



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 21, 2025 | 174th Anniversary 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 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 7-8:30p PARLOR

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.

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



8 o'clock Worship

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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

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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;

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(Refrain)

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

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hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Rev. Eric Lange

ANTHEM

“God Is our Refuge” *Allen Pote*

(based on Psalm 46)

*God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble;
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

*Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us;
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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Bruce McDonald OFFERTORY

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Laud and honor to the father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever One.
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

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.*

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Elder Bruce McDonald, Liturgist (Clerk of Session)

Mark Middleton & Mark Myers, Trumpets

Matt Kauffman, Minister of Music/Organist

Joshua Ridenour, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- September 28
Rev. Dr. Steven Smith
- October 5
Rev. Dr. Tim Ayers
- October 12
Rev. Pat Smith
- October 19
Rev. Dr. John Powell

PASTOR BIO

We again welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Eric Lange**. Raised at Tab and ordained here in 2017 as a PC(USA) minister, Eric has served churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Colorado. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Dale House Project in Colorado Springs, which helps at-risk youth prepare for adulthood and equips young adults for Christian ministry. Eric is married to Rev. Anne Lange (they met at Tab when Anne was a chaplain resident at Riley Hospital), and they have three children: Amos, Jude, and Beatrice. Deeply shaped by his time at Tab, Eric will preach about the unique gifts of our church community.

Announcements

Week of September 21–27, 2025

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and your favorite snacks (or grab some at our concession stand) and join Tab Rec **this Saturday, September 27**, at 7pm on the Tab Rec Field for "The King of Kings" (PG). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Contact Reggie Martin at Reggie.Martin@tabpres.org.



GET CONNECTED AT TAB!

Join Taste of Tab **next Sunday, September 28**, after 10am worship in the Gym. Explore ministries, meet people, and grab donuts and coffee. Questions? Email Pat Carlson at pstcarlson3@gmail.com.

MK HOME TOUR

We're so grateful to the Meridian Kessler Neighborhood Association for their generous \$1,250 grant to the Open Door's Blessing Table ministry this summer! This gift will help provide laundry pods for our neighbors each Wednesday at the Open Door Café. MKNA's annual home tour is **next weekend, September 27-28**. Learn more at mkna.org/home-tour.

BLESSING TABLE GIFTS: SOCKS & GLOVES

Through September 28, we're collecting men's and women's socks and gloves for the Open Door Blessing Table. Please place donations in the bin under the mailboxes in the workroom. Thank you for helping share God's love in this simple way!

TAB FAMILY FEST REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Join us November 7–9 at Brown County State Park for worship, outdoor adventures, and family fun. This year features *Drawn to the Word* with artist and pastor Paul Oman. Register today at tabpres.org/TabFest.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Join us **this afternoon at 1pm** as we celebrate the life of Sara Butler who passed away Monday, September 15. A time of visitation will be held immediately following the service in the Dining Room. Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Katharine Lange**, mother of Brendy and Eric Lange, who passed away on Friday, September 5. A private memorial will be held, with a calling for friends on Saturday, October 25, from 1–3pm at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Calendar

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THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, September 21

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class *Parlor*
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class
McWhirter Resource Center
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 9a Children's Education *Lower Level*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 1p Celebration of Life Service

Monday, September 22

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scouts *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, September 23

- 7:30a Women's Tues. Walkers *Offsite*
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Congregational Life Meeting
Nursery Small Meeting Room
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McWhirter Resource Center
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

- 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 26

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 3:30p Circles of Hope *Parlor*

Saturday, September 27

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas
Session Room
- 7p Family Movie Night
Tab Rec Field