

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:

Resurrection of Christ

from The Tapestry Gallery of the Vatican

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



8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE

"We Gather Together" *Flor Peeters*

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Mark John

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God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

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When we fail to confess our sins, he will find us wanting. When we confess our sins, he will accept our words as an offering pleasing and useful. Let us therefore come before our God with our admissions of sin, that we might receive the blessing of his forgiveness. Let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we approach you with humbled hearts and inclined heads. We admit our wrongdoing, having failed to live out your generous grace. We have not fed the needy—needy in every way. We have not expressed your compassion. We have acted in our own interests at the expense of others. We have guarded our treasure even when we know of others in greater want. We have spoken untruthfully. We have chosen to follow paths of ease, while passing by others in disease.

Forgive us, we ask, for all these and many other sins. We throw ourselves upon your mercy, trusting that the promises in your Word are real. Through Jesus, who atoned for our sins, we make this our prayer. In His name, Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

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Leader: The truth of God's amazing love is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: The old has passed. Behold, all things are made new!

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People: Christ has made the sure foundation.

All: Praise God! Hallelujah!

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"Gloria Patri" *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

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He descended into hell;
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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 | 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;
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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER | Mark John

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hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
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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 #826

“Lift High the Cross” *Crucifer*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Mike Riggins

† POSTLUDE

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

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Mike Riggins, Guest Pastor
Rev. Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor
Mark John, Commissioned Lay Pastor
Matt Kauffman, Organist

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Adam Packer, Liturgist, Elder & Human Resources
Matt Kauffman; Organ
Leah Crane; Vocals
Pavel Polanco-Safadit; Piano
Eric Guion; Bass
Matt Gall; Percussion

GUEST PASTOR, REV. MICHAEL RIGGINS

This morning we welcome **Rev. Michael Riggins** to the Tab pulpit. Mike and Linda Riggins moved to Indianapolis in July following his retirement after forty years (a Biblical number!) of ministry in the PC(USA). They served churches in suburban St. Louis; Seymour, Indiana; Traverse City, Michigan and Terre Haute. Their children and grandchildren live in Carmel and downtown Indy. Mike is an avid dog and cat lover, and a long-sidelined basketball player. He graduated from Bloomington North, IU and Princeton. After a thorough on-line search, they chose to start attending Tab and have never looked back. He loves his participation in the Tab choir; Linda has started walking with the Tab group. They enjoy the Wednesday morning Bible study. He thanks the church for the opportunity to deliver the Word this morning.

2026 Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Rooted in grace, we grow in hope-the hope that God's light will continue to shine through our worship, our service, and our care for one another. From that hope springs our desire to give back-to offer our time, our prayers, and our resources-so that God's love might reach even further and glorify him.

Today is Stewardship Dedication Sunday. If you are attending in-person worship, please place your 2026 Commitment Card in one of the baskets provided at each entrance. If you are not attending in-person, please remember to mail in your 2026 Commitment Card to the church office or log into your Realm account to make your pledge. If you have forgotten your Commitment Card this morning, they are available at each entrance and on the table in McKee Hallway. Please prayerfully consider how you can more fully support Tab's mission and ministry through your gifts and involvement. Your support is so appreciated as we continue to minister in all the special ways that God is calling us. Thank you so much!



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

CONGRATULATIONS SHARON MARSHALL!

After serving 17 years as Clerk of Session the Session voted on November 18 to name Sharon Marshall Clerk Emerita of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. This honorary title is well-deserved after her unwavering dedication and service to us through the years. When you see her in the hallways of Tab make sure to stop, let her know how much you have appreciated her tenure as Clerk and congratulate her on a job well done!

OFFICE STAFF UPDATE

We are excited to share that Jenny Sturgis has stepped into the role of Interim Communications Director. Jenny has spent her life designing graphics, strategizing communications, and exploring all forms of media. With the departure of Erica Hewitt, Jenny has graciously stepped up to ensure our communications continue to run smoothly. She is eager to bring her creativity and fresh ideas to a part of Tab with tremendous potential for growth! In the meantime, the Front Desk will be staffed by a wonderful team of volunteers.

Announcements

Week of November 23 – November 29, 2025

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The beautiful Communion Table has been prepared by the ladies of the Ruth Covenant Group in celebration of the faithfulness of God and the Thanksgiving holiday.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

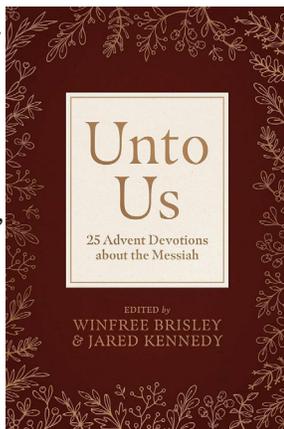
It is with sadness that we share the passing of Tab member and Open Door volunteer, Nancy Hesler, on Saturday, November 15. She had moved from Indianapolis in 2023 to be cared for by her family. Please keep her son and daughter, Scott and Julianna, in your prayers as they celebrate a life well lived and know that she has now finished her race and kept the faith. Praise God!

THANK OFFERING DINNER TODAY!

We are excited to celebrate the Thank Offering Dinner today in the Dining Room immediately following worship. If you have pre-registered, please proceed to pick-up your nametags as your dinner reservation. While we would love to serve everyone, we are limited to the number of pre-registrations this year.

PICK UP AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

The Spiritual Growth Team invites you to pick up a free Advent devotional, "Unto Us," generously provided by anonymous Tab members. This unique resource pairs daily reflections with Scripture passages from Handel's Messiah, inviting us to slow down, listen, and rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming. Whether weary, hopeful, or simply seeking to refocus your heart, these readings will help you meet Jesus with renewed joy and anticipation this season. Copies are available each Sunday or anytime at the Front Desk. Join us in preparing our hearts—remembering with fresh wonder that a Savior has been born unto us.



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!



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!

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!

CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

The beautiful recording of Christmas worship will take place at Tab on December 14 at 10a. Please come to celebrate the season. The recording will later air on WNDY-TV, Channel 23 at 7p Christmas Eve and on WISH-TV Channel 8 at 11a Christmas Day. Please tune-in for this Tab tradition in-person and on TV!

This beautiful production is made possible through generous support from Tab Family & Friends. If you would like to support this year's production, please reach out to Kristine Green.

"JUST FOR MOMS" WOMEN'S CRAFT NIGHT

All Tab ladies are invited to our annual "Just for Moms" Craft night on Wednesday, December 3, from 6:30p–8:30p in Lower Level B. We'll have four adult-friendly crafts, dessert, and terrific fellowship. Childcare will be available for children 5 and younger.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Advent Workshop will take place on December 7, 9a–11a in Lower Level B. Join us for Christmas music, refreshments, eight crafts for older children and adults and a separate room with several crafts for children ages 5 and younger. We'll also have a group craft to prepare Christmas cards for Tab's homebound members. This beloved annual event is for all Tab members, not just families with children!

IT VOLUNTEER

If you have experience in Information Technology, specifically setting up Zoom meeting equipment, troubleshooting screen-to-computer connections, and other technology skills, we need your help! On Sunday mornings, we are seeking a person to assist with technology needs as we have so many classes and other connection needs. If you are willing to help once a month, email jenny.sturgis@tabpres.org

Calendar

November 23 – November 29, 2025

Sunday, November 23

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation *McKee Hallway*
- 9:00a Spiritual Growth Classes
Parlor, McWhirter Resource Center
- 9:00a Children & Youth Education
Lower Level B & Youth Room
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Thank Offering Dinner *Dining Room*

Monday, November 24

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop 72/721
Youth Room
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, November 25

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Book Study *Parlor*
- 6:30p Preteen Pie Baking
Lower Level B
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting
McWhirter Resource Center
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room & Gallery
- 7p Deacons' Meeting
Parlor

Wednesday, November 26

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

Thursday, November 27

- ALL Mozel Sanders
- DAY Thanksgiving Dinner
- CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, November 28

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Saturday, November 29

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

NOVEMBER 30

Rev. Dr. John Person

DECEMBER 7

Rev. Steve Ebling

DECEMBER 14 | Christmas with Tab Taping

Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

DECEMBER 21

Rev. Glenn McDonald

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."

More Year-End Info

Week of November 23 – November 29, 2025

2026 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2026 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2026 we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your pledged gifts of support assist the Session in planning for the coming year, and we thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Tab. If you have indicated that you would like pledge envelopes for 2026, they will be in McKee Hallway for pickup on December 7.

2025 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Wednesday, December 31, is the final day Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2025 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2025 giving even if received in 2026.

Online giving must have a December 31 processing date for credit in 2025. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green at extension 111 in the Finance Office well in advance of year end.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on Sunday, December 21, or give online at tabpres.org/giving. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Special envelopes will be available Sunday morning for your convenience. Please give generously.

2026 QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. IRA owners age 70 ½ and older can make up to \$115,000 in tax-free charitable donations during 2026. See your tax professional for full details.

Missions Unit Volunteers Needed!

The annual Missions Unit will begin on January 4; this year's "trip around the world" will include visits to Alaska, Belgium, Argentina, Indonesia, Poland, Tanzania, and Turkey. We'll need many adult and teen volunteers to join the team as we help Tab's children to learn about the people, customs, religious practices, art, food, games, and history of our featured countries, and most importantly, about the men and women spreading the good news about Jesus Christ around world. Sign-up sheets are available in McKee Hallway or the lower level hallway beginning 11/23. Please contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.