



TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

July 27, 2025 | 7th 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 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 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:

Friend at Midnight
by Paul Oman

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



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.

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.

PRELUDE

"Prelude and Fuge in a minor" *J. S. Bach*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER

"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 | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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People: **Who proves himself time and again to be our truest friend.**

Leader: Whether it's in an awareness of his presence in times of deepest grief,

People: **Or the support of his people during times of perplexing struggle,**

Leader: We learn that he is alive, and eager to meet our deepest needs...

ALL: When we turn our hearts and our minds to Him together! Let us worship God!

† HYMN #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *Faithfulness*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Rob Springer

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come to you today confessing that we are too often reluctant to believe that you could do your work through people like us. We are so very aware of our weaknesses, our vulnerabilities, our points of failure – and so we shrink back when we should move forward in your service. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from the prison of the past – so that as your hope-filled people, we may reflect your life into this world in ways that draw others to you, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/1 John 1:7

Leader: As we follow Jesus, we walk in the light.

People: For he, himself, is the light of the world!

Leader: And on this walk we not only enjoy fellowship with one another,

People: But Jesus' own self-offering cleanses us from every sin!

Leader: So together we delight in the good news:

ALL: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise God!*

† GLORIA PATRI/Hymnal #581 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.*

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Luke 11:1-8 | Pew Bible Page 845

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

A Well-Dressed Friend

Responding to God's Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/The Apostles' Creed | Rob Springer

*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 | 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)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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 #649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” *Amazing Grace*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fuge in e minor” *J. S. Bach*

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

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor

Rob Springer, Liturgist

Joshua Ridenour, Organist

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MOMENT FOR MISSION

Missio International/Romania

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† **OPENING SONG**

"Waymaker"

CALL TO CONFESSION/Hebrews 12:1 | Elder Ryan Miller

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Dr. Daniel Rexroth

MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"

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Responding to God's Word

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



RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Ryan Miller

OFFERTORY

"Because of Who You Are"

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/The Apostles' Creed | Elder Ryan Miller

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maker of heaven and earth:*

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For Thine is the kingdom,
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and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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† CLOSING SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor
Elder Ryan Miller (Budget and Finance), Liturgist
Leah Crane, Vocalist
Eric Guion, Bass
Matt Gall, Percussion
Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

Announcements

Week of July 27 – August 2, 2025

MISSIO INTERNATIONAL: FACILITATING MINISTRY IN ROMANIA

Tab has partnered with churches in the Alexandria, Romania area for more than 30 years. Today, we're sponsoring **Daniel Marinescu**, a young pastor serving the nearby villages of Piatra and Copaceanca, through **Missio International**. To support Daniel's ministry, give at tabpres.org/Giving (memo: *Missio International*) or donate directly at missiointernational.org/Donate—select *Church in Mission* and write *Daniel Marinescu in Alexandria* in the comments. While you're there, subscribe to their newsletter to learn more about how God is at work through this mission.



2026 CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS DUE TOMORROW!

The Nominating Committee is accepting final recommendations for Elders, Deacons, and Endowment Fund Trustees—leaders who reflect Tab's faith, diversity, and commitment to service. Don't miss this opportunity to lift up those in our church family who lead with compassion and conviction. Send nominations to Debby Wessel at debparduewessel@gmail.com or frontdesk@tabpres.org by **Monday, July 28**.

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. Questions? Contact Reggie.Martin@tabpres.org.



MAKE PLANS FOR THE FINAL TABJAMS

Invite your friends and family for the TabJams finale **August 10** from 6-8pm in Tab Park. **Staci McCrackin**, a regular Tab special guest artist, will pay tribute to the Queen of Rock "n" Roll Tina Turner. Get ready for a night of fun, fellowship, and building community. Bring a lawn chair, a picnic and your dancing shoes. In case of rain, the concert may be moved inside the Sanctuary. For questions or to volunteer, contact Sandy at sroob16@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS: MID-NORTH FOOD PANTRY

Mid-North Food Pantry has several volunteer opportunities available! Help with pantry setup or food distribution on select Saturdays (Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15), assist with garden harvests on Monday mornings, or support food deliveries on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Shifts are flexible, and volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Sign up for a Saturday shift at midnorthfoodpantry.org/volunteer, or email Vicky (garden) at vprusinski@gmail.com, or inquire with the Pantry Manager about food deliveries at manager@midnorthfoodpantry.org.

A NOTE FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM

We're honored to serve as your Transition Team: David Amstutz, Amy McLean, Ryan Miller, Randy Phillips, and Jenny Sturgis. Our work is underway, and we're grateful to be entrusted with this important work!

We're putting a plan in place to guide the many transition tasks ahead and will be working closely with Session, consultants from the Center for Healthy Churches, and key committees to ensure these are completed in a timely and thoughtful manner. Look for regular updates from us in the weeks to come.

Calendar

July 27 – August 2, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, July 27

- 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
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class
McWhirter Resource Center

Monday, July 28

- 8a Pre-Teen Summer Trip *Offsite*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5p Congregational Life Mtg
Former Nursery Mtg Room

Tuesday, July 29

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McKee Chapel

Wednesday, July 30

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

Thursday, July 31

- 6p Circles Picnic *Tab Park*

Friday, August 1

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Saturday, August 2

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

SECURITY REMINDER

We continue to get reports of email scams referencing the names of Tab staff. As a reminder to us all – these are not legitimate emails, but phishing scams designed to steal your personal information or request donations of money or gift cards. These scams use fake email addresses that look like legitimate emails but are not.

Stay safe:

- Tab staff and clergy will never ask you to buy gift cards or share personal information by email.
- Don't click links or download attachments unless you're sure they're safe.
- Always check the sender's email address carefully.
- If you're unsure, contact the church office directly—do not reply to suspicious emails.
- You can also help by flagging these emails as spam ("Report Spam" or "Mark as Spam") so your email provider can better filter similar messages in the future.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- August 3 – Rev. Jerry Van Auken
- August 10 – Rev. Dr. John Person
- August 17 – Rev. Stan Johnson
- August 24 – Rev. Glenn McDonald
- August 31 – Rev. Dr. Steve Smith



