



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

October 19, 2025 | 19th 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

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.

Portraits of Faith

OCTOBER 26 | 9a in the PARLOR

Experience Tab artists Bernice Corley and Jim Pfeiffer as they bring to life the inspiring stories of Sojourner Truth, a bold advocate for abolition and women's rights, and John Newton, former slave trader turned Christian abolitionist and hymn writer.

Hearts in Cards

NOVEMBER 11 | 9a in LOWER LEVEL A

Make original cards to encourage church members! All skill levels welcome. Materials, guidance, snacks, and fellowship provided.

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.

Cover Art:

Baptized and Sent Forth
by Paul Oman

See the full weekly schedule of Spiritual Growth programming at 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Dr. Steven Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tab Transition Team

† 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 (based on 1 Peter 1) | Dr. Steven Smith

Pastor: We gather together to worship God,

People: Who, through the blood of Jesus Christ,
has freed us from the emptiness and futility of our former lives!

Pastor: We have been reborn—we are now children of the living God!

All: *Come, let's worship the God who has set us free!*

† HYMN #634

"To God Be the Glory" *To God Be the Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Dr. John Powell

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 do not 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

Pastor: 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.*

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/The Apostles' Creed | Rev. Dr. John Powell

*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

I Peter 1:3-5 | Pew Bible Page 983

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Pamela Jefferson Powell

Living in Hope

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Responding to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | Dr. Steven Smith & Rev. Dr. John Powell

“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.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Barbara Boyd

† HYMN #734

“Hope of the World” *Donne Secours*

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Rev. Dr. John Powell OFFERTORY

“The Beatitudes” *Craig DeAlmeida*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you.
Blessed are you when people persecute you.
Blessed are you when people utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven.*

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.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION | Rev. Dr. John Powell

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Matt Kauffman, Minister of Music

Joshua Ridenour, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **October 26 | All Saints' Sunday**
Dr. Steve Smith
- **November 2**
Rev. Gracie Payne
- **November 9**
Dr. Steve Smith
- **November 16**
Rev. Robert Hunter

PASTOR BIO

John and Pamela Powell are a clergy couple in the PCUSA. They live in the Chicago suburb of Wheaton, Illinois. Currently, John is serving the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and Pam is the Parish Associate at the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn.

Pam joins us as a daughter of this church having begun in ministry at Tab. The Session provided for her first year at Fuller Seminary when she experienced a call to pastoral ministry. In the past twenty years Pam was the theology professor at two different theological seminaries, and John has served in Los Angeles, Lubbock, Texas and at two different theological seminaries in Pittsburgh and San Diego.

Pam's book entitled, "Friendship: The Forgotten Spiritual Discipline," was published last Spring.

The Powells have three grown married children and nine grandchildren.

Announcements

Week of October 19–25, 2025

TAB GOLF CLASSIC THANKS!

This year's Tab Golf Classic raised \$11,300 for the Tab Benevolence Fund and Community Care Fund. Thanks to our generous sponsors, dedicated golfers, and volunteers who made it possible. Join us next year as we celebrate the 50th Tab Golf Classic!

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 IS BACK!

Bring your family and tell your friends. Join us **October 26**, 12–1:30pm in Lower Level A & B for a free fall celebration with lunch, games, costumes, music, goody bags, and candy. Volunteers are needed—sign up in McKee Hallway, by emailing Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org, or online at tabpres.org/Events.

HEARTS IN CARDS

Join us **November 1**, from 9am–12pm, in Lower Level A to create handmade cards for Deacons to share with church members. No experience needed—enjoy art, fellowship, snacks, and the joy of encouragement. Celebrate God's creativity together! Details at tabpres.org/Adults.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the passing of Tish Wensch, sister of Jeannie Byers. Tish passed on Thursday, October 9, in Carmel, Indiana, just shy of her 83rd birthday. Please keep the Byers family in your prayers through this difficult time.

We also extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Marian Marlowe, who passed away on Thursday, October 9. An open house celebration of Marian's life will be held on November 8 from 2–5pm at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st Street, Carmel, Indiana.

THANK OFFERING DINNER

Save the date—**November 23**—for this year's Thank Offering Dinner! Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal served by the Deacons as we celebrate our stewardship pledges and give thanks for the season. This year, registration will be online only. **Online registration opens November 2**—don't miss it! Visit tabpres.org/Events for more info.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE MONUMENTAL MARATHON

Tab Recreation needs 15–20 volunteers of all ages for an Aid Station at the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon on **November 8**, 7:30am–1:45pm. Help hand out water and drinks, cheer runners, and enjoy a fun morning supporting the community. Free T-shirt provided! Learn more at tabpres.org/Events.

LEND A HAND THIS THANKSGIVING!

Help serve meals and share hospitality at this year's Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner at Tab. Volunteers make this annual tradition a blessing for hundreds of families. Stop by the sign-up table in McKee Hallway on Sunday mornings or email Mike O'Banyel at Mike.OBanyel@tabpres.org. Online volunteer sign-up is also available on Realm and at tabpres.org/Mozel.

BLESSING TABLE BLANKET COLLECTION

Share God's love this season! Bring new or gently used, freshly laundered blankets of any size **by November 9** for the Blessing Table on November 12. Drop off in the mailroom or give through Kristine Green (memo: "blankets").

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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





Portraits of Faith
 A SPECIAL LIVE PERFORMANCE
October 26 • 9 AM • Parlor

TREATS at TAB
OCTOBER 26 | 12-1:30 PM
 LOWER LEVEL A & B

Learn More & Volunteer

Hearts in Cards
 ARTFUL CONNECTIONS OF CARE

Saturday, November 1
 9 AM | LOWER LEVEL A

Calendar

Week of October 19–25, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, October 19

- 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
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class
Gym Room #5
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11:30a Tab Legacy Bowl *Rec Field*

Monday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Rm*
- 5p Nominating Cmte *Session Rm*

Thursday, October 23

- 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 24

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Rm*
- 3:30p Circle of Hope *Parlor*

Saturday, October 25

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas
Session Rm