



TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

October 12, 2025 | 18th 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 *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](https://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

"Toccata #2 in g minor" Georg Muffat

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Elder Bart Ost

### † 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,  
For the facing of this hour.

## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP | Elder Bart Ost

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People: We are here because we seek to abide in Christ.

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Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; Father, Son, Spirit.

All: We are here, and we are ready to worship!

### † HYMN #450

"Be Thou My Vision" Slane

## CALL TO CONFESSION | Elder Bart Ost

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We come to you, gracious God, not to justify ourselves but to repent and trust the saving grace of Christ Jesus. Sift our thoughts, assess our feelings, measure our words and actions as they actually are, not as we pretend they are. Whatever you see in us that is less than you desire, forgive us. We can still be self-righteous, hateful, apathetic, disheartened, offended, impatient, unkind, uncontrolled, and harsh. We want to be more like Jesus and still have a long way to go. Flood your cleansing Spirit through our whole being, sweeping away our guilt and laziness. Have mercy on us, O loving Savior.*

### MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ Jesus we are a radically renewed community rooted in forgiveness. Old things are done away with, all things become new. We are agents of grace and reconciliation in the name of the One who saves us, lives in us and leads us into new life each and every moment. Thanks be to God for his love. In Jesus the Messiah, we are forgiven!

*All: Thanks be to God! 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

### OLD TESTAMENT READING | Elder Bart Ost

Jeremiah 17:7-8 | Pew Bible Page 628

### RESPONSE

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### MESSAGE | Rev. Patrick Smith

It's Moving Day

### GOSPEL READING | Rev. Patrick Smith

John 15:1-8 | Pew Bible Page 878

### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

# Responding to God's Word

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) | Elder Mark John

*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 | Elder Mark John

“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)*

*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 #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” *Beecher*

### † BENEDICTION | Rev. Patrick Smith

### † POSTLUDE

“Pasticcio” *Jean Langlais*

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

### Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Patrick Smith, Guest Pastor*

*Bart Ost, Liturgist (Commissioned Ruling Elder/Director of Spiritual Growth)*

*Mark John, Liturgist (Commissioned Ruling Elder)*

*Matt Kauffman, Organist*

# 10 o'clock Worship

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"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

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### † OPENING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Elder Bruce McDonald

### MUSIC

“Goodness of God”

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### RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Bruce McDonald

### OFFERTORY

“I Love the Lord”

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



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And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
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The holy catholic church;  
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The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
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† **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | Elder Bruce McDonald**

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hallowed be thy Name,  
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and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## *Departing to Serve*

† **CLOSING SONG**

“Waymaker”

† **BENEDICTION | Rev. Patrick Smith**

† **POSTLUDE**

Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee & Conversation.

## Today's Worship Participants

**Rev. Patrick Smith, Guest Pastor**

**Elder Bruce McDonald, Liturgist (Clerk of Session)**

**Leah Crane & Staci McCrackin, Vocals**

**Steve Dokken, Bass**

**Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano**

**Giauno Neville, Percussion**

### PASTOR BIO

This morning we welcome **Rev. Patrick Smith** to the Tab pulpit. With roots in a Presbyterian, Tennessee-based Marine Corps family, Pat served in congregational leadership as both installed and intentional transitional interim pastor for forty-three years. He and his wife, Laura, live in Muncie. Their sons and their families are in Rochester, Minnesota, and Eugene, Oregon. Pat currently serves as the Interim Director of The 8twelve Coalition in Muncie, a cooperative work of twenty-nine agencies that stand alongside residents of the most underserved neighborhoods in that city to re-build a quality of life that feeds the best for all people through housing, business, education, beautification and wellness. Welcome Pat and Laura.

### UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **October 19**  
**Rev. Dr. Pamela Jefferson Powell**
- **October 26 | All Saints' Sunday**  
**Dr. Steve Smith**
- **November 2**  
**Rev. Gracie Payne**
- **November 9**  
**Dr. Steve Smith**

# Calendar

Week of October 12–18, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, October 12

- 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 Room*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*

### Monday, October 13

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Facilities Cmte Mtg *Session Rm*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

### Tuesday, October 14

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers  
*Offsite*
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Meeting  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer  
*McWhirter Resource Center*
- 7:15p Worship Committee Meeting  
*Session Room*

### Wednesday, September 15

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

### Thursday, October 16

- 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, October 17

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

### Saturday, October 18

- 8a Tab Legacy Bowl *Rec Field*
- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop Pickup *Offsite*

# Announcements

Week of October 12–18, 2025

## LAST CHANCE: SUBMIT PNC NOMINATIONS

Tab is forming a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)! Submit names of individuals you feel God may be calling to serve, with a brief explanation, to [CNC@tabpres.org](mailto:CNC@tabpres.org) by **midnight tonight**. Don't miss this opportunity to participate!

## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR TAB FAMILY FEST

Don't miss out on Tab Family Fest! Registration closes at **midnight tonight**. Scan the QR code to visit [tabpres.org/tabfest](http://tabpres.org/tabfest), register on Realm, or stop by the table in McKee Hallway.



## FRESH STOP PICKUP

The next Fresh Stop pick up is Saturday, October 18, 10–11am at Raphael Health Center. Order your shares **by midnight tonight** at [freshstop.org](http://freshstop.org).

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Sherry Dixon, wife of Tab's saxophonist, Rob Dixon, on her passing last week. Services will be held on Tuesday, October 14, with visitation from 10am - 12pm and a service beginning at 12pm at Faith Apostolic Church, 1212 E. 116th Street, Carmel, Indiana. Notes of condolence may be sent to Rob at 5436 N. Park Drive; Indianapolis 46220.

## TAB LEGACY BOWL

Join us **October 18–19** on the Tab Rec Field for this two-day youth football tournament! With 10 teams, food trucks, and local vendors, the Legacy Bowl celebrates community, teamwork, and faith while developing young leaders. Cheer on the athletes and see our ministry in action. Learn more: [tabrecreation.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org). Learn more at [tabpres.org/Events](http://tabpres.org/Events).

## 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](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child).



# Pastor Nominating Committee Nominations



Submit names and statements for consideration  
no later than **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

Email Submissions to the Church Nominating Committee  
at **CNC@TABPRES.ORG**



LAST CHANCE  
TO REGISTER:  
**OCTOBER 12**



## TAB FAMILY FEST

HOPE † PEACE † JOY † LOVE

*November 7-9, 2025*

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK  
NASHVILLE, IN

# TREATS at TAB

**OCTOBER 26 | 12-1:30 PM**

LOWER LEVEL A & B



Learn More  
& Volunteer

