



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 25, 2026 | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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 | "Prelude" *Dietrich Buxtehude* | **Matt Kauffman, Organist**

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;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*

Gathering In God's Name

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** | **Rev. Dr. Steven Smith**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

People: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

People: God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

People: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

All: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

† **HYMN #2** | "Come, Thou Almighty King" *Italian Hymn*

CALL TO CONFESSION | **Rev. Dr. Steven Smith**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to moan and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated—you call us beloved. We feel lost—you seek us. We feel broken and battered—your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you for all you have done. We offer this prayer of confession of our failures and remember to give you thanks for your blessings.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **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;
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.

† **HYMN #581** | "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

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

Love the City

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:4–14 | Pew Bible Page 639

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

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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.

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; Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

Departing to Serve

† **HYMN #848 | "Trust in God" Song 13**

† **BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden**

† **POSTLUDE | "Canzona" Dietrich Buxtehude**

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

10 o'clock Worship

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† **OPENING SONGS** | “Shout to the Lord” & “How Great Is Our God”

CALL TO CONFESSION | Pat Carlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CALL FOR THE OFFERING | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

OFFERTORY | “Holy Forever”

Proclaiming God's Word

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† CLOSING SONG | "The Blessing"

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

† POSTLUDE

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Leah Crane, Vocalist

Eric Guion, Bass

Matt Gall, Percussion

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano

◆◆◆ Join Us for

Q&A

with Clark

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February 01 11:15 am

McKee Chapel

What You'll Experience

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!

Welcome

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

If you are an in-person guest this morning, we invite you to take a red Guest Bag from the table outside the Sanctuary. We want to get connected! Fill out the pew pad with your contact information so we can reach out. 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 our Children's program in Lower Level B. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

Discipleship Classes

2026 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. Each session includes Scripture study, guided reflection, and practical discussion to help us recognize where forgiveness may need to take root in our lives. Come grow in grace, honesty, and hope as we learn to forgive—even when it feels impossible.

Questions? Contact: Bart Ost at bart.ost@tabpres.org

Courage to Question | SUNDAY 11:15a THE NOOK

Honest Conversations In Spiritual Exploration with Jim Pfeiffer

Faith can be beautiful—and bewildering. Many of us, at one time or another, find ourselves wrestling with questions that do not 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. These struggles can feel isolating, but they are part of the common human experience.

This 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. There will be no quick fixes or tidy conclusions—just the grace of being heard, the courage to listen, and the hope that honest questions can be an expression of faith itself.

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 Sheltered Path

by Claude Monet

Announcements

Week of January 25 – January 31, 2026

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 Tanzania, where we will learn how to speak several words and phrases in Swahili, learn about the exotic animals found in Tanzania, identify spices from "The Spice Islands" of Zanzibar, play "Seega" at the Table Game center, learn about and reproduce the indigenous art of Edward Tingatinga at the International Challenge, create wooden pirate chests and copper bracelets at the craft tables, play "What Time is it, Mr. Lion" and "Stalker" in the Gym, search for the unique climbing lions found only in Tanzania, and taste Chicken Pilau and spice cake at the Food Center. Fun fact about Tanzania: Tanzania is home to the largest lion population in the world. Bonus fun fact: Freddie Mercury (the lead singer for the band Queen) was born in Tanzania.

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 "Who, What, When and Where" to communications@tabpres.org. *All submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be received in the office by noon on Wednesday.*

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.

SERMON SERIES THE MISSION OF GOD

REV. DR. CLARK COWDEN

Next Sunday, our new transitional senior pastor, Clark Cowden, will conclude his sermon series, "The Mission of God." The famous Swiss theologian, Emil Brunner, once wrote, "The Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning."

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

In his next sermon series, "Learning From the Master," we will be looking at the stories in the Gospel of Luke about the greatest person who ever lived. Jesus is our Master, our model and our mentor. He is our pattern, our paragon, and our precedent. He is our paradigm, our prototype, and our principal. He has the words of life we need. He teaches us pearls of wisdom we do not find from anyone else. He opens up our minds and our hearts to truths and realities we haven't seen or understood before. He gives us a glimpse into the eternal and helps us see what is important and what is not. We invite you to join with us as we look at some of the stories of what Jesus said and did in the Gospel of Luke that lead us to Easter—the greatest day in history.

Upcoming Messages:

Feb 8	The Shocking Mission of Jesus Luke 4:16–30
Feb 15	Help Your Friends, Punish Your Enemies Luke 6:27–36, 9:53–55
Feb 22	The Man Who Won't Go Away Luke 8:22–25
March 1	A Revolution in Humanity Luke 14:1–14
March 8	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Luke 14:15–24
March 15	Jesus and Our Disenchantment Luke 18:18–30
March 22	Jesus and the Cost to Save the Lost Luke 18:35–19:10
March 29	Palm Sunday There Are Things That Are Not Caesar's Luke 19:41–44
April 5	Easter Sunday The Two Boats Luke 24:1–12

COMING TO TAB!

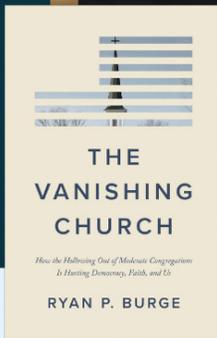


MARCH 1, 2026



RYAN BURGE

Author & Professor



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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PNC

Your PNC is meeting weekly to establish updated standards and requirements for our new pastor. Plus we are creating a preaching evaluation framework and the necessary forms for the Presbytery to start interviewing candidates. Thank you for your continued prayers. Would you continue to keep us in your prayers?

Lord, be with us as we trust you to lead us; be with us to build a ministry of reconciliation and we ask that you surround our candidates with your grace, peace and joy as they seek clarity.

If you have any recommendations of people who are well connected and networked please send them to tabpnc2006@gmail.com so we can follow up. Thanks for all your patience and support.



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 25 – 31, 2026

Sunday, January 25

- 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
11:30a New Members' Class McWhirter Center Library

Monday, January 26

- 11a Open Door Café Dining Room
6:30p Boy Scout Patrol Leaders Youth Room
7p Women's Bible Study Parlor

Tuesday, January 27

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers Offsite
9:15a Women Alive Yoga Gym
10a Women Alive Study Parlor
5p Congregational Life Meeting Small Meeting Nook
6:30p Bible Study Fellowship Dining Room & Gallery
6:30p Prayer Meeting McWhirter Center Library
7:00p Deacons' Meeting Parlor

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

- 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 30

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

Saturday, January 31

- 8a Men's Bible Study McWhirter Center Library
9:30a Spiritual Growth Team Parlor