



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 26, 2026 | 4th 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** | "Prelude and Fugue in g minor" *Dietrich Buxtehude* **Matt Kauffman, Organist**

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

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER** | "Christ Is Alive!" *Truro*

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

## Gathering In God's Name

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

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: May we feel God breathing through our worship.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

† **HYMN #280** | "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" *Ebenezer*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | **Rev. Dr. Steven Smith**

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift. We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Yet, so often we put conditions on our love - and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence.

By desiring instant results to most things in our lives, we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient. We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others because we run out of time to be kind to people other than ourselves.

Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love so that we may truly care for one another. Create in us a clean heart, refreshing and renewing us with the Holy Spirit so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ.

**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

"The Turning Point"

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1–13 | Pew Bible Page 885

**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.

## 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 #744** | "Arise, Your Light Is Come" *Festal Song*

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

† **POSTLUDE** | "Toccata" *Johann Pachelbel*

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

# 10 o'clock Worship

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**PRELUDE | “Another Reason”**

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

† **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 | “Believe It” & “You Know My Name”**

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith**

**MINISTRY UPDATE | Reggie Martin, Director of Tab Recreation**

**CALL FOR THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith**

**OFFERTORY | “The Goodness of God”**

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- † **CLOSING SONG** | “The Blessing”
- † **BENEDICTION** | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden
- † **POSTLUDE** | “Oh, When the Saints Go Marchin’ In”

Please join us in the Gym immediately following worship for  
The TabJams Reveal Party!.

### Today's Worship Leaders

Ivonne Blanco, Leah Crane, vocalists

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, piano

Eric Guion, bass

Matt Gall, percussion

# 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



**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

The Core ministry goal of Tab Rec is Empowering Youth Through Faith and Sports. Tab believes in the power of sports to not only shape athletes but to strengthen hearts and souls. Our Christ-centered program focuses on building meaningful relationships with youth through the exciting and challenging world of sports.

Come hear how Reggie is building on our great tradition at Tab Rec and his vision for the future and our participation in that ministry!

## Have you heard the new Spiritual Growth catalog is coming?

### CHECK IT OUT!

The Spiritual Growth Team welcomes the Summer, with Adventurous Classes, Events, Fellowship & Service Opportunities, as titled in its newly issued Summer Catalog. The Summer catalog offers a rich variety of opportunities, including Summer Book Studies, challenging classes, and fun adventures in the community.

This is an exciting Summer in our shared pursuit of spiritual growth, as we deepen our faith while also appreciating each other. The new catalog will be available in the Front Office area and on our website at [tabpres.org/adults](http://tabpres.org/adults).

**There is something for everyone this Summer. It is good to be in fellowship and learning at Tab!**

The cover of the 2026 Summer Catalog features a green background with various flowers and two bees. At the top is the Spiritual Growth at Tab logo. The main text reads "Together is Better in the Summer!" in large, bold letters. Below that, it says "Good Conversations, Fun Activities & New Things to Learn". At the bottom, it states "2026 SUMMER CATALOG May - August" and "TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH".

Spiritual Growth at Tab

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May - August

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Announcements

Week of April 26 – May 2, 2026

## A TOUR OF TAB

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.

Do you know how many stained glass windows grace Tab's walls? Sacred Light: The Windows & Architecture of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church will give you the exact number and beautiful images taken by Mark John and Steve Hoffer. This coffee table book will feature the windows, shields, tiles and much more of our beloved building meant for worshipping our Savior. Christ's life and ministry is depicted throughout the windows in the sanctuary and McKee Chapel.

# 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 11:15am–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](mailto:clark.cowden@tabpres.org). We hope to see you there!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Tab member Mitch Roob presented in the Adult Sunday School last week about Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration from his perspective as Secretary of this agency which serves substantial numbers of needy Hoosiers. The agency holds a quarterly financial meeting at the Statehouse with reports from various Divisions and updates from Mitch. The entire public is invited to the Statehouse or to watch by livestream. Information on the next meeting which will be April 28, 2026 is found here: <https://www.in.gov/fssa/Quarterly-Financial-Reporting/>

# 10 YEARS OF TAB JAMS

# REVEAL PARTY TODAY!

Get excited to learn more about the history of our free summer concert series TODAY in the Gym after the 10am service. Find out how you can join the fun as a spectator or volunteer.

Musical artists will be revealed today! The party is in lieu of Coffee and Conversation in the Parlor. The concerts help Tab, "build stronger community," through music. To volunteer contact: Eric Guion at: [thistle3378@gmail.com](mailto:thistle3378@gmail.com).



## 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!

## 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 ways. 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:

- May 3 | Acts 2:14–41 The Dawn of a New Day
- May 10 | Acts 2:42–47 The Vital Signs of the Church
- May 17 | Acts 4 God is Shaking Things Up
- May 24 | Acts 8:26–38 The Surprising Leading of the Spirit (Phillip)
- May 31 | Acts 9:1–19 The Call to Conversion (Paul)

### WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With deepest sympathy, we announce the passing of Randy Phillips' mother, JoAnn Phillips, Friday, April 17. JoAnn was a vibrant, loving woman.

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Sandy Roob's mother, Beverly Matthys. Beverly was age 87 and passed peacefully in her sleep last Saturday morning.

With deepest sympathy, we announce the peaceful passing of Joyce Graves, mother of Leslie Willsey, last Thursday, April 16. She was 90 years old –and every one of those years was lived with grace, laughter, faith, a feisty spirit, and an open heart.

Please keep each of these Tab families in your thoughts and prayers.

### 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

Week of April 26 – May 2, 2026

## Sunday, April 26

- 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 IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Room*
- 11:15a TabJams Reveal Party  
*Gym*

## Monday, April 27

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

## Tuesday, April 28

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

## Wednesday, April 29

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

## Thursday, April 30

- 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, May 1

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

## Saturday, May 2

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*