



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 15, 2026 | 4th Sunday in Lent

8 o'clock Worship

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | **Rev. Dr. Steven Smith**

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Gathering In God's Name

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When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need: Forgive us, merciful God.

When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love: Forgive us, merciful God.

We are your people, and you have given us more than we deserve. Help us to see beyond what we think fulfills our lives to the things that are truly fulfilling for eternity.

All of this we pray in the name of the one who calls us to follow him, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | **Keva Rop**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | *The Apostles' Creed* | **Keva Rop**

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And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
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He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead;

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Cover Art:

For Such Is The Kingdom of God

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Responding to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith & Keva Rop

"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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| "Fantasy #4" *Michael Helman* | **Tabernacle Handbell Choir**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON | Mike O'Banyel

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Caitlin Teague

OFFERTORY | "They Led My Lord Away" *arr. Brandon Waddles* | Sanctuary Choir

*They led my Lord away,
Away, away.
Please tell me where to find him.
The Roman soldiers in one band,
Tell me where to find him.
They crucified the Son of Man,
Tell me where to find Him.
They led my Lord away,
Away, away.
They led my Lord away,
Please tell me where to find him.
When Mary came at break of day,
Tell me where to find him.
She found the stone was rolled away,
Tell me where to find him.
They led my Lord away,
Away, away.
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Please tell me where to find him.*

† **HYMN #606 | "Doxology"**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
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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



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

Today is the Last Day!

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

Tab's Global Ministries
ACROSS THE WORLD: TAB'S PARTNERS

Sunday in the Corner Forum
March 22 | 9 am

The Missions Committee will tell us about the ministries of the Wittigs in Colombia, the Parlatos in Thailand, Umoja in Kenya, several ministries in Romania, the Kellers, and Justice Venture International in India, Nepal, and now in Kenya. Find out more about the ministries, the people they serve, the focus of their work, their history with Tab, prayers and vision for the future, and how you can be involved.

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

"Philemon" A Journey of Forgiveness & Unity
A VIDEO STUDY FEATURING DR. DAVID E. GARLAND

Sunday in the Library
March 22, 29, April 12 & 19 | 11:15 am

Discover the radical message of forgiveness, reconciliation, and equality in Paul's shortest letter, Philemon. Led by the insights of renowned New Testament scholar Dr. David E. Garland, this video study brings the dynamic truth of this ancient text into our modern world. **A simple lunch will be provided.**

Don't Miss Our Last Simple Dinner & Fellowship on March 25!

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 March 15 – March 21, 2026

USHERS NEEDED

Tab is looking for additional ushers for the 10a Worship Service. Please consider welcoming church goers by handing out bulletins, taking attendance and ushering during the collection. No previous experience needed, just a friendly smile! Ushers arrive at Tab fifteen minutes before the service. This is a wonderful way to meet new people. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jean Hursh at: jfhursh@comcast.net or 317-431-9354.



Help us decorate our Sanctuary for Easter by donating a potted flower or fern "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one. Please fill out the form available at the Front Desk or scan the QR Code the pay online. Cost of each fern/flower is \$30 and checks may be made payable to "Tabernacle Presbyterian Church" with Easter flowers on the memo line. Thanks so much for making our Sanctuary extra special for our Easter Celebration!



The Children's Palm Processional at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is a cherished part of the congregation's celebration of Palm Sunday. On Sunday, March 29 at the 10 a.m. Worship Service, children will once again take part in this precious tradition, joyfully processing into the sanctuary with palm branches. This annual tradition at Tab has been treasured for generations, symbolizing the welcoming of Christ into Jerusalem and bringing together worshippers in a beautiful expression of faith, memory, and shared worship.

Children participating should meet in Lower Level B prior to 9:45a to receive their palms. Later arrivals can meet us in the back of the Sanctuary to join the celebration!



Join the community for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Children's Ministries and Tabernacle Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 10 a.m. in Tab Park! Families and children are invited to gather for a fun morning celebrating Easter with an exciting egg hunt, the sharing of the Easter story, and festive goodie bags for the kids. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season together with laughter, treats, and a meaningful reminder of the hope of Easter. In case of rain, the event will move indoors to Lower Level B at the church. Invite your friends and neighbors—this special event is for the whole community, and everyone is welcome!



Mark your calendars for the 2026 Amazing Lunch supporting the Umoja Partnership food security program. Enjoy a new menu of soup and bread. Come and hear the latest updates about this program and see how your donations are helping us change communities one child at a time.

Calendar

Week of March 15 – 21, 2026

Sunday, March 15

- 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 Education
Lower Level B
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Room*

Monday, March 16

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, March 17

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room & Gallery
- 6:30p Boy Scout Patrol Leaders Meeting
Youth Room
- 6:30p Prayer Team Meeting
McWhirter Center Library
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 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, March 20

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

Saturday, March 21

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

**SAVE
THE
DATES!**

This is the 10th anniversary of our free summer concert series, Tab Jams! The events will take place: June 14, July 12, and August 9. Save-the-dates on your calendar as part of Tab's mission of "building stronger community" through music. Bring family and friends to gather with our Tab neighbors for some enjoyable evenings of listening to talented musical artists. To volunteer contact: Eric Guion at: thistle3378@gmail.com.

**TAB
JAMS**

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:

- 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



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