



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

February 1, 2026 | 4th 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 | "Children of the Heavenly Father" Dale Wood | Joshua Ridenour, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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Gathering In God's Name

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Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the witnesses to his truth.

People: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

All: *Let us join together today in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.*

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CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have walked away from your light into darkness. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by simply following the rules. We follow the fading light that in the end brings us nothing. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of your love for ourselves and for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who has commanded us to love one another.

Cleanse us and change us into your light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the mystery of your Love and grace is revealed to the world. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, our true hope and light, we pray.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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Proclaiming God's Word

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SCRIPTURE READING

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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.

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Departing to Serve

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

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

† **POSTLUDE** | "Andante Sostenuto" *Alexandre Guilmant*

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10 o'clock Worship

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CALL FOR THE OFFERING | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

OFFERTORY | "Prayer of St. Patrick" *Ethan McGrath* | Sanctuary Choir

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

† **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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"Ave Verum Corpus" *Karl Jenkins* | Sanctuary Choir

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine.
Hail, true Body, born of the virgin Mary.
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Having truly suffered on the cross for all mankind.
Cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine.
From whose pierced side flowed water and blood.
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.
Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death.
Jesu dulcis! Jesu pie, Fili Mariae.
O sweet Jesus! O holy Jesus, son of Mary.
Amen.*

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

Welcome to Tab!

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 Opportunities

2026 Spiritual Growth at Tab



MONDAY | 7p | 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!



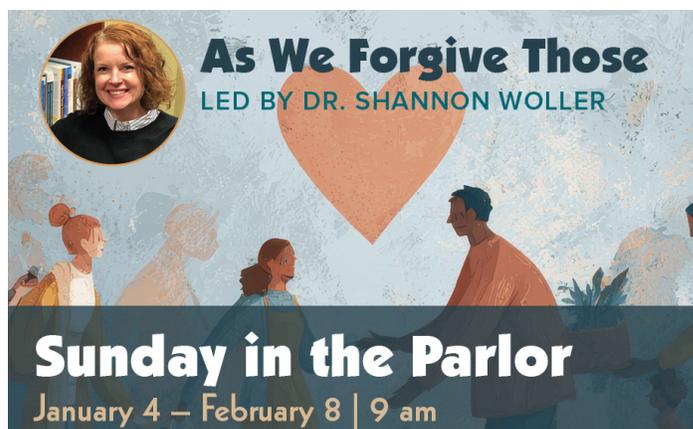
WEDNESDAY | 9:30a | Parlor

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.



SATURDAY | 8a | Parlor

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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



Announcements

Week of February 1 – February 7, 2026



NEW MEMBERS CLASS RESCHEDULED FOR 2/8

Would you like to learn what Tab church is all about? Would you like to learn more about what we believe, what we do, and why do it? Are you interested in possibly becoming a member? If so, we invite you to come to the rescheduled New Members Class on Sunday, February 8. We will meet from 11:30a–2p in the McWhirter Resource Center. A light lunch will be provided. We will share about our history, our mission, our vision, our theology, our ministries, and how you can get involved. You will have a chance to ask any question that's on your mind and there is no obligation to join. If you are interested, please contact Kristine Green at kristine.green@tabpres.org. We hope to see you there!



TODAY IS Q&A WITH CLARK!

Do you have questions about Tab? Our Interim Head Pastor, Clark Cowden would like to lend his ear and wisdom to those interested. Today, following the 10a worship, you can meet with Clark for a brief question and answer session in McKee Chapel.

Church members are warmly invited to attend! 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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 22 | 9:00 AM
Sanctuary

MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY UPDATE

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Turkey, where we'll learn how to speak several words and phrases in Turkish, learn about ancient city of Ephesus where Paul and Timothy spent time, try a few belly dancing moves, play Backgammon at the Table Game center, learn how to do Turkish calligraphy at the International Challenge, create tile mosaics and use shaving cream and food coloring to make marbled paper at the craft tables, play "Kukla" and do some Palm Wrestling in the gym, search for the beautiful Hagia Sophia during the treasure hunt, and taste Doner Kebabs on Lavash bread, Kisir salad, and Turkish Delight at the Food Center. Fun fact about Turkey: Turkey is located on two continents, Europe and Asia, and its capital city, Istanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents. Bonus fun fact: Both the Apostle Paul and Saint Nicholas (aka Santa Claus) were born in Turkey.

SERMON SERIES: LEARNING FROM THE MASTER

REV. DR. CLARK COWDEN

In this new 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:

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| 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 |

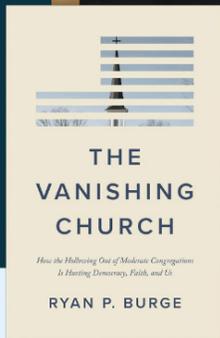
COMING TO TAB!



MARCH 1, 2026



RYAN BURGE
Author & Professor



4 PM | TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**The Last 50 Years of American Religion:
What Changed, What Didn't, and Why It Matters**

Over the past half-century, American religion has undergone profound transformation—from declining church attendance to the rapid rise of the religiously unaffiliated. Drawing on five decades of data from several data sources, this talk traces how belief, belonging, and practice have shifted across generations, identifies the key inflection points driving change, and explains what these trends reveal about the future of religion in the United States.



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 February 1 – 7, 2026

Sunday, February 1

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a 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 Q & A with Clark *McKee Chapel*

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 10:30a Tab Rec Bingo *Gym*
- 5:30p Spiritual Growth Meeting *Session Room*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship *Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McWhirter Center Library*
- 6:30p Media Committee Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, February 4

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Missions Committee Meeting *Parlor*

Thursday, February 5

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Circles *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Comm. Meeting *Youth Room*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Fresh Stop *Dining Room & Kitchen*