all people.*

*We follow Jesus, who embodies God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and
resurrection, and his granting to us his Spirit, he fills us with that love as well.*

*We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In this love we participate in
the Church, the Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbors – through our
prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.*

*Love is our calling, and it is a gift from God. We praise God, and seek God's
blessings, that we may love in the name of Jesus, and the power of the Spirit, all to
God's glory. 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

† HYMN #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" Angel's Story

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

"Chaconne" Louis Couperin

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

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor

Dale Caldwell, Organist

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MOMENT FOR MISSION

Fresh Stop

Sacred Concerts with Pavel & Leah

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Way Maker"

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"In Christ Alone"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Dr. Bill Smutz

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Trust in God"

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

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee & Fellowship.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor

Debby Wessel, Liturgist (Communications Elder)

Ivonne Blanco & Leah Crane, Vocals

Matt Gall, Drums

Eric Guion, Guitar

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano

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Announcements

Week of June 22 – 28, 2025



THANK YOU, PASTOR BILL!

A Farewell Reception for our Interim Senior Pastor, Dr. Bill Smutz, will be held **next Sunday, June 29**, in the Dining Room after the 10am worship service. Please plan to stop by and thank Bill for the past 18 months of faithful leadership and service to our congregation. A basket will be available for cards and notes of appreciation.



SACRED CONCERTS WITH PAVEL & LEAH

Join us **next Sunday, June 29**, at 4pm in the Sanctuary for a Sacred Concert supporting Music Ed Fest 2025! Enjoy uplifting music from Pavel Polanco-Safadit and Leah Crane, along with the Covenant Community Church Choir, all to benefit young musicians in the Dominican Republic. Come be inspired and make a difference through the gift of music. All are welcome!

FRESH STOP ORDER DEADLINE IS TODAY!

The first Fresh Stop pickup is **this Saturday, June 28**, from 10–11am at Raphael Health Center. Visit freshstop.org and order your share of fresh, chemical-free produce by the end of **today**—and consider signing up for the full season! Even if you miss a week, your payment can be shared or donated, making the most of every harvest. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are with Dr. Rob and Ann Weller following the passing of Rob's mother, Margie A. Weller, on Friday, June 13, in Richmond, Indiana. We pray for comfort and peace for the Weller family during this difficult time.

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of John and Karen Murrell on the recent arrival of their new grandbaby, Finn Kilian Niederhauser. Baby Finn was born on Friday, June 13, in Switzerland and weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. First-time parents Kathleen (daughter of John and Karen) and Jared are learning all the ropes!

SESSION UPDATE

Session met for its Regular June Meeting on June 17, where information regarding Session Minutes and Motions was shared, reports from the Interim Pastor Search Team and Nominating Committees were received, and discussions regarding the Denomination Education Task Force and the Center for Healthy Churches were held. (Further information regarding these discussions will be forthcoming). Committees were also asked to review plans for their respective 2026 Operating Budget. Thanks and appreciation were given to Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz on his past eighteen months of faithfully serving Tab.

Calendar

June 22–28, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, June 22

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class *Parlor*
- 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
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class
McWhirter Resource Center

Monday, June 23

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Tuesday, June 24

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 5p Congregational Life Meeting
Nursery
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McKee Chapel
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, June 25

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Summer Musical Rehearsal
Lower Level B
- 6:30p Communications Cmte Mtg
Session Room

Thursday, June 26

- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*

Friday, June 27

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Saturday, June 28

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

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE THROUGH JULY

- June 29 & July 6 – Rev. Eric Lange, son of Tab and a PC(USA) pastor serving in Colorado Springs
- July 13 – Tim Ayers, retired Teaching Pastor from Grace Community Church in Noblesville
- July 20 – Rev. John Person, former Tab Associate Pastor (1978–1989), now retired in Chicago
- July 27 – Rev. Dr. Steve Smith, preaching for the first time as our new Interim Associate Pastor



Learn more at tabpres.org/TabJams

SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER
July 13 & August 10
6-8 PM • Tab Park

TAB JAMS
CONCERT SERIES

The poster features a group of five diverse people performing music. A woman on the left is singing into a microphone. In the center, a man is smiling broadly. To his right, a woman is singing into a microphone. Further right, a man is playing a saxophone. On the far right, another man is playing a guitar. The background is a warm, orange-toned gradient with musical notes.



Register Now! 

ALL RIDERS WELCOME

Nancy's Ride
Saturday, September 20
Ride begins/ends at 34th & Central Ave

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

FREEWHEELIN'
community rides

The poster shows a group of cyclists of various ages and abilities riding their bikes on a paved path. They are wearing helmets and casual riding gear. The background shows trees and a clear sky. A red banner in the background says "ENDURANCE".

SAVE THE DATE FOR TAB FAMILY FEST 2025

Mark your calendars and join us **November 7–9** for Tab Family Fest 2025—our biennial all-church retreat for spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun for all ages. Enjoy worship, small groups, outdoor activities, and more amid the beautiful fall colors at Brown County State Park. Additional details and registration coming soon!

