



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 29, 2026 | Palm/Passion Sunday

# 8 o'clock Worship

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community as you worship with us.

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**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

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

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## Gathering In God's Name

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Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

**People: We greet you.**

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

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Leader: With all who look to you, and with heart and voice, we shout:

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

† **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.

† **RESPONSE 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,  
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## Proclaiming God's Word

**MESSAGE** | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

"There Are Things That Are Not Caesar's"

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mark 8:8–11 | Pew Bible Page 819

Luke 19:41–44 | Pew Bible Page 854

## Responding to God's Word

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
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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.

**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.*

*Refrain*

## Departing to Serve

† **HYMN #197** | "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *Ellacombe*

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† **POSTLUDE**

Please join us in McKee Hallway immediately following worship for  
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# 10 o'clock Worship

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**CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL**

(Please remain seated for the singing of the hymn.)

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON | Mike O'Banyel**

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

**OFFERTORY | "Fanfare for Palm Sunday" *Randol Alan Bass* | Joshua Ridenour, Organist  
& Sanctuary Choir**

*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

† **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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† **POSTLUDE**

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Coffee & Conversation.

# 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

*Today is the  
Last Day!*

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

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

**Sunday in the Corner Forum**  
March 29 | 9 am | **MOVED TO THE PARLOR!**

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

*\*Class is canceled this week!  
Will resume April 12.*

Join several of our ministry leaders as they discuss the challenges of being poor in Indiana. We will discuss obstacles that our neighbors have related to food insecurity, transportation, healthcare, renting an apartment, and the benefits cliff. Learn about the ministries at Tab and through our partners to meet these challenges through programs like Circles and the Open Door Café. Come prepared with your questions and learn about ministry opportunities to serve those we are called to love and support.

**Heart Change Ministries**  
HEAR FROM FOUNDING LEADER ANN OST

**Sunday in the Parlor**  
April 12 | 9 am

stability, and faith. Many of these women have faced homelessness, trauma, and deep uncertainty—yet through God's grace and committed support, transformation is taking root.

Join us for a special class celebrating this milestone anniversary. You'll hear powerful stories of changed lives, learn more about the ministry's impact, and discover how Heart Change continues to nurture strong mothers, resilient families, and women growing in faith.

Ann Ost, one of the founding leaders, will guide our time together and share firsthand insight into the ministry's journey and vision.

Come be encouraged by what God has done—and is still doing—through Heart Change Ministries.

Heart Change Ministries has spent 20 years walking alongside women and their children as they break free from cycles of crisis and step into lives marked by hope,

# Announcements

Week of March 29 – April 4, 2026



## Easter Flowers

Pick-up an order form from the Front Office, or order here:



Today is the last day! 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 to 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!



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | 7 PM  
MCKEE CHAPEL



## Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 | SANCTUARY  
5 PM | CHORAL SERVICE & 7 PM | TENEBRAE SERVICE



TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 | 10 AM

IN TAB PARK  
OFF OF CENTRAL AVENUE  
418 EAST 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET, INDIANAPOLIS



# EASTER

at Tab

APRIL 5, 2026

SUNRISE CHAPEL SERVICE | 7:30 AM  
EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE | 10 AM

*On the first day of the week, early in the morning, the women had prepared spices to anoint the tomb. Sabbath!*

### YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST

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!



## AMAZING LUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 11A | TAB DINING ROOM



**UMOJA PARTNERSHIP**  
EDUCATION TRANSFORMS COMMUNITIES ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

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.

### WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We are deeply saddened to announce the peaceful passing of Mitch Roob's father, Ed Roob, on March 21 in Northbrook, Illinois. Please keep Mitch, Sandy, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

# 10 YEARS of TAB JAMS

## JUNE 14, JULY 12 & AUGUST 9!

Come hear about a decade of Tab Jams and what's in store for this summer's special concert series held on the second Sundays of June, July and August.

**Join us for the reveal party**, where we showcase the upcoming artists and plans for the summer events on Sunday, April 26, after the 10am service. Please come and enjoy cookies and refreshments in the gym in lieu of Coffee and Conversation that day.

To find out how you can become part of the fun contact Eric Guion at: [thistle3378@gmail.com](mailto:thistle3378@gmail.com)

**SAVE  
THE  
DATES!**

**WE ARE  
HIRING**

*Tab is filling  
2 Positions!*

We're Hiring! We are looking for a Director of Worship and Music. Interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to Mark John: [beaconmark@gmail.com](mailto:beaconmark@gmail.com). We are also looking for an Administrative Assistant/ Front Desk Support person. Interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to Randy Phillips at [randy.phillips@tabpres.org](mailto:randy.phillips@tabpres.org). Please help us spread the word, encourage people to apply, and pray that God would lead the right people to us.



### 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

March 29 – April 4, 2026

## Sunday, March 29

- 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 30

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

## Tuesday, March 31

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Team Meeting *McWhirter Center Library*

## Wednesday, April 1

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

## Thursday, April 2

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Circles *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting *Youth Room*
- 7p Maundy Thursday Service *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Parlor*

## Friday, April 3

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 3:30p Circle of Hope *Parlor*
- 5p Good Friday Choral Service *Sanctuary*
- 7p Good Friday Tenebrae Service *Sanctuary*

## Saturday, April 4

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Easter Egg Hunt *Tab Park*

