



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

May 17, 2026 | 7th 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

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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

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MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | *The Apostles' Creed* | Bart Ost, Director of Spiritual Growth

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;
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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.

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Proclaiming God's Word

MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

“God is Shaking Things Up”

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:1–31 | Pew Bible Page 887

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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.

Responding to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden & Bart Ost

“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.

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Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.

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ANTHEM | "Bless the Lord" *Victor C. Johnson* | Sanctuary Choir

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that's within me bless his name, his holy name.
For the Lord, our God, is good, and his mercy is everlasting.
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*For the Lord is gracious, and is merciful toward us.
The Lord is forgiving, and we are crowned with loving-kindness.
The goodness of God is forever!
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Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON | Bob Willsey

CALL FOR THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Byron Robinson

OFFERTORY | "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" David M. Cherwien | Sanctuary Choir

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me!
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

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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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



Sunday in the Parlor

Begins May 3 | 9 am

Diving Into Colossians: 4 Chapters in 6 Weeks!

LED BY MARK & BETH AHEARN & JEFF POOLE

Join us for a study of the New Testament book of Colossians, a short but powerful letter that proclaims the supremacy of Christ and the fullness of life found in him. Through guided discussion and reflection, we will consider how Colossians speaks to our lives today.

Contact: Beth & Mark Ahearn at bahearn3@sbcglobal.net, or Jeff Poole at jpoolemail@gmail.com

Sunday in the Library

Begins May 10 | 9 am

The Wired Word: Faith & Headlines

LED BY ELLEN MOELLER & BART OST

This weekly Bible study connects current events with biblical insight, helping participants reflect on the headlines through the lens of Christian faith. Designed for lively conversation and reflection, this class invites participants to register so you can receive the weekly lesson materials in advance.

Contact: Ellen Moeller at ellensmoeller@gmail.com or Bart Ost at bart.ost@tabpres.org

Summer Page Turner

Begins May 27 | 7 pm | The Ost Home

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

A BOOK BY JOHN MARK COMER



"Who am I becoming?" That was the question nagging pastor and author John Mark Comer. So he turned to a trusted mentor for guidance and heard these words: "Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life..." Within the pages of this book, you'll find a fascinating roadmap to staying emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world.

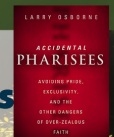
Contact: Bart Ost at bart.ost@tabpres.org

Summer Page Turner

Begins Sunday, May 31 | 5:30 pm | In-Home & Online

Accidental Pharisees: Avoiding Pride, Exclusivity & Other Dangers

A BOOK BY LARRY OSBORNE



Author Larry Osborne diagnoses nine of the most common traps that can ensnare Christians. He shows readers how to avoid the temptations of pride, exclusivity, legalism, and hypocrisy. Discipleship and Christlikeness should be rooted in love and humility; otherwise it can devolve into a personal brand one insists everyone should carry.

Questions? Contact: Jeff Poole at jpoolemail@gmail.com

Announcements

Week of May 17 – May 24, 2026

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Today's beautiful chancel flower arrangements are given by the Hughes family in loving memory of Myra Ann Stemnock.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 24 | 11:00 AM
McKee Chapel

A Special Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for Sunday, May 24, 2026, for the purpose of electing Todd McLean to the office of deacon to fill the balance of an unexpired term for the Class of 2027. The Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service in the McKee Chapel, at approximately 11:00am. All members are encouraged to attend.

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, Interim Pastor
Bruce McDonald, Clerk of Session

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 9a–12:30p. We're looking for many adult and teen volunteers to help us to share Christ's love with Tab's children and our neighbors! We need 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 10:30a–12p 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 and sign up.



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.



RACE INTO SUMMER WITH TABJAMS

Plan your pit stops with TabJams the second Sundays of June, July and August from 6–8 pm in Tab Park, north of the church parking lot. The free family-friendly summer concert series celebrates a decade of dedication to "Building Stronger Community," with our church family and neighbors. The first concert features national recording artist Steve Allee and blues icon Rebekah Meldrum. For more information 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 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

June 14 | Acts 15:1–30 The Call to Reflect on Tradition and Sexuality

Calendar

Week of May 17 – May 23, 2026

Sunday, May 17

- 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 18

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting
Youth Room
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72 *Dining Room & Gallery*

Tuesday, May 19

- 8a Women Tuesday Walkers *Offsite*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting
McWhirter Center Library
- 7p Session Meeting *Parlor*

Wednesday, May 20

- 9:30a Pastor's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 7p Nominating Committee
Session Room

Thursday, May 21

- 6p Circles *Lower Levels, Dining Room & Gallery*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
McKee Hallway
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Parlor

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

- 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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