



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday

# 10 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 | "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Robert J. Powell**

**"Fanfare & Processional in D" Jeremy J. Bankson**

**"Christians, Rejoice!" Antonio Lottis | Sanctuary Choir**

*Christians, rejoice!  
Now sing your alleluias, O sing your alleluias.  
Jesus, the Savior, from death has arisen.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Over sin and death he is the victor.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

**TIME OF PREPARATION | "Fanfare Alleluia" David Gardner | Sanctuary Choir Ensemble**

Throughout the reflective season of Lent, the church refrains from using the word "Alleluia," as it exudes joy in celebration of the resurrection of Christ. This morning, we open our service in the quietness of "Alleluia" as we come with awe before an empty tomb. The intensity of our quiet "Alleluia" rises throughout as the church is reminded in joyous celebration that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

## Gathering In God's Name

**SCRIPTURE READING | Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session Emeritus**

John 20:1-18

† **CALL TO WORSHIP | Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session Emeritus**

**Leader:** On this glorious Easter Day, we have come to celebrate the greatness of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

**People:** On this great day, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

**Leader:** My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is Lord of all the earth, he is the King of creation.

**Leader:** On this most holy of days, the one whom men had thought to destroy

**People:** Has risen triumphant from the tomb!

**Leader:** My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus who once was dead has risen from the grave.

**Leader:** On this holy day, we celebrate our New Life in the risen Christ;

**People:** Through the death of Jesus, the weight of our sin has been lifted from us; through His glorious resurrection, we have become sons and daughters of God.

**Leader:** My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

**Leader:** He is risen!

**All:** He is risen, indeed!

† **HYMN OF CELEBRATION | "Easter Introit" John Ferguson**

Sanctuary Choir only

*Listen.*

*The one who bore God's heart,*

*The one who spoke God's peace,*

*The one in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord!*

*Death was no prison for him.*

*Jesus is raised and among us.*

*All that you see and hear comes from the one who was freed.*

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*The Garden Tomb*  
by  
Igor Piddubnyi

Listen.

Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Alleluia!

Please join the Sanctuary Choir in the singing of our Hymn of Celebration

**"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!**  
**All creation, join to say: Alleluia!**  
**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**  
**Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**  
**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**  
**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**  
**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!**  
**Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**  
**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**  
**Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!**  
**Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!**  
**Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**  
**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!**  
**Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!**  
**Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!**  
**Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

† **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.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON | Dr. Daniel Rexroth**

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

**OFFERTORY | "Now Is the Hour of Darkness Past" *Daniel Pinkham* | Sanctuary Choir**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Now is the hour of darkness past;*

*Christ hath assumed his reigning pow'r.*

*Behold the great accuser cast down from the skies,*

*To rise no more!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*'Twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb,*

*Thine armies trod the tempter down;*

*'Twas by thy word and pow'rful name*

*They gained the battle and renown.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Rejoice, ye heav'ns! Let ev'ry star*

*Shine with new glories round the sky!*

*Saints, while ye sing the heav'nly war,*

*Raise your Redeemer's name on high!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

† **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*

† **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** | “**Thine Is the Glory**” *arr. Hal Hopson*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won!  
Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!  
(Musical Interlude)  
No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

## Proclaiming God's Word

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

“Two Boats”

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:1–12 | Pew Bible Page 860

## 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.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,  
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

“**Ave Verum**” *W. A. Mozart* | Sanctuary Choir

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine  
Cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
From whose pierced side water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!

“**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**” *arr. James Biery*

“**Come Down, O Love Divine**” *Mark Sedio*

## Departing to Serve

† **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** | “**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**” *arr. James Biery*

During the singing of this final hymn those who would like to join the Sanctuary Choir in the singing of the “Hallelujah” chorus are invited to proceed to the Chancel Choir Loft following the staircase beyond the front Sanctuary door on the left hand side.

*I know that my Redeemer lives; what joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.  
He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.*

*He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.  
He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

† **CHORAL BENEDICTION "Hallelujah" (from "Messiah")** *G. F. Handel*

*Hallelujah!*

*For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

*The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.*

*And he shall reign forever and ever!*

*King of kings and Lord of lords,*

*And he shall reign forever and ever, hallelujah!*

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

† **POSTLUDE** | **"Toccata" (from Symphony #5)** *Charles Marie Widor*

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

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

### **Minister of Music/Organist**

**Matthew Kauffman**

### **Brass**

**Zach Calhoon & Connor Tipton – Trumpets**

**Ben Knoernschild & Taylor Torres – Trombone**

### **Handbells**

**Betsy Brunette, Holly Gamage, Sally John & Adam Packer**

# 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



### "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

### Heart Change Ministries

HEAR FROM FOUNDING LEADER ANN OST

#### Sunday in the Parlor

April 12 | 9 am

Join us for a special class celebrating the 20-year milestone anniversary of Heart Change. 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.

### Indiana's Family & Social Services Administration

A CONVERSATION WITH MITCH ROOB

#### Sunday in the Corner Forum

April 19 | 9 am | Gym Room #5

Join us to learn more about Indiana's federal/state partnerships to address hunger, medical needs, and mental health addictions. Over one-third of Hoosiers are benefited through these programs. Join this informative meeting with Secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration—Mitch Roob. Mitch, a Tab member, has been in this role since January under current Governor Braun but also served in this capacity under Governor Daniels. Mitch will give valuable information for understanding the services that our neighbors utilize and the social services benefits cliff that create barriers on the way to self-sufficiency.

### Art & Faith: The Great Outdoors Tab Adventures at 100 Acres

April 25 | 9 am | Newfields

# Announcements

Week of April 5 – April 11, 2026

## NO CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TODAY

There's no Education Hour at 9am today for any age; instead, we invite you to support Tab's Youth by attending the Easter Breakfast, which is a fundraiser for their mission trip to Neighborhood Ministries in Arizona this summer. We'll have childcare available for the 10am Worship Service beginning at 9:45 for our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Elementary students are invited to attend the worship service with their parents.

## FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We have been busy working through our promotional plans at the Fellowship conference as well as onboarding our recruitment partner. As always we ask for your prayer as we shared together in our prayer guide. Please email us at [tabpnc2026@gmail.com](mailto:tabpnc2026@gmail.com) for a copy or send us any feedback you may have. Thank you all for your support as things really start to accelerate!

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the passing of Thomas Wirt's mother, Barbara Wirt, this past Sunday, March 29. Barbara was 87 and a lifelong resident of South Bend, Indiana. Please keep Thomas, Jennifer and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

## TAB REC BINGO THIS TUESDAY 4/7, at 10am

Join us for FREE Bingo! This monthly event is full of fun, laughs, and community. Whether you come for the first time or haven't missed it, this is a great chance to connect with others at Tab— bring a friend, bring the family, and come ready to play.

## SERMON SERIES: THE SPIRIT IS ON THE MOVE

The Book of Acts describes for us how the Holy Spirit is on the move. The book begins with Jesus' ascension back to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. We see people going places they have never gone before. We see old traditions being discarded. We see new ways of thinking emerging. We see old barriers being broken down and people coming together in new ways. We see the birth of a new community called the Church and a new way of life taking root. We see the gospel spreading all over the Greco-Roman world. The Holy Spirit is still on the move today and He cannot be stopped. Please join us from April – July for this series as we consider what happened 2000 years ago and what that means for our lives today.

Upcoming Sermons:

April 12: Acts 1:1–11 – The Ensuing Easter Experience

April 19: Acts 1:12–26 – What Do We Do Now?



**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.

## TAB ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

Join us for a guided tour of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church on May 3, from 11:15am to 12:30pm and discover its breathtaking Gothic architecture—soaring vaulted ceilings, pointed arches, and intricate stonework and woodwork that inspire awe. Marvel at the amazing stained-glass windows, which flood the Sanctuary with color and depict stories from the church's history and faith. This tour will be led by our own church historian and Music Minister, Matt Kauffman. Matt has spent his years learning details of our beautiful church and will share the church's heritage and history during some of this tour.



**NEW MEMBERS**  
CLASS  
MAY 17 | 11:15A

Would you like to learn more about what Tab is all about? Would you like to learn more about what we believe, what we do, and why do it? Are you interested in possibly becoming a member? If so, we invite you to come to our New Members Class on Sunday, May 17th. We will meet from 11:15 am – 1:30 pm. A light lunch will be provided. We will share about our history, our mission, our vision, our theology, our ministries, and how you can get involved. You will have a chance to ask any question that's on your mind and there is no obligation to join. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Clark at [clark.cowden@tabpres.org](mailto:clark.cowden@tabpres.org). We hope to see you there!



**Save the Date**

TAB'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 20, 2026  
5-8 p.m.

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 will 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!**

# Calendar

April 5 – April 11, 2026

## Sunday, April 5

- 7:30a Easter Sunrise Service *McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Youth Continental Breakfast *Dining Room*
- 10a Easter Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*

## Monday, April 6

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

## Tuesday, April 7

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 10a Tab Rec BINGO *Gym*
- 5:30p Spiritual Growth Meeting *Session Room*
- 6:30p Prayer Team Meeting *McWhirter Center Library*
- 6:30p Media Ministry Meeting *Parlor*

## Wednesday, April 8

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

## Thursday, April 9

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Circles *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*

## Friday, April 10

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

## Saturday, April 11

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

## Coming to Tab KAREN SWALLOW PRIOR

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 | 7-8:30p

Karen Swallow Prior, Ph. D., is a reader, writer, speaker and professor. She is the 2025-26 Karlson Scholar at Bethel Seminary and her latest book is *You Have a Calling: Finding Your Vocation in the True, Good, and Beautiful*. Don't miss this great opportunity!



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