



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 14, 2025 | 14th 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

Grace Filled Living | 9-10a PARLOR

What does it look like to live like Jesus in a world running the opposite direction? Join us for Grace Filled Living, a discussion-based study of Matthew 5–7.

A Study of Faith and Science | 9-10a LIBRARY

Can faith and science work together? Join Bart Ost for a discussion-based class exploring scripture, theology, and scientific insights to deepen understanding of God's creation and our role within it.

Women's Bible Study | MONDAYS 6:30p PARLOR | RESUMES SEPT. 15

Explore the Bible, grow in faith, and connect with other women in meaningful fellowship. For ten weeks, study 1 Corinthians with Dr. Eric Mason's book, praying and encouraging one another in daily life.

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

Join us throughout September as Dr. Tim Ayers leads our time of exploring God's Word. Come prepared for lively discussion as we delve into spiritual truths contained in scripture.

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:

Eternal Light
by Mark Lawrence

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



8 o'clock Worship

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† 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

"Ricercare" *Bernardo Pasquini*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Dr. Steven Smith

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER

"The Church's One Foundation" *Aurelia*

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:1-9) | Dr. Steven Smith

Leader: Great is the Lord and worthy of much praise,
whose grandeur is beyond understanding.

People: One generation praises your deeds to the next
and proclaims your mighty works.

Leader: They speak of the splendor of your majestic glory, tell of your wonderful deeds.

People: They celebrate your abounding goodness and joyfully sing of your justice.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.

People: The Lord is good to all, compassionate toward all your works.

All: *Let us come and worship the Lord together!*

† HYMN #41

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

CALL TO CONFESSION | Dr. Steven Smith

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.

Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.

Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, know this; the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.*

Proclaiming God's Word

VARIOUS SCRIPTURE READINGS

HYMN #624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *Toulon*

MESSAGE | Pastor Jerry Van Auken

According To the Word of God

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Responding to God's Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) | 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.*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | 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)*

*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 #694**

“Great God of Every Blessing” *Aurelia*

† **BENEDICTION | Pastor Jerry Van Auken**

† **POSTLUDE**

“Fuga in C” *Johann Pachelbel*

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

Today's Worship Participants

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Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor

Matt Kauffman, Organist

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† OPENING SONG

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION | Elder Debby Wessel

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Jennifer Wirt

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Debby Wessel

OFFERTORY

"Never Lost"

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



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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | Dr. Steven Smith

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“The Blessing”

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Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor

Elder Debby Wessel (Communications), Liturgist

Jennifer Wirt, Director of Children's Ministries

Leah Crane & Staci McCrackin, Vocals

Rob Dixon, Sax

Steve Dokken, Bass

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano

Carrington Clinton, Percussion

Interested in today's sermon resources?

Email frontdesk@tabpres.org or visit tabpres.org/Sermons.

- The Five Points of Calvinism
- The Five Solas of the Reformation

PASTOR BIO

We again welcome **Pastor Jerry Van Auken** to the Tab pulpit this morning. A native of Buffalo, New York, Jerry spent a decade at Procter & Gamble before answering God's call to ministry in 1987 and pursuing theological studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He served as Associate Pastor at Tab from 1993 to 2005 and then as pastor of First Evangelical Presbyterian Church until his retirement in 2023. In retirement, Jerry serves part-time with the Presbytery of the Midwest within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). He and his wife, Robin, have been married for 36 years and are blessed with three grown, married sons and four grandchildren. Jerry is also a trained life coach and enjoys helping people achieve their goals.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **September 21**
Rev. Eric Lange
- **September 28**
Rev. Dr. Steven Smith
- **October 5**
Rev. Dr. Tim Ayers
- **October 12**
Rev. Pat Smith

Announcements

Week of September 14–20, 2025

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Take a break while your kids have fun at Parents' Night Out on **Friday, September 19**, from 6–8:30pm in Lower Level B. Kids will enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and a family-friendly movie with plenty of popcorn, while little ones have dedicated childcare. This free event only asks that children eat dinner beforehand. Contact Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org to learn more.

FRESH STOP ORDER DEADLINE IS TODAY

Place your orders **today** for fresh locally grown produce shares at the next Fresh Stop pickup this **Saturday, September 20**. Order online at FreshStop.org or call (317) 296-4150.

2025 TAB Golf Classic
at EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB

Saturday, September 20

Register Now!

FUN FACT ABOUT THE TAB GOLF CLASSIC!

Did you know? Tab's Golf Classic has grown every year, with rising participation, generous sponsorships, and record-breaking fundraising. Why? Because it's an incredible day of golf and community! Fun additions like "Beat the Pastor"—introduced in 2016—have only boosted excitement and support. Join us **Saturday, September 20**, at Eagle Creek Golf Club and be part of making this year's event the biggest and best yet! Register at tabpres.org/Golf.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Month of August 2025

	Plan	Actual	Difference	
Income	\$1,389,579	\$1,415,689	\$26,110	Positive/Above
Expense	1,759,084	1,681,935	\$77,149	Positive/Below
Difference	\$(369,506)	\$(266,246)	\$103,260	Positive

NANCY'S RIDE

Join cyclists, families, and neighbors on **Saturday, September 20**, for the 8th Annual Nancy's Ride! This free event features rides for all skill levels, live music, snacks, and family fun. Honoring Nancy Stimson, founder of Freewheelin' Community Bikes, the ride supports youth empowerment through cycling. Register free at freewheelinbikes.org/nancys-ride; donations fuel bikes, tools, and training for local youth.

TASTE OF TAB

Looking to get connected at Tab? Join us for Taste of Tab on **Sunday, September 28**, right after the 10am worship service in the Gym! Explore ministries, meet new people, and discover ways to get involved — all in just one hour. Enjoy donuts and coffee, too! Questions? Contact Pat Carlson at pstcarlson3@gmail.com.

BLESSING TABLE GIFTS: SOCKS & GLOVES

Help us share warmth and comfort with our neighbors this fall! **Through September 28**, we're collecting men's and women's socks and gloves for the Open Door Blessing Table. Donations can be dropped off in the bin under the mailboxes in the workroom. Thank you for helping us show God's love in a simple, tangible way!

TAB FAMILY FEST: REGISTER TODAY!

Crisp fall mornings, cozy cabins, laughter by the fire—Tab Family Fest is back, **November 7-9** at beautiful Brown County State Park! Pause, connect, and make memories through worship, hikes, horseback rides, crafts, shared meals, and fellowship. This year features a *Drawn to the Word* worship experience with artist-pastor Paul Oman, painting a mural as Scripture and music fill the room. Fun for all ages—**registration is now open!** Reserve your spot at tabpres.org/TabFest. Questions? Contact Jenny.Sturgis at frontdesk@tabpres.org.

Calendar

Week of September 14–20, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, September 14

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

Monday, September 15

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boys Scouts *Youth Room*
- 6:30p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, September 16

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McWhirter Resource Center
- 7p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 18

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Gym, Tab Park, Lower Level*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Parlor

Friday, September 19

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6p Parents' Night Out *LLB*

Saturday, September 20

- 8a Tab Golf Classic *Offsite*
- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Nancy's Ride *Parking Lot*
- 10a Fresh Stop Pickup *Offsite*

