



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

August 24, 2025 | Youth Sunday

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 this morning. 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!

Come join us this Sunday at 9am in the Parlor as we continue our study of the Minor Prophets, focusing this week on the book of Micah. All are welcome!

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.

Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAYS 9:30a PARLOR

Hear lively discussion and rich insights from God's Word at the Pastors' Bible Study. Join us in September, as Dr. Tim Ayers leads this time of scriptural exploration.

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.

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 Fateful Holidays. Passover
by Elena Kotliarker

See the full weekly schedule of Spiritual Growth programming at 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.

PRELUDE

"Toccata in G Major" *Bernardo Pasquini*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith/Bart Ost

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Dr. Daniel Rexroth

Phoenix Youth Mission Trip

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

"Come, Thou Almighty King" *Italian Hymn*

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.*

Gathering In God's Name

† **CALL TO WORSHIP/Psalm 28:6-9 | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

People: **The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts;**

Leader: So I am helped and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

People: **The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

Leader: O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

All: ***Blessed be the Lord, our God, for he is our hope and our salvation.***

† **HYMN #846**

"Fight the Good Fight" *Duke Street*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, you are more ready to hear than we are to speak. You are more ready to forgive than we are to confess. You invite us to open our hearts to you in prayer, but we close ourselves to you and follow other paths. Again and again you draw near, but we keep turning away. Our sinfulness has led to our undoing.

Lord, teach us to pray. Lead us to seek you. In your light may we see our darkness. In your truth may we know our lies. As we admit our sins, help us discover your grace and receive your mercy, so that we may live the abundant life you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ. These and all things we pray together and in the silence of our hearts.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Good friends: God is at work in you!
 God is alive in us!
 God lives – but sin is dead.
 Our sins are forgiven, through the grace of Christ, our Savior.

All: *Alleluia! Amen.*

† 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.*

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/The Apostles' Creed | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

*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.*

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Hebrews 10:19-25 | Pew Bible Page 976

RESPONSE

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE | Rev. Glenn McDonald

What the World Needs Now is Hope

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Responding to God's Word

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;

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(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

† CLOSING HYMN #838

“Standing on the Promises” *Promises*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Glenn McDonald

† POSTLUDE

“Fuga in C Major” *Johann Pachelbel*

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Jacquie & Randy Green, Assistant Youth Directors

Matt Kauffman, Organist

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† OPENING SONG

"Believe For It"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Jennifer Wirt

BIBLE PRESENTATION

(Children may return to sit with their parents during the remainder of the worship service.)

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Adam Packer

OFFERTORY

“You Say”

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



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Leah Crane, Vocals

Eric Guion, Guitar/Bass

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano

Matt Kauffman, Piano

Keith Cozart, Percussion

Youth Participants

Theo Clement

Sadie Rexroth

Stella Fowles

PASTOR BIO

Glenn McDonald grew up at Tabernacle Presbyterian and is a Presbyterian Church (USA) minister with 42 years of experience as a congregational and workplace pastor. He is the author of Morning Reflections, a not-for-profit ministry through which he sends out email devotions five days a week.

Glenn was the organizing pastor of Zionsville Presbyterian Church in suburban Indianapolis, which was identified in a 2001 study by Lilly Endowment as one of the 300 Excellent Protestant Congregations in America.

Glenn and Mary Sue, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, share life with eight cats and four rescue horses, including three mustangs, on a horse farm outside Lebanon. They have four children and nine grandchildren, all of whom live in central Indiana. He enjoys amateur astronomy, reading, wilderness hiking, and lives in the ever-diminishing hope that his alma mater Purdue University might one day win a national championship.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

August 31

Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

September 7

Rev. Dr. John Person

September 14

Pastor Jerry Van Auken

September 21

Rev. Eric Lange

September 28

Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

Announcements

Week of August 24–30, 2025

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Students receiving Bibles this morning: Morgan Barnett, Jake Boits, Luke Boits, Edison Chastain, Harrison Chastain, Matty Hunt, Cefie Lynn, Rachel McClelland, Tommy Meils, Charlie Packer, Tommy Summers, Luke Meils, Drew Pike, Vivian Prible, Mateo Urfalian, and J.T. Woller.

Student readers for the presentation: Liam Barnett, Dromo Darku, Delaney Fraps, Alistair Hunt, Frantz Lynn, Lainey Meils, and Vivian Prible.

FAITH IN ACTION: YOUTH AT TAB

Today, we celebrate and honor our Youth group kids and young adults, and thank the congregation, parents, staff, and especially Randy and Jacquie Green for their prayers, support, and dedication. It's been a blessing to walk alongside our youth as they grow in Christ, faith, and love for one another. If you know a youth (7th grade or higher) interested in joining, come **September 7 at 11:15am** in the Youth Room!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT IN THE PARK!

Join us this evening for our annual Family Fun Night! Hosted by Children's Ministries and open to the whole church family, enjoy a cookout in Tab Park with a hot dog supper, outdoor games (croquet, cornhole, soccer, frisbee toss, water balloons), children's activities (bubble wands, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk), and cards in the shelter after dinner. The event runs 4:30–7pm. **Bring chairs and drinks**; everything else is provided. Rain date TBD.

TEEN HELPER TRAINING THIS MORNING

Children's Ministries invites students grades 6–12 to join our Teen Helper program! Serve once a month in the Ones/Twos nursery or Preschool class, earn service hours, and be a hero to little kids. Training, room sign-ups, refreshments, and door prizes are in Lower Level B after worship.

LIFT YOUR VOICE: SANCTUARY CHOIR

Weekly Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin **Thursday, August 28**, from 7:15–8:45pm in the Parlor. All singers high school age and up are welcome to join us in lifting voices in praise during Sunday worship and special services. Interested? Come this Thursday and we'll get you set up!

A WEEKEND THROUGH THE EYES OF CHRIST

Join us **August 30 and 31** for a weekend of photography capturing Christ's love and grace. Weather permitting, we'll hike at Eagle Creek Park and enjoy lunch at La Hacienda. A Gallery Walk at Tab will showcase our images. Register with Bart Ost at bartonbost@gmail.com.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP

Next Sunday, **August 31**, we will have **only one worship service at 10am** in our Sanctuary. There will be no 8am Chapel service. We hope you'll join us as we gather as one church family to celebrate and worship together! Both services will resume on Sunday, September 7.

PRE-TEEN KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

All 5th- and 6th-graders are invited to breakfast on **Saturday, September 6, at 9am** at Lincoln Square Pancake House (86th & Ditch). Enjoy food, ice-breakers, and an overview of Preteen programming. No cost—just bring your appetite! RSVP to Mrs. Wirt at Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org for table reservations.

FUN FACT ABOUT THE TAB GOLF CLASSIC!

Did you know? The success of Tab's Golf Classic depends on support from the *whole congregation*? Proceeds help fund the Deacons' outreach, including the Tab Community Care Fund and local missions. Register today at tabpres.org/Golf and join us at Eagle Creek Golf Club on **Saturday, September 20!**

Calendar

Week of August 24–30, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, August 24

- 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 Bible Presentation *Sanctuary*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group
Youth Room
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a Teen Helper Training *LLB*
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class
McWhirter Resource Center
- 4:30p Family Fun Night *Tab Park*

Monday, August 25

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Tuesday, August 26

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 5p Congregational Life Mtg
Nursery Small Meeting Room
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McWhirter Resource Center
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Parlor

Friday, August 29

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Saturday, August 30

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

SESSION UPDATE

Session met for its Regular Session Meeting on August 19, with Rev. Dr. Erin McGee, Transitional Lead Presbyterian of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, as Moderator. Recently hired staff David Amstutz (Interim Staff Administrator), Jeff Earnest (Facilities Director), and Mike O'Banyel, (Interim Community Care Coordinator), were introduced to elders and each gave a brief report. Also presented were reports from the Budget and Finance Committee, from Interim Associate Pastor Rev. Dr. Steve Smith, from the Interim Pastor Search Team and from the Nominating Committee. The Transition Team gave an update as well prior to the Center for Healthy Churches return visit in September, and the topic of safety and security at Tab was discussed as well. Committees were reminded to submit their 2026 Budgets to the Finance Director, and important dates on the Tab calendar were reviewed, including the groundbreaking of the new Oaks/Tab Recreation Facility. Also of note was that the current Clerk of Session, Sharon Marshall, announced her retirement after twenty years as elder and Clerk effective September 1, and shared that Bruce McDonald will step into the position at that time.

SAVE THE DATE! TAB FAMILY FEST 2025

Join us **November 7–9** for a weekend of fun, faith, and fellowship at beautiful Brown County State Park! Enjoy hikes, crafts, worship, shared meals, and a special *Drawn to the Word*

experience with artist and pastor Paul Oman.

Registration opens September 14.

Learn more at tabpres.org/TabFest.



TAB FAMILY FEST

HOPE † PEACE † JOY † LOVE



FINANCIAL REPORT

Month of July 2025

	Plan	Actual	Difference	
Income	\$1,279,510	\$1,320,243	\$40,733	Positive/Above
Expense	1,566,636	1,488,335	\$78,301	Positive/Below
Difference	\$(287,127)	\$(168,093)	\$119,034	Positive

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