

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 22, 2026 | 5th Sunday in Lent

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 | Joshua Ridenour, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Pastor Nominating Committee

A WORD FROM SESSION | Bruce McDonald

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER** | "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *Rathbun*

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

Gathering In God's Name

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

Leader: Let us worship God,

People: Who has done great things.

Leader: Let us rejoice in our God,

People: Who has made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God,

People: Who has caused streams of mercy to flow in wasteland places.

Leader: For we are the people God has formed through Christ;

People: We can choose this day to worship him and to rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship in spirit and in truth - with all our heart, mind, body and soul.

People: Let us praise God for the grace that continues to save us.

All: Let us worship, rejoice and be glad!

† **HYMN #2** | "Come, Thou Almighty King" *Italian Hymn*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are good and upright, and you instruct sinners in your ways.
Show us how to break down the barriers separating us from each other.
Forgive us for the times we have abandoned the poor, the disabled, and the homeless.
Teach us to live by the law of love in unity, peace, and harmony.
Forgive us for the ways we exclude people of different race, culture, or gender.
Guide us that we may come to mutual understanding and care.
Draw us into your community to embrace those with whom we need to be reconciled,
And grant that all who seek to heal divisions between peoples may have hope.
Show us your ways, O Lord.
Teach us your paths and guide us towards your truth.
Lead us through the wilderness that sin has created to find new life.
These and all things we pray in the name of the one who gives hope and life.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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

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" *Greatorex*

*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

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

"Jesus and the Cost to Save the Lost"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1–10 | Pew Bible Page 854

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.

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 #726** | "Will You Come and Follow Me" *Kelvingrove*

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

† **POSTLUDE**

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

10 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE | "Goodness of God"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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† **OPENING SONGS | "Blessed Be Your Name" & "10,000 Reasons"**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON | Angi Parks

A WORD FROM SESSION | Bruce McDonald

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

OFFERTORY | "Pie Jesu" (from "Requiem") Andrew Lloyd Webber

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Departing to Serve

- † CLOSING SONG | "The Blessing"
- † BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden
- † POSTLUDE

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Ivonne Blanco & Leah Crane; Vocals

Pavel Polanco-Safadit; Piano



EASTER *at Tab*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

SUNRISE SERVICE | 7:30 AM | MCKEE CHAPEL
EASTER SERVICE | 10 AM | SANCTUARY

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. - Luke 24:1

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 418 EAST 34TH STREET, INDIANAPOLIS

The poster features a central image of a black stone rolled away from a terracotta tomb, with a white dove flying above it. The background is a light green color with decorative elements like a fern leaf and a cross. There are also small circular icons in the corners.

Celebrate Easter morning with your Tab family over a light continental breakfast, served from 8:45-10a in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to 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!

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



**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



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.



**"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



**Serving the Needs of
Our Neighbors**
SEE TAB IN THE COMMUNITY

Sunday in the Corner Forum
March 29 | 9 am | Gym Room #5



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

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 22 – March 28, 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, at 10am 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.

**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 at 6pm in Tab Park. 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**

Calendar

Week of March 22 – 28, 2026

Sunday, March 22

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Classes *Parlor & McWhirter Center Library & Gym Corner Room*
- 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*
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class *McWhirter Center Library*

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 5p Congregational Life
Small Meeting Nook
- 6:30p Boy Scout Patrol Leaders Meeting
Youth Room
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room & Gallery
- 6:30p Prayer Team Meeting
McWhirter Center Library
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Circles *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas
Session Room

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 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