



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 1, 2026 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

8 o'clock Worship

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Deliver me, Jesus.

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From the desire of being honored,

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Cover Art:

A Seat At the Table

by Emma Creasey

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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.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1–14 | Pew Bible Page 849

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

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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 & Bernice Corley

"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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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Jacquie Green

OFFERTORY | "Wondrous Love" *Eric Nelson* | Sanctuary Choir

† 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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Welcome to Tab!

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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

The book *Teach Us to Pray* will guide the latest study. If you've had any exposure to Christianity, you are probably familiar with "The Lord's Prayer." Perhaps you can recite it verbatim. We will rediscover the Lord's prayer not as ritualistic dogma or a magical mantra but a deeply conversational, one-on-one appointment with our Father.



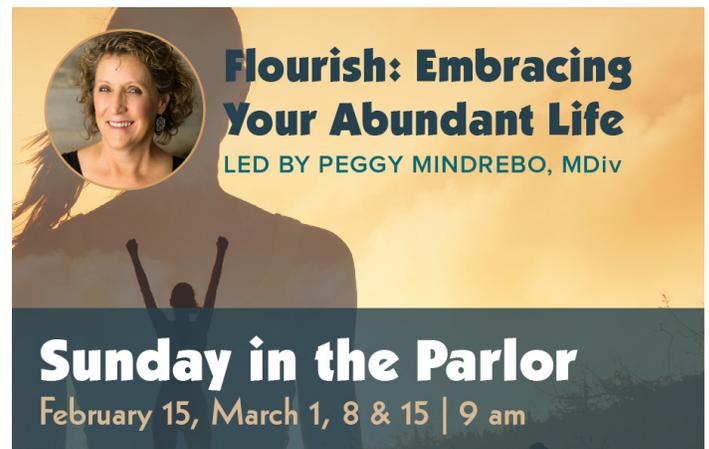
WEDNESDAY | 9:30a | Parlor

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.

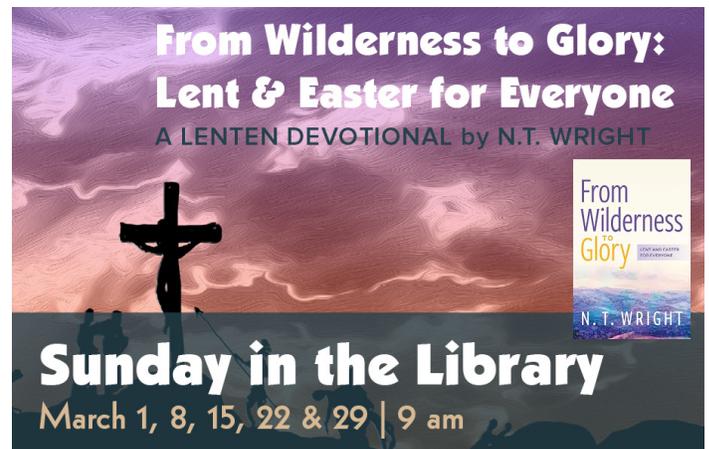


SATURDAY | 8a | Parlor

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!



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!



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.

Announcements

Week of March 1 – March 7, 2026

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With heartfelt sympathy we announce the passing of Julie Simmons' father, James Richard Knose, on February 19. A private family service is being planned. Notes and condolences may be sent to Julie at: 8003 Teal Way, Indianapolis 46256.

MISSIONS UNIT UPDATE

Due to the Tab Snow Day on January 25, Tab Children will embark on the previously planned trip to Tanzania. This will complete this year's Children's Ministries Missions Unit of adventure and travel until next year!

TAB RECREATION BINGO, TUESDAY 3/3, at 10:30a

Join us for FREE Bingo! Our second round of fun, laughs, and community. Whether you came the first time or missed it, this is a great chance to connect with others at Tab—bring a friend, bring the family, and come ready to play.

BLESSINGS TABLE

Spring is coming and so is the rain! Donate new or gently used umbrellas or lightweight ponchos to the Open Door's Blessing Table. We'll help keep our neighbors healthier and dry with these items. You can leave your donations in the bin in the mailroom (under the mailboxes).

A MESSAGE OF PRAYER FROM THE PNC

We thank you Father for the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you lavish on us in the sight of all. (Psalm 31: 19) Mostly, we thank you for your indescribable gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 9:15) We pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened to know the hope to which Christ has called us and His incomparably great power for us who believe. "That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And, God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." Ephesians 1:18–23

Message us: The PNC email is tabpnc2026@gmail.com

YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST

Celebrate Easter morning with your Tab family over a light continental breakfast, served from 8:45-10a in the Dining Room. Connect in fellowship as we rejoice in the resurrection! All donations will support the Youth Ministry's summer mission trip. No reservations needed—come and go as you're able. We look forward to seeing you there!



JOIN US TODAY FOR RYAN BURGE AT TAB!

Ryan Burge will be here at 4p TODAY speaking about, "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.

Later, on Monday, March 9, from 7:30–8:30pm, Bart Ost will host a one-hour "Pop-Up" Zoom conversation. This informal online gathering will provide space to reflect on Burge's insights, share questions and observations, and consider what these trends in American religion might mean for Tab. To join the conversation, please email Bart.Ost@tabpres.org, and he will send you the Zoom link.

WOMEN OF TAB: BAGELS & BRAINSTORMING!

Join us for an informal morning of conversation, connection, and creativity as we gather to share ideas for the future of women's ministry at Tab. Saturday, March 7, 10:30am – Noon in the Parlor. We want your input and ideas! Please come prepared to share your thoughts on questions such as:

- How can we improve the types of events we offer? (Tea gatherings, plant exchange, Bible studies, & more)
- What new ideas do you have that support our church's mission of: Greater Faith • Deeper Relationships • Stronger Community?

Enjoy bagels, fellowship, and meaningful conversation as we dream together about what's next.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY

One of the best strategies for finding good candidates for our permanent pastor is networking. A well known source for this within the PCUSA is The Fellowship Community (TFC).

The Fellowship Community is a group of like-minded PCUSA Churches rooted in the historic beliefs and practices of the Presbyterian Church. They provide networking and resources to each other and the denomination as a whole. It was at a TFC annual gathering two years ago in Nashville that members from Tab met Dr. Clark Cowden who remained a friend of Tab until our need met his availability. Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) voted unanimously recently to recommend that Tab join this group. Several Tab members and PNC folks are already planning to attend the next TFC annual gathering at Zionsville Presbyterian Church this April 28-30th. Pastor Clark provided TFC information in his congregational email February 2nd of this year. Session encourages your revisiting that email and/or checking out the TFC website: <https://www.fellowship.community> for more details.

We hope you'll review and visit with any of the Pastors, Elders or members of the PNC over the next couple of weeks about any thoughts regarding this affiliation. Pastor Cowden and several Session members will be available for a Q&A discussion on March 8th in McKee Chapel at 11:15 a.m. should there be any questions. Tab's Session will vote on a pending motion to join TFC at our next meeting.

SERMON SERIES: LEARNING FROM THE MASTER

REV. DR. CLARK COWDEN

In this 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:

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| 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 |

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Calendar

Week of March 1 – 7, 2026

Sunday, March 1

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Classes *Parlor & McWhirter Center Library*
- 9a Youth Sunday School Class
Youth Room
- 9a Children's Missions Unit
Lower Level A & B
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Room*
- 4p Ryan Burge Speaks at Tab
Sanctuary

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 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 Team Meeting
McWhirter Center Library
- 6:30p Media Ministry Meeting
Parlor

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

- 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, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a Fresh Stop *Dining Room*
- 10:30a Women's Ministries Bagels & Brainstorming *Parlor*