



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

October 5, 2025 | World Communion 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 Grace Filled Living, a discussion-based study of Matthew 5–7.

A Study of Faith and Science

9-10a MCWHIRTER RESOURCE CENTER (LIBRARY)

Can faith and science work together? Join Bart Ost for a discussion-based class exploring scripture, theology, and science to better understand God's creation and our role in it.

Addressing Food Insecurity in Marion County

OCTOBER 19 | 9a in the GYMNASIUM ROOM #5

Discover how Tab and local nonprofits are addressing food insecurity. Hear from ministry leaders, watch a short film clip, and learn practical ways to get involved and make a difference.

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

Dr. Steven Smith is joined by commissioned ruling elders, Bart Ost and Mark John this month as we explore 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.

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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

"Adagio in B flat" *Theodore Dubois*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Dr. Steven Smith

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER

"God of Grace and God of Glory" *CWM Rhondda*

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
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Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP/Psalm 100 (*Jubilate Deo*) | Dr. Steven Smith

Leader: O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

People: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Leader: Be sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;

People: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

People: Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

Leader: For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:

People: And his truth endures from generation to generation.

All: Come, let us worship the God of grace and mercy.

† HYMN #65

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CALL TO CONFESSION | Dr. Steven Smith

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.
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.

† 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 | 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 | Dr. Steven Smith

Psalm 46 | Pew Bible Page 450

RESPONSE

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Tim Ayers

Dealing With Our Deepest Fears

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Responding to God's Word

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

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

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“Arise, Your Light Is Come” *Festal Song*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Tim Ayers

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Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor

Joshua Ridenour, Organist

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Mike O'Banyel

ANTHEM

“Jubilate Deo” *Derrick Fox*

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra:

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth;

Servite Domino in laetitia.

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OFFERTORY

"My Eternal King" Jane Marshall

*My God, I love thee;
Not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love thee not
Must die eternally.*

*Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ should I not love thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!*

*E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing;
Solely because thou art my God, and my eternal King!*

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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Matt Kauffman, Minister of Music/Organist

Joshua Ridenour, Organist/Pianist

Sanctuary Choir

PASTOR BIO

Rev. Dr. Tim Ayers recently retired after 27 years as Teaching Pastor at Grace Church in Noblesville, Indiana. Before entering ministry, Tim had a successful career in the horticulture industry and later studied theology at Capernwray College in Lancashire, England, and at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Tim and his wife, Jennifer, were married at Tab 50 years ago this past February. They are the proud parents of three adult children and grandparents to nine. We are pleased to welcome Tim to the Tab pulpit this morning.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **October 12**
Rev. Pat Smith
- **October 19**
Rev. Dr. Pamela Jefferson Powell
- **October 26 | All Saints' Sunday**
Rev. Dr. Steve Smith
- **November 2**
Rev. Gracie Payne

Calendar

Week of October 5–11, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, October 5

- 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*
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class
McWhirter Resource Center
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11:15a Home Communion *Session Rm*

Monday, October 6

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scouts *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 7p Cub ScoutPack 72
*Dining Rm, Gallery,
McWhirter Resource Ctr*

Tuesday, October 7

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Parlor*
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5:30p Spiritual Growth Meeting
Session Room
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 6:30p Communications Cmte Mtg
Parlor
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McWhirter Resource Center
- 7p Children's Cmte Mtg *LLB*

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 6p Daughters of Dorcas
Session Room

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On World Communion Sunday, Christians around the world celebrate Holy Communion together, remembering Christ as the Head of the Church. Whether in a cathedral, meetinghouse, or outdoors, congregations join the global community of faith. This day invites both worship and a deeper understanding of the worldwide body of believers.

Announcements

Week of October 5 – 11, 2025

SUBMIT PNC NOMINATIONS

Tab has received approval to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Church Nominating Committee invites you to submit names of individuals you believe God may be calling to serve in this important role. Please send nominations, with a brief statement explaining why, to CNC@tabpres.org no later than **next Sunday, October 12**.

TAB FAMILY FEST REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Join us for Tab Family Fest, November 7–9 at Brown County State Park! Pick up a brochure at the Front Desk or welcome areas, visit tabpres.org/tabfest, or register on Realm or in person on Sundays in McKee Hallway. Don't miss out.

Registration closes **next Sunday, October 12**.



WELCOME NEW BABY

The rose on the communion table this morning is in celebration of the birth of Lucille Irene Hursh on Monday, September 29. Proud parents are Daniel and Jess Hursh and grandparents Dan and Jean Hursh. Congratulations on this new addition to your family.

TAB LEGACY BOWL

This two-day youth football tournament is more than a competition—it's a community celebration! With 10 teams, food trucks, and local vendors, the Legacy Bowl builds young leaders through sports, teamwork, and faith. Join us **October 18–19** on the Tab Rec Field to cheer on the athletes and see our ministry in action. Learn more at tabrecreation.org.

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN MARION COUNTY

Discover how Tab and local nonprofits are fighting food insecurity. Join this special Sunday morning class on **October 19** to hear from ministry leaders, watch a short film clip, and learn practical ways to get involved and make a real impact. Visit tabpres.org/Adults for details.

PORTRAITS OF FAITH

Experience Tab artists Bernice Corley and Jim Pfeiffer as they bring to life the stories of Sojourner Truth and John Newton, two remarkable figures whose faith and courage inspired justice. Join us in the Parlor at 9am on **October 26**. Learn more at tabpres.org/Adults.

TREATS AT TAB

Treats at Tab is back! Everyone is invited **Sunday, October 26**, from 12–1:30pm in Lower Level A & B for this free fall celebration with lunch, carnival games, costumes, music, goody bags, and lots of candy! Volunteers are essential—sign up on Sunday mornings in McKee Hallway, at the Front Desk, or by emailing Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org. Learn more at tabpres.org/Children.

BLESSING TABLE BLANKET COLLECTION

Share God's love and bring comfort this season! From **October 5–November 9**, we're collecting new or gently used, freshly laundered blankets of any size for our Blessing Table on November 12. Drop off in the mailroom or give through Kristine Green (memo: "blankets").

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Children's Ministries is once again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child, sharing God's love with children around the world through gift-filled boxes. Pick up boxes and labels on Sunday mornings in McKee Hallway and Lower Level B. Return completed boxes by November 16. Learn more at: samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child.

