



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

November 9, 2025 | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Greetings to everyone! We extend a warm welcome to those joining us in-person or for our livestream worship service this morning. As we celebrate together, we hope you will sense God's presence as we gather.

If you are a guest this morning, please fill out one of the Connection Cards located in the pew racks so that we can get to know each other better. Simply hand your completed card to an usher or place it in the offering box. 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 sit with their families during worship or attend Junior Church in Lower Level B following the Children's Message. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

Discipleship Classes

2025 Spiritual Growth Opportunities

A Study of Faith & Science | SUNDAY 9a MCWHIRTER RESOURCE CENTER

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.

Grace Filled Living | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

What does it look like to live the way of Jesus in a world that often runs in the opposite direction? Join us this fall for Grace Filled Living, a discussion-based study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7), led by Andrew Hart.

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

Pastor Tim Ayers will lead us through the scriptures of Advent for the next several weeks. Plan on joining us for this insightful look at the time leading up to the birth of Christ.

Men's Bible Study | SATURDAY 8a PARLOR

Dive into Scripture in a small group setting, connect in fellowship, and encourage one another through prayer and discussion. Men's Bible Study is a time for growth, accountability, and building strong relationships. Bring your Bible and come ready to grow in faith!

Women's Bible Study | MONDAY 7p PARLOR

Explore the Bible, grow in faith, and connect with other women in meaningful fellowship as we seek to live out the powerful truths found in God's Word. This prayer and study time is an encouraging start to the week and great way to connect and learn with other women.

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:

The Evangelist Matthew

from Four Gospels in Armenian an Illuminated Manuscript

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



10 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.

PRELUDE

The Prelude is a time of worship offering praise to God as well as giving each of us an opportunity to prepare our hearts for worship. Please use this time to pray, meditate and reflect on how God might speak to you during the service this morning.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Moziel Sanders Thanksgiving Day Dinner

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *St. Denio*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

Gathering In God's Name

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Leader: We gather today, where all can see and all can hear...

People: To lift our praises to God!

Leader: Doing so, we pray that our worship will seep deep:

**People: Into our hearts and into our minds...
That our priorities may be ordered in ways which are right.**

Leader: Then, may even our secret thoughts and our secret desires...

People: Be seen as acceptable worship...

All: By the God to whom we publicly lift our voices in song!

† HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *Hymn to Joy*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Elder Debby Wessel

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (THOMAS CRANMER, 1552)

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared to humanity in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life. To the glory of your holy name.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Down through the centuries the apostle Paul calls to us, saying, 'Here's a word that's true, that you can depend upon completely: Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners.' And Peter tells us that 'Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross – so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.' So, friends - believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, through faith in him, we are in fact forgiven. Therefore, let us be learning always to forgive ourselves and each other. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Jennifer Wirt

ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep From Singing?” *arr. Sally DeFord & James Loynes*

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation,
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord, my savior, liveth,
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to the refuge clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin,
I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing,
All things are mine since I am His,
How can I keep from singing?*

Proclaiming God's Word

NEW TESTAMENT READING | Elder Debby Wessel

Matthew 6:1–4 | Pew Bible Page 787

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

An Audience of One

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Responding to God's Word

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Debby Wessel

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace” *Michael John Trotta*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, I was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to heal, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the first hour I believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace shall lead me home.
How sweet the sound. Grace.*

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | THE APOSTLES' CREED | Elder Debby Wessel

*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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | Rev. 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

† HYMN #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” *Assurance*

† BLESSING | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† POSTLUDE

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

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Steven Smith, Associate Pastor
Debby Wessel, Liturgist (Elder for Communications)
Jennifer Wirt, Director of Children's Ministries
Matt Kauffman, Organist/Pianist
Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MEET THE NOMINEES

Jeff Crane

Jeff and his wife Leah were drawn to ministries in the neighborhood and first came to Tab in 2002 for the community service that was held on Thursday evenings. After two terms as an elder leading the media, spiritual growth and worship committees, Jeff also was asked to help modernize the nominating committee process. You will find Leah leading worship on contemporary Sundays while he works on the sound board and the streaming studio. Currently Jeff is a Deacon working with Congregational Life and next year's Deacons' Golf Outing fundraiser.

Jacquie Green (Dykstra)

Jacquie and her family moved to Indianapolis in 1978. Her first experience with Tab was playing soccer with Tab Recreation as a middle school youth and has fond memories of Nancy Morris as her Sunday school teacher. Jacquie was very active in Young Life and Tab's youth group with the mission trips to Merida, Mexico and Denbigh, Jamaica being a couple of the highlights. She returned to Tab as an adult with husband, Randy, and son, Gavin, in 2013. Jacquie is one of the four adult leaders in our teen youth group program, loved serving as a Deacon and has joyfully helped with numerous and varied volunteer opportunities.

Andrew Hart

Andrew and his wife Peyton arrived in Indianapolis as newlyweds in January of 2000 and discovered Tab on that first Sunday. From that first visit, during which they received a delivery of fresh bread from Heather Mylin, they have been inspired by the devotion and warm welcome of this beautiful community. Andrew has served as an Elder, chair of the Tab Recreation Committee, and currently leads The Oaks Academy, a PreK - 8th grade school which was founded by Tab in September 1998.

Joe Kukolla

Joe asked Jesus Christ to be his Lord and Savior in college. He and Julie visited churches and were attracted to Byron Crozier's traditional 3-point bible-based gospel message. They joined and were married at Tab in 1984. Joe has been *privileged to coach soccer in the Tab Recreation program*, and accompanied the Tab Youth to Medellin, Colombia. He

has served as an Elder and a Trustee. The Men's Bible Study has been a wonderful source of fellowship in God's word for Joe. He has been on the Missions Committee the past nine years. Joe enjoys helping his sweet wife Julie occasionally working the Blessings Table at Tab's Open Door Community Ministry.

Ryan Miller

Ryan Miller grew up at Tab and now, together with his wife, Ruth, and their two young sons, continues to call this community home. Married at Tab nine years ago, Ryan finds deep joy in serving the church that helped shape his faith. He currently serves as an Elder and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and has also contributed through the Mission Study and Transition Teams. Professionally, Ryan is the Director of Architecture at Browning Day, where he oversees a staff of more than twenty-five and leads with patience, collaboration, and attentive listening. Grounded in faith and guided by a steady nature, Ryan is grateful for the opportunity to help lead Tab prayerfully and faithfully forward.

Cathleen Perry

Cathleen and her husband David have been members of Tab since 1984. Cathleen has served as an Elder for the last three years with Youth, and with Worship, Music, and Arts. She has also served on the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees, with a term as its President. Cathleen has volunteered with Tab Tutoring and enjoys worshipping Christ through the music ministry of Tab in the choir.

Keva Rop

Keva's professional life has focused on directing finance and operations. Born in Brazil, S.A. to missionary parents, Keva's commitment to public service extends her family's legacy of community service. Keva volunteers on several boards, including serving as the Treasurer of Raphael Health Center. Among her many degrees, Keva also holds a certification through the Society of Human Resources Management and served as the Elder for the HR Committee. Keva's involvement in the life of Tab also includes serving on the Women's Committee and Tab's 2024 Mission Study.

Announcements

Week of November 9 – November 15, 2025

THANK OFFERING DINNER REGISTRATION

November 23 is 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. You can register by calling or visiting the Front Desk, or online through Realm. Scan here to register:



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES DUE

Thank you to those of you who are participating in this year's Operation Christmas Child by filling boxes for children in developing nations. This year's packages must be back at Tab by November 16 so we can take them to the central collection site for mailing overseas. If you'd like to know more about Operation Christmas Child, you can find additional information here: www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

VOLUNTEER ON 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 will also be available on Realm and at tabpres.org/Mozel.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

During this very busy transition time and the upcoming holiday season, we are looking for help in various roles! If you are interested in being a receptionist at the Front Desk, we are looking for folks to answer phones and doors on weekdays. Call or email frontdesk@tabpres.org if you are interested.

INDIANA LANDMARKS CHURCH TOUR AT TAB

On December 6, 2025, Tab will participate as one of the historic church tour sites! Indiana Landmarks will advertise but we need to host! If you are interested in hosting refreshments, being along the tour path, or greeting visitors at Tab, please email frontdesk@tabpres.org. All volunteers will be located at Tab.

WOMEN ALIVE BOOK STUDY

Last Tuesday, Women Alive began the study of a new book, "The Other Half of Church: Christian Community, Brain Science and Overcoming Spiritual Stagnation." The title says it all! We would love to have you join us for this timely book in our church's life on Tuesdays from 10a-11:30a. Michael Hendricks writes from his experience as a spiritual formation pastor and lifelong Christian alongside Jim Wilder, a neurotheologian. Questions? Contact Sally at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL CALL

In accordance with the bylaws, a special meeting of the congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of acting upon the recommendation by the Session to call an installed pastor by electing a pastor nominating committee, consisting of seven persons, to conduct the search for a candidate. Note that only matters stated in the call of a special meeting may be considered. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. All members of the congregation are encouraged to be present.

Calendar

November 9 – November 15, 2025

Sunday, November 9

- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*

Monday, November 10

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 4:30p Endowment Fund Committee *Parlor*
- 5:30p Facilities Committee *Session Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop 72/721 *Youth Room*
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Lower Level*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, November 11

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Book Study *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Meeting *Session Room*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McWhirter Resource Center*

Tuesday, November 11 continued

- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship *Dining Room & Gallery*
- 7p Childrens Committee Meeting *Lower Level B*
- 7:15p Worship Committee Meeting *Session Room*

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Gallery, Lower Levels A & B*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 6p Circles Class *McWhirter Resource Center*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room & Lower Level B*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Committee Meeting *Youth Room*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop Pick-Up *Raphael Health Center*
- 10a PraiseStage Board Meeting *McWhirter Resource Center*



THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your generous support enables Tab to spread the love and joy of Christ to thousands each year. Whether through worship, music, community outreach, pastoral care, ministry programs and events, your faithful commitment and contributions truly make a difference.

Ways to Give:

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- Text **TABPRES** to 73256