



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

May 10, 2026 | 6th 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 | "Fantasia" Johann Pachelbel | Matt Kauffman, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER | "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" Hymn to Joy**

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

Gathering In God's Name

† **CALL TO WORSHIP | Elder Janet Hohlt**

Leader: We gather together in the presence of God,

People: **The Lord of heaven and earth:**

Leader: The Creator of our world and everything in it;

People: **The one who gave us life and breath,**

Leader: The one who is never far away from any of us,

People: **The one in whom we live and move and have our being.**

All: *The Lord is the one whom we worship together and remember his faithfulness and his promises to his people!*

† **HYMN #838 | "Standing on the Promises" Promises**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Elder Janet Hohlt

Lord, you know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared.

Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Elder Janet Hohlt

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed | Elder Janet Hohlt**

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.*

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in Jesus*

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Proclaiming God's Word

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

“Expressive Individualism and The Vital Signs of the Church”

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42–47 | Pew Bible Page 886

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

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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 & Elder Janet Hohlt

“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 #697 | “Take My Life” *Hendon*

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

† POSTLUDE | “Psalm 19” *Benedetto Marcello*

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

10 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE | “The Battle is the Lord’s”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

† **GREETING ONE ANOTHER | “How Great Thou Art”**

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art!
How great thou art!*

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OPENING SONGS | “Again I Say Rejoice” & “Come Jesus Come”

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CHILDREN’S SERMON | Dr. Daniel Rexroth

CALL FOR THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Carol Lukemeyer

OFFERTORY | “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Matthew Compton | Tabernacle Handbell Choir

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† CLOSING SONG | "This Little Light of Mine"

† BENEDICTION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

† POSTLUDE

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Staci McCrackin and Leah Crane, Vocals

Rob Dixon, Sax

Steve Dokken, Bass

Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano

Carrington Clinton, Drums

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



**Diving Into Colossians:
4 Chapters in 6 Weeks!**

Sunday in the Parlor

Begins May 3 | 9 am



**The Wired Word:
Faith & the Headlines**

Sunday in the Library

Begins May 10 | 9 am

Have you heard the new Spiritual Growth catalog is HERE?

CHECK IT OUT!

The Spiritual Growth Team welcomes summer with Adventurous Meet-ups, Events, Fellowship & Service Opportunities as outlined in its newly issued Summer Catalog. The Summer Catalog offers a rich variety of opportunities, including Summer Book Studies, challenging Sunday School opportunities, and fun!

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 is available in the Front Office area and on our website at: tabpres.org/adults.

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

See the Digital Version Here:



Together is Better in the Summer!

Good Conversations, Fun Activities
& New Things to Learn

2026 SUMMER CATALOG
May – August

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Announcements

Week of May 10 – May 16, 2026

USHERS WANTED

Tab is looking for additional ushers for the 10 am service. Please consider welcoming church goers by handing out bulletins, taking attendance and ushering during the Offering. 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.

WE'RE HIRING!

We have just started a search for a **Community Ministries Coordinator**. This is a full-time position that oversees our Open Door, Tab Blessing Table, Tab Community Care, Tab Tutoring, and Fresh Stop. We hope to be able to explore some new avenues of ministry here in our community. If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for the position, please send a resume and cover letter to Randy Phillips at randy.phillips@tabpres.org.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

It's hard to believe that it's already time to recognize our graduates from the Class of 2026! We would like to acknowledge and honor their accomplishments and successes. If you have a family member that is graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school, please send one or two photos with their name, future plans, and connection to Tab to Amy.Rexroth@tabpres.org by Friday, May 29, 2026. A brief video will be presented during the worship service on June 7th.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This year's Vacation Bible School, KidsGames, will take place June 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We're looking for many adult and teen volunteers to help us to share Christ's love with Tab's children and those of our neighbors and there are several ways in which you can serve. We need a few adults and teens to serve as assistant team leaders who help to oversee "team time" at the beginning and end of each morning and who will help to move each "team" from activity to activity over the course of the morning. We're also looking for several adults to help from 10:30 until noon with various indoor "goofy games" and crafts. The volunteer sign-up sheet is available in McKee Hallway on Sunday mornings, or you can contact Jennifer Wirt with questions or to join the volunteer team.

SACRED LIGHT: THE WINDOWS OF TAB

Join the Sacred Lights donor group and help preserve Tab's stained glass windows and architecture story as we celebrate Tab's 175th anniversary this September. Donors who contribute to this fund will have their names included in the coffee table volume. You can donate at:

<https://onrealm.org/tabpres/-/form/give/generalfund> and select, "Stained Glass Restoration" in the drop-down menu, or see Julie Kukolla today in McKee Hallway after worship. Credit card donations will also be accepted. In advance, thank you for your support.



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!



TABJAMS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendars! Make time to celebrate TabJams' decade of dedication to "Building Stronger Community," between our church family and neighbors this summer. The free family-friendly concerts series will be held the following Sundays: June 14, July 12 and August 9th with an all-star line up of artists. Our first concert features national recording artist Steve Allee and blues icon Rebekah Meldrum. Bring a friend, a lawn chair and a picnic. For more info or to volunteer contact: Eric Guion at: thistle3378@gmail.com.

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 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)

June 7 | Acts 10 Discerning What the Spirit is Doing

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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Calendar

Week of May 10 – May 16, 2026

Sunday, May 10

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class *Parlor*
- 9a Children's Education
Lower Level B
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *Lower Level B*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Room*

Monday, May 11

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 4:30p Endowment Fund Committee
Parlor
- 5:30p Facilities Committee
Session Room
- 6:30p Boy Scout Patrol Leaders
Youth Room
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Dining Room & Gallery*

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 5:30p Sally John Studio Rehearsal
Parlor
- 6p Circles *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Parlor

Friday, May 15

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 3:30p Circle of Hope
Parlor
- 7p Castlewood Singers Rehearsal
Sanctuary

Saturday, May 16

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 7p Castlewood Concert *Sanctuary*