



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

July 20, 2025 | 6th 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 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

**Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAYS 9-10a PARLOR**

**NOTHING "MINOR" ABOUT THE MINOR PROPHETS!**

All are welcome to come explore the powerful messages of the Minor Prophets—Hosea through Micah—and discover God's love, justice, and the promise of forgiveness in these brief but profound books. Contact Bart Ost at [bartonbost@gmail.com](mailto:bartonbost@gmail.com) with any questions.

### 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.

**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](mailto: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.

Cover Art:

*Earthly Jerusalem Meets  
Heavenly Jerusalem*  
by Alex Levin

See the full weekly schedule of Spiritual Growth programming at [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults).



# 8 o'clock Worship

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As the Prelude begins, we invite you to use this time to quiet your heart, reflect on God's presence in your life, and remember Christ's promise of redemption. Thanks be to God on this Lord's Day.

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"Andantino in E minor" A. Hesse

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Azmon

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.*

## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP/Psalm 18:1-3 | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

People: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

Leader: My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,

People: My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

People: So shall I be saved from my enemies.

All: *It is in the Lord, my God, in whom I rejoice and give thanks!*

### † HYMN #41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" Lyons

## CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.*

*In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

### MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us,  
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.*

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*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.*

## Proclaiming God's Word

### SCRIPTURE READING | Rev. Dr. John Person

Matthew 6:5-15 | Pew Bible Page 787

### RESPONSE

The word of the Lord.

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### MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. John Person

Bringing Heaven to Earth

## Responding to God's Word

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“The Lord’s Prayer” *Albert Hay Malotte*  
(Please join in singing.)

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hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
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on earth as it is in heaven.  
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## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

“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)*

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*Departing to Serve*

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Mark John

### ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” *David McCarthy*

*Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.*

*Alleluia, thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.*

*Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.*

*Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, blessed trinity,  
At the last to keep thine Easter with thy faithful saints on high;  
There to thee forever singing, "Alleluia," joyfully.*

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## RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Judy Fraps

### OFFERTORY

"Prayer of St. Patrick" *Ethan McGrath*  
*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

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



### † DOXOLOGY | Hymnal #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.***

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**All: Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

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*Mark John, Commissioned Ruling Elder*

*Joshua Ridenour, Organist*

*Vocalists: Dan Andersen, Dorothy Benz-Buchanan,*

*Alana Jones, Mason Kniola*

# Announcements

Week of July 20 – 26, 2025

## WELCOME HOME, REV. DR. JOHN PERSON

This morning's guest preacher, **Rev. Dr. John Person**, lives in Glenview, IL with his wife, Nancy. They have two adult children and two grandchildren in the Chicago area. John is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Bethel Theological Seminary (DMin). He served at Tab from 1978–89 as Associate Pastor for Youth and Education, later serving churches in Minnesota and Ohio. John now volunteers at Winnetka Presbyterian Church. Nancy serves as a Deacon. Welcome "home," John and Nancy! We're glad you're here.

## FRESH STOP ORDER DEADLINE

Don't forget—Fresh Stop orders for the Saturday, July 26 pickup are due today by midnight! Enjoy fresh, local produce while supporting food access and justice in our community. Healthy food. Shared mission. Place your order at [freshstop.org](http://freshstop.org).

## LADIES' BRIDGE CLUB NIGHT



All Tab ladies are invited to hop in the "Way-Back Machine" **this Tuesday, July 22**, for a groovy night of Bridge Club fun—1970s style! Enjoy an evening of card games, classic 70s tunes, and a variety of fondues. Feel free to wear your favorite vintage 70s outfit and embrace the retro vibe! We'll gather in Lower Level B from 6:30–8:30pm. Childcare is available for children 5 and under upon request. Don't miss this far-out night of fun and fellowship!

## "LONG SATURDAY" MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Parents and friends, please mark your calendars for *Cool in the Furnace*, our Children's Ministries' Summer Musical! Our annual "Long Saturday" rehearsal with lunch at China Buffet is **this Saturday, July 26**, 9am–2pm in the Sanctuary. The big performance will be Sunday, August 17, at 11:30am after the 10am service, followed by an Ice Cream Social in the Dining Room. For details and updates, visit [tabpres.org/musical](http://tabpres.org/musical) or contact Jennifer Wirt at [Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org).

## SESSION UPDATE

Session met for its Regular Meeting on July 15 with Transitional Lead Presbyter of Whitewater Valley Presbytery Rev. Dr. Erin McGee as Moderator. New Staff members Reggie Martin, Director of Tab Rec and Jenny Sturgis, Front Desk/Congregational Care Coordinator, were introduced to the Elders. Recent concerns at Tab were explained and discussed with Dr. McGee, and a report from the Interim Pastor Search Team was received. The visit from Center for Healthy Churches was also discussed, including the forty-four recommendations for Session, Staff, Committees and the Congregation resulting from the two-day event. Approval was given for a follow-up visit from CHC in September, as well as the Transition Team (David Amstutz, Amy McLean, Ryan Miller, Randy Phillips and Jenny Sturgis) which will assist in this process over the next few years. In addition, financial plans for the Tab Rec/Oaks recreational facility and the 2026 Operating Budget, and preliminary plans for Tab's 175th Anniversary were presented and reviewed.

## POPCORN WITH A PURPOSE

Add some flavor to your summer with Tab Rec's Popcorn Fundraiser! With over 50 delicious flavors to choose from, it's the perfect snack for movie nights, summer parties, or just treating yourself. Regular bags are \$10, large bags \$20, and 50% of all proceeds directly support Tab Rec's mission to empower youth and strengthen our community through faith-based sports programs. Order now through August 2 for shipping or pick-up at Tab on Sundays (11am–12pm) through August 3. Scan the QR code to order, or visit [tabpres.org/popcorn](http://tabpres.org/popcorn).



# Calendar

July 20 – 26, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, July 20

- 8a Communion Service  
*McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation  
*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 IMPACT Youth Group  
*Youth Room*
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class  
*McWhirter Resource Center*
- 11:15a Summer Fellowship Picnic  
*Dining Room*
- 5p HR Committee Mtg *Online*

### Monday, July 21

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Tuesday, July 22

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers  
*Offsite*
- 5p Congregational Life Meeting  
*Former Nursery*
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer  
*McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Ladies' Bridge Club Night  
*Lower Level B*
- 7p Deacon's Meeting *Parlor*

### Wednesday, July 23

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Summer Musical Rehearsal  
*LLB, Sanctuary*

### Thursday, July 24

- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*

### Friday, July 25

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Saturday, July 26

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Long Saturday Musical  
Rehearsal *LLB, Sanctuary*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas  
*Session Room*

## HELP BUILD TAB'S COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Are you creative, tech-savvy, or passionate about meaningful ministry? We're building a multigenerational Communications Team to help tell the story of what God is doing at Tab.

We're looking for dedicated volunteers of all ages to help with:

- **PRODUCTION** – Running slides, cameras, or sound during Sunday worship and special events
- **DIGITAL CONTENT** – Filming, editing, and posting video or audio for social media and special projects
- **VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Graphic design, web design, photography, and more

Some roles require experience, but all need creativity, a mission mindset, dependability, and a willingness to grow. This is a great entry point for teens and young adults looking to belong and serve. Interested? Please contact Communications Director, [Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org](mailto:Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org).



**Be the Bridge:**

*Create. Communicate. Connect.*

## UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **July 27** – Rev. Dr. Steve Smith, preaching for the first time as our new Interim Associate Pastor
- **August 3** – Rev. Jerry Van Auken, Life Coach and retired pastor at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Kokomo
- **August 10** – Rev. Dr. John Person
- **August 17** – Rev. Stan Johnson
- **August 24** – Rev. Glenn McDonald
- **August 31** – Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Month of June 2025

	Plan	Actual	Difference	
<b>Income</b>	\$1,177,128	\$1,168,806	\$(8,322)	Negative/Below
<b>Expense</b>	1,373,413	1,319,724	53,689	Positive/Below
<b>Difference</b>	\$(196,285)	\$(150,918)	\$45,367	Positive

A snapshot of Tab's income and expenses for the month of June. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to carry out our mission and ministries.

