



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 12, 2026 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

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. Clark Cowden

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER** | "The Day of Resurrection" *Lancashire*

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

Gathering In God's Name

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

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Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: **Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death and brings eternal life to us.

People: **Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.**

All: *Thanks be to God for his resurrection power! Amen.*

† **HYMN #234** | "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" *St. Kevin*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us because, like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe; forgive us that are so easily downcast and given to despair; forgive us that, although we claim to live by the resurrection faith, we so often forget that death is not the end.

Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | *The Apostles' Creed* | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

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.*

Cover Art:
*Christ's Ascension
into Heaven to sit
on the right hand of
His Father*

by
Dirk Walker

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1–11 | Pew Bible Page 884

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

“The Ensuing Easter Experience”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

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.

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.

Refrain

Departing to Serve

† HYMN #246 | “Christ Is Alive!” *Truro*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

† POSTLUDE

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

10 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE | “Blessed Assurance”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER | “How Great is Our God”**

*How great is our God, sing with me how great is our God;
And all will see how great, how great, is our God.*

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† **OPENING SONGS | “You Are My King (Amazing Love)” & “Trust in God”**

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Bruce McDonald

CHILDREN'S SERMON | Jennifer Wirt, Director of Children's Ministries

CAN I GET A WITNESS? | Andrew and Denise Larson

CALL FOR THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

OFFERTORY | “Never Lost” CeCe Winans

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- † **CLOSING SONG** | "This Is Amazing Grace" *Phil Wickham*
- † **BENEDICTION** | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith
- † **POSTLUDE**

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Leah Crane & Staci McCrackin, Vocals

Rob Dixon, Saxophone

Steve Dokken, Bass

Carrington Clinton, Percussion

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano



AMAIZING LUNCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 11A | TAB DINING ROOM

UNOJA
PARTNERSHIP
EDUCATION TRANSFORMS
COMMUNITIES ONE CHILD
AT A TIME.

Today is the 2026 Amazing Lunch supporting the Umoja Partnership food security program. Join us at 11 am in the Dining Room following worship. Enjoy a new menu of soup and bread. We are now serving lunch to 5453 students daily through your generosity. This year we had 57 students qualify for direct admission into college, our highest number yet. Come and hear the latest updates about this program and see how your donation are helping us change communities one child at a time.



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

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.

Meet Reggie Martin, Executive Director of Tab's Rec Ministry

HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING & HOW YOU CAN JOIN!

Sunday in the Parlor

April 26 | 9 am

Art & Faith: The Great Outdoors

Tab Adventures at 100 Acres

April 25 | 9 am | Newfields

Announcements

Week of April 12 – April 18, 2026

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the passing of Teresa Lubbers' mother, Evelyn Smith, this past Easter Sunday, April 5. Evelyn's life was marked by unwavering faith and deep love for her family, especially her husband Richard Smith who died in 2014. Please keep Teresa, Mark and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

NEW DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC SEARCH

After a careful planning phase we've established a vision for our search for our new Director of Worship and Music. We've gotten all the internal approvals necessary, formed a search/hiring committee and have been advertising for the position since mid-March. We already have some impressive candidates, but we intend to conduct due diligence for meaningful interviews and auditions. Please pray for God's guidance on the committee and for the person God has for Tab in this important place in our church, our lives and our hearts. If you have questions, comments or candidates you may speak to any committee member, including Betsy Brunette, Leah Crane, Clark Cowden, David Perry and Mark John, the chairperson. Also please feel free to email such comments, ideas and suggestions to Mark John at BeaconMark@gmail.com.

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.



Save the Date

TAB'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20 and our all-church celebration of Tab's 175th anniversary. We will gather at the Northside Events & Social Club at 5pm for dinner. We hope everyone can join in the excitement and celebration. Tab's compiled history book will be available, as well as Sacred Light: The Windows & Architecture of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, a new coffee table book.



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 11:15am–1:30pm. 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. We hope to see you there!



Get ready for an action-packed adventure at KidsGames Vacation Bible School! Each day is filled with high-energy games, friendly competitions, and awesome activities that help kids grow in confidence while learning important lessons about faith, friendship, and perseverance. Come make new friends, stay active, and discover how faith and fun go hand in hand—don't miss out on the ultimate summer experience! Sign Up Today by visiting tabpres.org/kids-games.



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.

Sermon Series: The Spirit is on the Move

REV. DR. CLARK COWDEN

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. Just as the world changed on Easter when Christ was resurrected, the world changed again when the Holy Spirit came in pervasive way. 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 breaking 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. We see people being healed and demons being driven out. The Holy Spirit is still on the move today and He cannot be stopped. He is changing individuals, communities, and cultures. And we are invited to join in the work of the Spirit in our neighborhoods and places where we live, work, and play. What does that mean? What does that look like? Please join us for this series as we consider what happened 2000 years ago and what that means for our lives today.

Upcoming Messages:

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

April 26 | Acts 2:1–13 The Turning Point (Pentecost)

May 3 | Acts 2:14–41 The Dawn of a New Day

May 10 | Acts 2:42–47 The Vital Signs of the Church

Calendar

Week of April 12 – April 18, 2026

Sunday, April 12

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class *Parlor*
- 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
- 11:15a Amazing Lunch
Dining Room

Monday, April 13

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Facilities Committee
Session Room
- 6:30p Boy Scout Patrol Leaders Council
Youth Room
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 72
Dining Room & Gallery
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, April 14

- 8a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Gym*
- 10a Women Alive Study *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Committee
Session Room
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room & Gallery
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting
McWhirter Center Library
- 7p Children's Committee
Lower Level B
- 7:15p Worship Committee
Session Room

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

- 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, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*



Coming to Tab
**KAREN
SWALLOW
PRIOR**
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 | 7-8:30p

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

