



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

February 15, 2026 | Transfiguration of the Lord

8 o'clock Worship

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is so much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us in all places and all times, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where there is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey you have set before us. Help us to listen to you and heed your call. Forgive us when we willfully shut our hearts to you. Forgive us for not listening, for not following your call to love one another, but most importantly for not loving you with all of our heart, mind and soul. Mold us into the followers that you would have us be. In Jesus' name we pray.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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:
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He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
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Proclaiming God's Word

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

Love Your Friends, Punish Your Enemies

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27–36 | Pew Bible Page 838

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

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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; Let us drink wine together on our knees.

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

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

OFFERTORY | "Ain'-a That Good News!" *William L. Dawson* | Sanctuary Choir

*I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl'; goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
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† **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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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



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. Just bring an open heart ready to listen and grow. Come ready to flourish!

From Wilderness to Glory: Lent & Easter for Everyone
A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL by N.T. WRIGHT

Sunday in the Library
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 9 am

Join us as N. T. Wright helps us walk the story, from ashes to alleluia, as we think, pray, and reflect through the stories of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Please purchase the devotional (available at Amazon.com) before the first class.

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

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 15 – February 21, 2026



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.

MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY UPDATE

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Poland, where we'll learn how to speak several words and phrases in Polish, learn about Marie Curie and identify various bones in x-rays, learn about Nicolas Copernicus and re-enact the planets revolving around the sun, time native Polish composer Frederic Chopin's "Minute Waltz" to see if it's really only a minute long, play a traditional game called Cymbergaj at the Table Game center, make (and eat) a Polish treat, Strawberry Soup, at the International Challenge, learn how to do Wycinanka Ludowa (paper cuts) and how to make salt paintings at the craft tables, play traditional Polish games Obracska and Jak Sie Masz in the Gym, search for the Peacocks found all over Warsaw during the treasure hunt, and taste Polish Pierogi, Polska Kielbasa, and a poppy seed roll at the Food Center. Fun fact about Poland: The Wieliczka Salt Mine, one of the largest and oldest salt mines in the world, features an entire Christian chapel, including chandeliers, carved entirely from salt. Bonus fun fact: In Polish restaurants, it is common to eat pizza with ketchup drizzled on top.

PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCH AND A MOVIE

All Tab elementary students are invited to participate in our annual "lunch and a movie" get-together at Tab on President's Day (February 16). We'll meet at noon in Lower Level B to have lunch, and then we'll play some games and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!) until 2:15p.

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.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 22 | 9:00 AM
Sanctuary

In accordance with the bylaws, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the Annual Report; electing five at-large members of the 2026 church nominating committee; hearing a financial report and receiving the approved Operating Budget for 2026; receiving a report from the Endowment Fund; hearing a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee; and any other business that may be properly discussed. The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary, and all members are encouraged to attend.

*Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, Moderator
Bruce McDonald, Clerk of Session*

Copies of the Annual Report will be available online, printed copies available upon request.



Spice up your winter at Tab's annual chili cook-off, hosted by the Deacons! Join us on Sunday, February 22, in the Dining Room at 11:15a. Enter your best chili recipe to wow everyone's taste buds! Sign up to enter your chili on Realm. 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!

COMING TO TAB! ✝

Calendar

Week of February 15 – 21, 2026

Sunday, February 15

- 8a Communion Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation *McKee Hallway*
- 9a Special Session Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 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*

Monday, February 16

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 12p President's Day Lunch & Movie *Lower Level B*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Patrol Leader Mtg *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, February 17

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 4:30p Endowment Fund Board Meeting *Parlor*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship *Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McWhirter Center Library*
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, February 18

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6p Simple Dinners Lenten Meal *Dining Room*
- 7p Ash Wednesday Service *McKee Chapel*

Thursday, February 19

- 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*

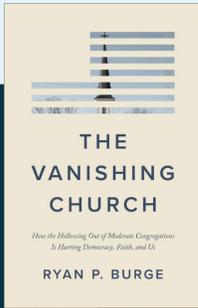
Friday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 21

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Fresh Stop *Dining Room*
- 10a PraiseStage Board Meeting

MARCH 1, 2026



RYAN BURGE
Author & Professor

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SERMON SERIES: LEARNING FROM THE MASTER

REV. DR. CLARK COWDEN

In this new sermon series, we are 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 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 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



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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.