



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

November 16, 2025 | 23rd 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:
Psalm 130
by Virginia Wieringa

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



8 o'clock Worship

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† Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

"Prière à Notre Dame" *Léon Boëllmann*

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Day Dinner
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"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 *from Psalm 135* | Mark John

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the name of the Lord;

Leader: Give praise, O servants of the Lord,

People: You that stand in the house of the Lord,

Leader: In the courts of the house of our God.

People: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

Leader: Sing to his name, for he is gracious.

People: For we know that the Lord is great; our Lord is above all gods.

All: *Come, let us worship God, whose name endures forever. Praise the Lord!*

† HYMN #4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" *Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Mark John

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Thomas Cranmer, 1552*

Generous and faithful God: we hear your invitation to cast all our cares upon You, but we are sometimes overwhelmed by the demands of life. We worry about having enough. We fear the loss of control. We want more. And we become absorbed with the petty wishes and wants that drive us to consume rather than share the abundance you provide. Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might clearly see all you provide. Open our hearts, that we may be filled with gratitude for your presence and provision. Open our hands, that we may freely offer to our neighbors the encouragement and grace that you provide. Let our love be known in the living of our lives in joyful response to your boundless love, made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear and believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

† HYMN #581 | GLORIA PATRI

*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,
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Amen. Amen.*

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostles' Creed* | 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,
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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

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark John

Philippians 2:1–13 | Pew Bible Page 954

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE | Rev. Robert Hunter

Downward Mobility: Following Jesus Today

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Responding to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | 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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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | Mark John

*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 #757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" *Kingsfold*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Robert Hunter

† POSTLUDE

"Menuet Gothique" *Léon Boëllmann*

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

Today's Worship Participants

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Rev. Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor

Mark John, Liturgist (Commissioned Ruling Elder)

Joshua Ridenour, Organist

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Carol Newell

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Faithfulness" arr. Bradley Anderson

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Philippians 2:1–13 | Pew Bible Page 954

John 1:1–14 | Pew Bible Page 862

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Cathleen Perry OFFERTORY

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” *arr. Ron Mallory.*

† HYMN #606 | *Doxology*

*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 | Elder Cathleen Perry

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

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Departing to Serve

† HYMN #750

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil” *Goodness Is Stronger*

The Sanctuary Choir will sing this hymn through once in its entirety. Please join in on the second and third time as we sing the entire hymn together.

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Carol Newell, Director of Tab Tutoring

Matt Kauffman, Minister of Music

Joshua Ridenour, Organist/Pianist

Tabernacle Handbell Choir

Sanctuary Choir

PASTOR BIO

Rev. Robert Hunter (Bob) served as Associate Pastor at Tab from 1974 to 1985, and as Co-Pastor, with Byron Crozier from 1985 to 1990. He then served as the first full-time director of the Center for Family Life Ministries at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, from 1990 to 2001, and continued to work as a member of the pastoral staff of Second Church until his retirement in 2011. Over the past 30 years, Bob has consulted with hundreds of clergy and scores of congregations across the country, and has provided training groups for congregational leaders using the insights of Family Systems Theory. He has been in touch with the leadership at Tab over the years, supporting the unique and vital mission of this congregation. Bob and his wife, Glenda, have one son, Andrew, who lives in Chicago, where he works on the faculty of the School at the Chicago Institute of Art. Andy and his wife, Emilie, have two daughters, 9 and 12 years old, and Bob and Glenda relish their roles as Grammy and Papa.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



*Help make Tab even more
gorgeous at Christmas!*

Purchase a poinsettia and donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone you love. It will decorate our beautiful Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

Cost for each plant is \$25

Given by: _____
please print clearly

In Memory of: In Honor of:

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, December 7. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Poinsettia."

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.

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 16 – November 22, 2025

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Today's beautiful chancel flowers are given by the Marshall family in loving memory of Sharon's grandmother, Lois Crook.



THANK-OFFERING DINNER
SUN., November 23
11 AM | Dining Room
\$5/guest
RSVP by Nov. 16
Register at tabpres.org/Events

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, online through Realm, or scan the QR code.



Mozel Sanders
Thanksgiving
Dinner

VOLUNTEER ON THANKSGIVING!

Volunteers make this annual tradition a blessing for hundreds of families. We would like to fill more volunteer roles for Thanksgiving Day! Sign up today! If you are looking for another way to serve this mission, we are serving pies with the dinners this year. We will be accepting pie donations all day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Contact Mike O'Banyel at mike.obanyel@tabpres.org, call the church, or sign up on Realm! Thank you for your generosity to Indianapolis families each year!

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED!!

If you love to decorate for Christmas, we have the perfect opportunity for you! In the coming couple of weeks Tab is preparing our beautiful building for all the exciting activities we have planned. If you are interested in decorating Tab for Christmas, move and position poinsettias, and decorating trees please email frontdesk@tabpres.org.

PRETEEN SERVICE PROJECT DATE CHANGE

Tab 5th- and 6th-graders are invited to give back this Thanksgiving by baking pies for the Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner. Led by Mrs. Wirt, baking will be at Tab from 6:30p–8p on Tuesday, November 25. While the pies are baking, we'll eat some pie and play the game "Pie Face." Friends are welcome...the more, the merrier!

THANK YOU FOR BLANKET DONATIONS

Thank you for your incredible generosity to this year's blanket drive. The Blessing Table was able to send 57 people home with gently used or new blankets or comforters this week. We are grateful for your gifts which allow us to help our neighbors stay warmer.

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

NOVEMBER 23

Rev. Mike Riggins

NOVEMBER 30

Rev. Dr. John Person

DECEMBER 7

Rev. Steve Ebling

DECEMBER 14 | Christmas with Tab Taping

Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Calendar

November 16 – November 22, 2025

Sunday, November 16

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation *McKee Hallway*
- 9a Congregational Meeting *Sanctuary*
- 9:15a Spiritual Growth Classes
Parlor, McWhirter Resource Center & Gym Corner Room #5
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a Youth Group *Youth Room*

Monday, November 17

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining 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 18

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Book Study *Parlor*
- 5p Congregational Life Meeting
Small Meeting Room
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting
McWhirter Resource Center
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room & Gallery
- 7p Session Meeting
Parlor

Wednesday, November 19

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:15p High Five Rec Program *Gallery & McWhirter Resource Center*

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 12:30p Thank Offering Set-Up *Dining Rm*
- 3:30p Circles of Hope *Parlor*

Saturday, November 22

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop Pick-Up *Raphael Health Center*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas Session *Rm*

“Freely you have received; freely give”

MATTHEW 10:8



Don't Forget your pledge card next week for Thank Offering Sunday, November 23!



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:

- Scan the QR code
- Text **TABPRES** to 73256