



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 18, 2026 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Discipleship Classes

2025 Spiritual Growth Opportunities

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

The Pastor's Bible Study offers a thoughtful exploration of the Scriptures appointed for the upcoming Sunday's worship. Led by Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, the study invites participants to reflect on the biblical texts, their historical context, and their meaning for faith today. This gathering provides a welcoming space for discussion, deeper understanding, and spiritual preparation for Sunday worship.

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!

As We Forgive Those | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

Join Dr. Shannon Woller for a six-week, scripture-rooted exploration of forgiveness—God's forgiveness toward us and our call to forgive ourselves and others. Grounded in biblical teaching and shaped by insights from Timothy Keller and Maria Mayo, this class will reflect on mercy, justice, and the challenges and beauty of forgiveness. Questions? Contact: Bart Ost at bart.ost@tabpres.org

Courage to Question | SUNDAY 11:15a THE NOOK

Faith can be beautiful—and bewildering. Many of us, at one time or another, find ourselves wrestling with questions that don't seem to have easy answers: doubts about what we believe, concerns about how the church responds to a complicated world, or uncertainty about where God is in the midst of pain and confusion.

This four week small group is a safe, confidential space for honest conversation. Guided by Pastor/Chaplain, Jim Pfeiffer, participants will be invited to share openly about their experiences of doubt, frustration, even lack of connection with a personal God. Please pre-register. Contact: Jim at jrpfeiff@gmail.com or Bart Ost bart.ost@tabpres.org

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 Calling of Saint Peter and Saint Andrew

by James Tissot

8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE

"Fanfare" *Antonio Soler*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER

"As with Gladness Men of Old" *Dix*

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
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So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*

Gathering In God's Name

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Leader: Know throughout all of your being, that God absolutely loves you!

People: How precious and powerful that knowledge is!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, somewhere, someone convinced us that we would not be good material for God to use in healing and sharing your message of salvation to this world. We don't really believe that we have anything worthwhile or unique to offer.

Remind us of your forgiving love when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives and become complacent in our own comfortable existence. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts with which you have blessed us, and to commit those gifts to serving you by serving others. There are so many things that we can do, and everything starts with prayer and trusting in your promises.

So, patient God, bear with us as we settle down to pray, asking for your wisdom in our lives. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us and give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Then as you have called each of us to be your disciples, give us the strength to live out your presence with great joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: From the very beginning, God has blessed you and planted within your spirit the words "I can do all things through God who strengthens me." Do not fear the task God sets before you. Rejoice, for God is with you every moment and God's love washes over you always, healing, nourishing, and being present in your life.

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† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostles' Creed* | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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;
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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;
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The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

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*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
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and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden & Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

“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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*Let us praise God together on our knees;
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**Please join us in McKee Hallway immediately following worship for
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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CALL FOR THE OFFERING | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

OFFERTORY

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" *arr. David M. Cherwien*

Sanctuary Choir

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

† 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.*

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Sanctuary Choir

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden's Sermon Series

This Sunday, our new Interim Senior Pastor, Clark Cowden, will continue his four-week sermon series called "The Mission of God." The famous Swiss theologian, Emil Brunner, once wrote, "The Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning." In the 1980s hit movie *The Blues Brothers*, Jake and Elwood Blues, state that they are on a mission from God. While this was meant to be humorous in the movie, it is what we are all about as Christ's Church. We are on a mission for God. In this four-week series, we are going to be looking at some different aspects of the mission of God in the Bible, how we can join what Christ is already doing in our world and how we can participate in where the Holy Spirit is at work. We hope you'll join us!

Here are the upcoming messages:

Jan 25– Love the City – Jeremiah 29:4-14

Feb 1 – You Are the Spice of Life – Matthew 5:13-16



TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

JANUARY 25 | 11:30A

EMAIL FRONTDESK@TABPRES.ORG TO SIGN UP

JOIN OUR CHURCH!

Announcements

Week of January 18 – January 24, 2026

WELCOME, LITTLE ONE!

The rose on the Communion Table is in celebration of the birth of Griffin Alexander Burlison born January 2, 2026. He is the son of Steve & Julia Morton and baby brother to Blake Burlison. His proud grandparents are Blake and Jeanne Morton. Congratulations!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Storer who passed away on Thursday, January 8. Please keep Janet in your thoughts and prayers.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19, in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

BLESSINGS TABLE

In advance, thank you for helping us keep our neighbors warmer by donating hats and gloves to the Blessing Table at Open Door. You can leave your donations in the bin in the mailroom (under the mailboxes) or drop them off in the Front Office.

MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY UPDATE

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Indonesia, where we will learn how to speak several words and phrases in the Bahasa Indonesia language, try to walk on stilts, learn about the exotic animals found in Indonesia, play "No One Left" at the Table Game center, make (and eat!) Forbidden Rice pudding at the International Challenge, paint wooden wiggle snakes and create mosaics at the craft tables, play "Ver Ver Aras Lama" and "Goodminton" in the Gym, search for missing Kimodo Dragons, and taste Bami Goreng (a traditional chicken dish) and tropical fruits of Indonesia at the Food Center. Fun fact about Indonesia: Indonesia is made up of 18,307 islands and has the second longest amount of coastline in the world. Bonus fun fact: Indonesia holds the world record for the biggest packet of instant ramen.



UNIV. OF EVANSVILLE CHOIR TODAY at 2p!

Join us this afternoon for a concert of outstanding choral music featuring the University of Evansville Choir at 2p in the Tab Sanctuary. This outstanding group of students will be stopping by Tab on their way back to U of E following a performance at the Indiana Music Educators Association Conference. The concert is free and open to the public. Bring yourself and bring a friend for a wonderful afternoon of choral music. A reception will be held in the Parlor following the concert.

FRESH STOP PRODUCE

Did your New Year's resolutions happen to include working toward a healthier diet? The easiest way is to get a farm-fresh bag of produce every two weeks through Fresh Stop. We also have frozen one-pound packages of grass-fed hamburger at a reduced price. Our Winter Fresh Stop begins next Saturday, January 24, and the deadline for ordering is midnight tonight.



A GREAT TIME TO JOIN

Have you ever thought about singing in the Sanctuary Choir or trying your hand in the Tab Handbell Choir? Now's a great time to give it a shot! Rehearsals for the newest season of preparation and participating in leading worship have begun. Both rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings—Handbells at 6p in the Sanctuary and Sanctuary Choir at 7p in the Parlor. Think about it, pray and about it and come join with us in singing and ringing your praise!

◆◆◆ Join Us for
Q&A
with Clark ◆◆◆



February	01	11:15 am	What You'll Experience
McKee Chapel			Interim Head Pastor, Clark Cowden will host a get-to-know-you session about all things Tab. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share thoughts, and connect more deeply as we move forward together in faith. Coffee will be served!

CALENDAR ITEMS

With the beginning of a new year, there are committee meetings and special events that need to be scheduled for our building use. If you have a calendar request for any meeting or event, please email frontdesk@tabpres.org to request a date and space for your event. This is an important step in making sure that our custodial staff knows who will be in the building and what set-ups might be necessary. Thanks so much for your help in making our facility run efficiently.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMISSIONS

With so much happening at Tab, we want to make it easy to keep everyone informed! If you have an announcement to publicize, please email well-curated information, including the "What, Who, When, and Where" to communications@tabpres.org.



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

Calendar

Week of January 18 – 24, 2026

Sunday, January 18

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8a Coffee & Conversation *McKee Hallway*
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class *Parlor*
- 9a Children's Missions Unit *Lower Level A & B*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Room*
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class *The Nook*
- 2p Univ. of Evansville Choir *Sanctuary*

Monday, January 19

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
 11:30a PreTeen Lunch & Movie *Offsite*

Tuesday, January 20

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 2p TabJams *Parlor*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship *Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McWhirter Resource Center*
- 7:00p Session Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, January 21

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

Thursday, January 22

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Circles *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, January 23

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

Saturday, January 24

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Fresh Stop *Dining Room & Kitchen*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas *Session Room*

