



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

February 8, 2026 | 5th 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 | "Toccata #1" Georg Muffat | Matt Kauffman, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Tab Transition Team

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER | "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Nicaea**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
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Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Gathering In God's Name

† **CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden**

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All: *Come let us worship God, who binds us together loving and serving one another in the name of Christ our Lord and Savior.*

† **HYMN #610 | "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Azmon**

CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in being just a hand or a foot and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us. We fracture into pieces. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. You have given us your law to be our guide, but we turn our backs on what we see as rules and restrictions, fearful that we will not live up to your expectations. Help us see with new eyes and hear with the ears of our heart the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do. O God, help us be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity to the world.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden**

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" Creatorex**

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:16–30 | Pew Bible Page 835

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

The Shocking Message of Jesus

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

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.

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 #757** | **“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”** *Kingsfold*

† **BENEDICTION** | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† **POSTLUDE** | **“Toccata”** *Bernardo Pasquini*

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

10 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE | “Because of Who You Are”

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† **OPENING SONGS | “O When the Saints” & “Down By the Riverside”**

CALL TO CONFESSION | Cathleen Perry

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

OFFERTORY | “Center of My Joy”

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Departing to Serve

- † CLOSING SONG | "Just a Closer Walk"
- † BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith
- † POSTLUDE | "This Little Light of Mine"

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin & Val Phelps, Vocals
Rob Dixon, Saxophone
Steve Dokken, Bass
Carrington Clinton, Percussion
Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano



Deacons' Chili Cook-off

FEBRUARY 22 | 11:15A

**RSVP for Chili Submissions ONLY
through Realm*

Spice up your winter at Tab's annual Chili Cook-Off, hosted by the deacons!

Enter your best chili recipe to wow everyone's taste buds!

You can sign up to BRING YOUR CHILI by following the QR code!

No recipe to enter? No worries! Come taste and vote for your favorite chili. Mild or spicy, vegetarian or meaty, there will be something for everyone. Mark your calendar and join us for delicious



food, great company and lots of fun!

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



As We Forgive Those
LED BY DR. SHANNON WOLLER

Today is the Last Day!

Sunday in the Parlor
January 4 – February 8 | 9 am

Simple Dinners & Fellowship During Lent
Wednesdays, Feb 18, 25, Mar 11 & 25 | 6 pm | Tab Dining Room

Flourish: Embracing Your Abundant Life
LED BY PEGGY MINDREBO, MDiv

Sunday in the Parlor
February 15, March 1, 8 & 15 | 9 am

Join us for an uplifting journey designed to help you embrace the abundant life God envisions for you. In this welcoming and conversational class, we'll explore how to navigate life's challenges with faith and hope. Over four weeks, we'll uncover the reassuring truths that God sees you, is with you, invites you, and empowers you. There's no need for prior preparation—just bring an open heart ready to listen and grow. Led by a pastoral counselor and chaplain deeply rooted in our community, this experience promises to be enriching, practical, and spiritually renewing. Come ready to flourish!

We'd love for you to join us this year for a warm, inviting adventure with our special "Taking Hold of Lent" series! Think of it as a little midweek spiritual recharge starting on Ash Wednesday.

We will start with a relaxed, shared meal—nothing fancy, just good food and fellowship! Then, a short and heartfelt devotion, after which we will break into small groups for easygoing conversation and connection.

This is not homework! It's a wonderful opportunity to slow down, deepen your faith, connect with fellow Tab members, and really reflect on what Lent is all about. Come as you are! Childcare for children under five will be available for the devotional portions of the evening.

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful."

—HEBREWS 10:23



We want to have plenty of food for everyone so please let us know if you plan to attend on Realm via this QR Code or email Bart Ost at bart.ost@tabpres.org

Announcements

Week of February 8 – February 14, 2026

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the passing of Joan Gall on January 18. Please keep Matt, Christine, Sam, Drew & Max in your prayers through this difficult time.

MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY UPDATE

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Argentina where we'll learn how to speak several words and phrases in Spanish, try our hand at a popular kids toy called a balera, and learn about South American penguins and how to do "The Penguin Shuffle" at Hidden Secrets, play Rapido at the Table Game center, learn to play the traditional Gaucho game Pelota at the International Challenge, make Gaucho belts and do some South American weaving at the craft tables, play Gaucho tag with stick horses and "El Hombre, El Tigre, y El Fusil" in the Gym, search for Gauchos during the treasure hunt, and taste steak with chimichurri sauce, Ensalad Rusa, and Alfajores at the Food Center. Fun fact about Argentina: Argentines eat more beef per person each year than anywhere else in the world. Bonus fun fact: Argentina has the highest number of psychiatrists and clinical psychologists per capita in the world.

BLESSINGS TABLE

We can help our friends at the Open Door to stay warmer & dry with fresh socks. Please donate men's or women's socks this month for the Blessing Table. You can leave your donations in the bin in the mailroom (under the mailboxes.)



It's not too late to attend the Art From The Heart event this Saturday, February 14, with Sandy Roob. Join us in the Parlor at 9:30a for artful fun and fellowship! We welcome your inspirational leanings no matter your artistic background—if you can hold a brush, dip it in paint, handle scissors and apply glue, you have all the essential skills to unleash your inner artist. See you there." We will provide snacks and a beverage!



Ash Wednesday, February 18, marks the beginning of Lent. As we journey through this special time of penitence and preparation for the celebration of Easter, join us for a service commemorating this season of reflection. Join us for a simple meal (sponsored by the Spiritual Growth Team) prior to the service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 22 | 9:00 AM
Sanctuary

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 have not see 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 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 |

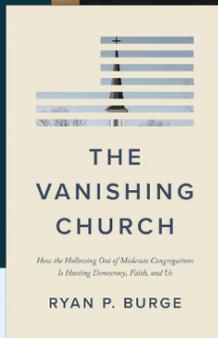
COMING TO TAB!



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 8 – 14, 2026

Sunday, February 8

- 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*
- 11:30a New Member's Class *Dining Rm & McWhirter Center Library*

Monday, February 9

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Facilities Committee Meeting *Session Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 7p Cub Scout Pack Meeting *Dining Room*

Tuesday, February 10

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Meeting *Session Room*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship *Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McWhirter Center Library*
- 7p Children's Committee Meeting *Lower Level B*
- 7:15p Worship Committee Meeting *Session Room*

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

- 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, February 13

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

Saturday, February 14

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Art from the Heart *Dining Room*