

WABASH
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INTRODUCTION

Nestled in the heart of northeast Indiana, Wabash Presbyterian Church stands as both a historic congregation and a forward-looking community of believers. For generations, the church has been a place where faith is nurtured, relationships are strengthened, and lives are shaped by the transforming love of Christ.

With deep roots in its neighborhood and a growing vision for what it means to live out the gospel in a changing world, Wabash Presbyterian embodies a unique opportunity for pastoral leadership—one centered not only on caring for a congregation that loves one another, but also on equipping that congregation to live missionally in its wider community.



THE CHURCH

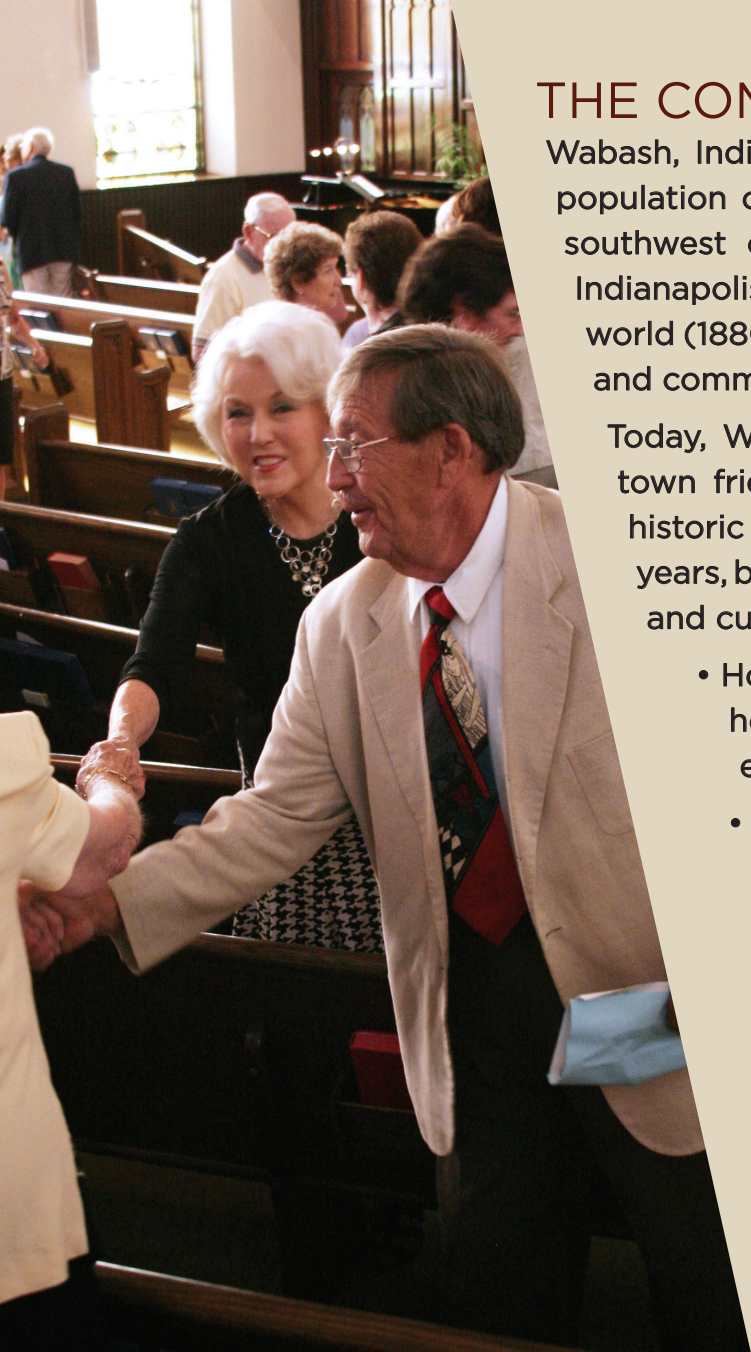
Wabash Presbyterian Church (WPC) is located at 123 West Hill Street in downtown Wabash, Indiana. The congregation traces its history back nearly two centuries, and today it continues to serve as both a place of worship and a gathering point for the wider community. The church's historic sanctuary provides a traditional yet warm atmosphere, while its fellowship spaces create a welcoming environment for meals, classes, and special events.

At its core, WPC is a people who treasure Scripture, value authentic relationships, and take seriously the call to live out their faith in everyday life. The congregation's theological identity is grounded in the Reformed tradition, affirming the truths of the Apostles' Creed, the uniqueness of Christ, and the authority of God's Word. Worship is held weekly on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, with adult and children's Sunday School beforehand and a time of fellowship afterwards.

Led by Staff and a Session of Elders, leaders encourage the spiritual growth of members while coordinating ministries such as children's programs, small groups, and outreach efforts.

In addition to Sunday gatherings, WPC has made a meaningful impact through its Montessori school ministry, which has served families in Wabash for years. This program provides not only education but also a bridge between the church and young families in the community—a sign of WPC's long-standing commitment to be more than a Sunday-only presence in town.

What stands out most, however, is the spirit of the congregation. WPC is known for its warmth, hospitality, and care for one another. It is a community where people pray together, share meals, and show up for each other in times of need. That same love naturally extends outward into Wabash itself. The church embodies its mission statement well: "Loving people with the heart of Christ in the heart of Wabash."

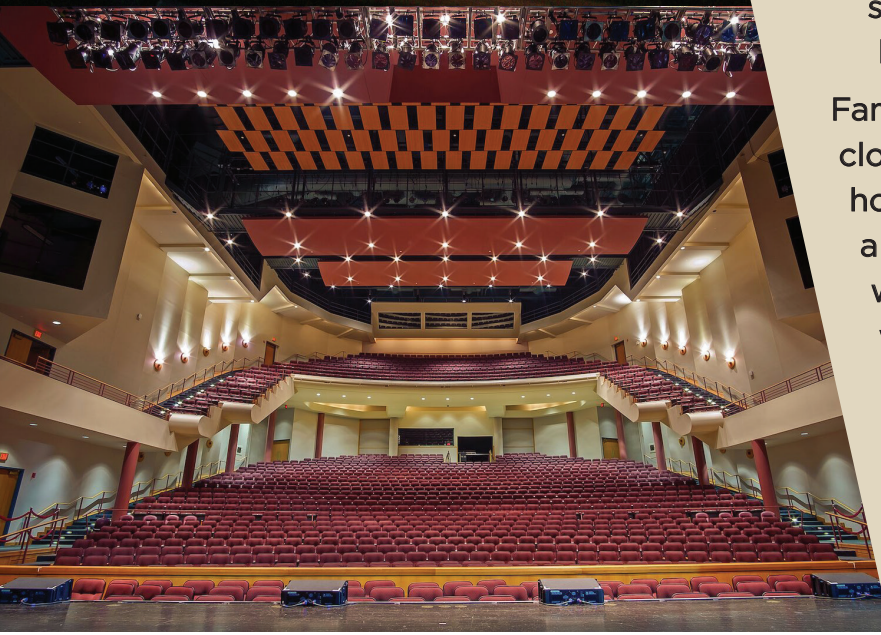


THE COMMUNITY

Wabash, Indiana, is a small city that lives much bigger than its population of over 10,000 residents, located about 45 minutes southwest of Fort Wayne and an hour and a half north of Indianapolis. Known as the first electrically lighted city in the world (1880), Wabash has a proud history of innovation, culture, and community.

Today, Wabash offers a quality of life that combines small-town friendliness with a surprising array of amenities. The historic downtown has undergone a renaissance in recent years, boasting locally owned shops, restaurants, art galleries, and cultural venues. A few highlights include:

- Honeywell Center – A regional hub for arts and culture, hosting concerts, Broadway shows, and community events.
- Eagles Theatre – A restored 1906 theater showing films and live performances.
- Charley Creek Inn – A boutique hotel with a beloved ice cream shop and wine cellar, adding charm to the downtown area.
- Paradise Spring Historical Park – A scenic river-side park marking the site of an important 1826 treaty with Native Americans.
- Riverwalks and Trails – Outdoor recreation abounds, with trails along the Wabash River, nearby Salamonie State Forest, and Mississinewa Lake offering opportunities for hiking, boating, and fishing.



Families benefit from strong schools, a close-knit community culture, and affordable housing. Residents often describe Wabash as a place where people know their neighbors, where local events bring folks together, and where faith communities remain central to civic life. For someone seeking a balance of quiet living, natural beauty, and cultural engagement, Wabash is an appealing place to call home.



THE OPPORTUNITY

The opportunity before Wabash Presbyterian Church is not simply about finding a pastor—it is about discovering a partner in mission. The congregation longs for a leader who will both cherish its loving, family-like spirit and inspire it toward greater engagement with the wider community.

LEADING A CONGREGATION THAT LOVES ONE ANOTHER

First and foremost, WPC is a community of care. The next pastor will find a congregation eager to be shepherded, prayed with, and guided in faith. Preaching and teaching will remain vital—rooted in Scripture, relevant to life, and centered on Christ. Pastoral care, too, will be essential, as members of WPC treasure the presence of a pastor who is available, approachable, and willing to walk alongside them through life's joys and challenges.

EQUIPPING FOR MISSION BEYOND THE WALLS

At the same time, WPC is looking outward. The church sees itself as uniquely placed “in the heart of Wabash” and desires to live out the love of Christ tangibly among its neighbors. The next leader will have the opportunity to:

- Encourage and develop outreach initiatives that serve the needs of Wabash families, children, and seniors.
- Strengthen the church's connections with community partners, schools, and service organizations.
- Support and grow the Montessori school ministry as a missional outreach to young families.
- Lead the congregation in discerning new opportunities for hospitality, evangelism, and service.



CULTIVATING WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Worship at WPC is both traditional and welcoming, with music and liturgy that reflect the Presbyterian heritage while remaining accessible to people of all ages. The next pastor will have the chance to shape a worship culture that is vibrant, engaging, and Christ-centered—always pointing people toward the gospel.

Equally important is the cultivation of community life. Fellowship meals, small groups, intergenerational events, and service projects all form the heartbeat of WPC. The congregation values being together, and the pastor has the opportunity to encourage these rhythms, helping people discover joy in shared life and shared mission.



SUMMARY

Wabash Presbyterian Church is a congregation with deep roots and a bright future. They are a people who love one another sincerely and who are eager to live out Christ's love more fully in their community. The city of Wabash provides a rich and inviting context—historic, family-friendly, and full of opportunities for engagement.

For a pastor seeking to lead missionally, to nurture a congregation that already loves well, and to help that congregation live out its calling in creative and impactful ways, WPC represents a rare and exciting opportunity.

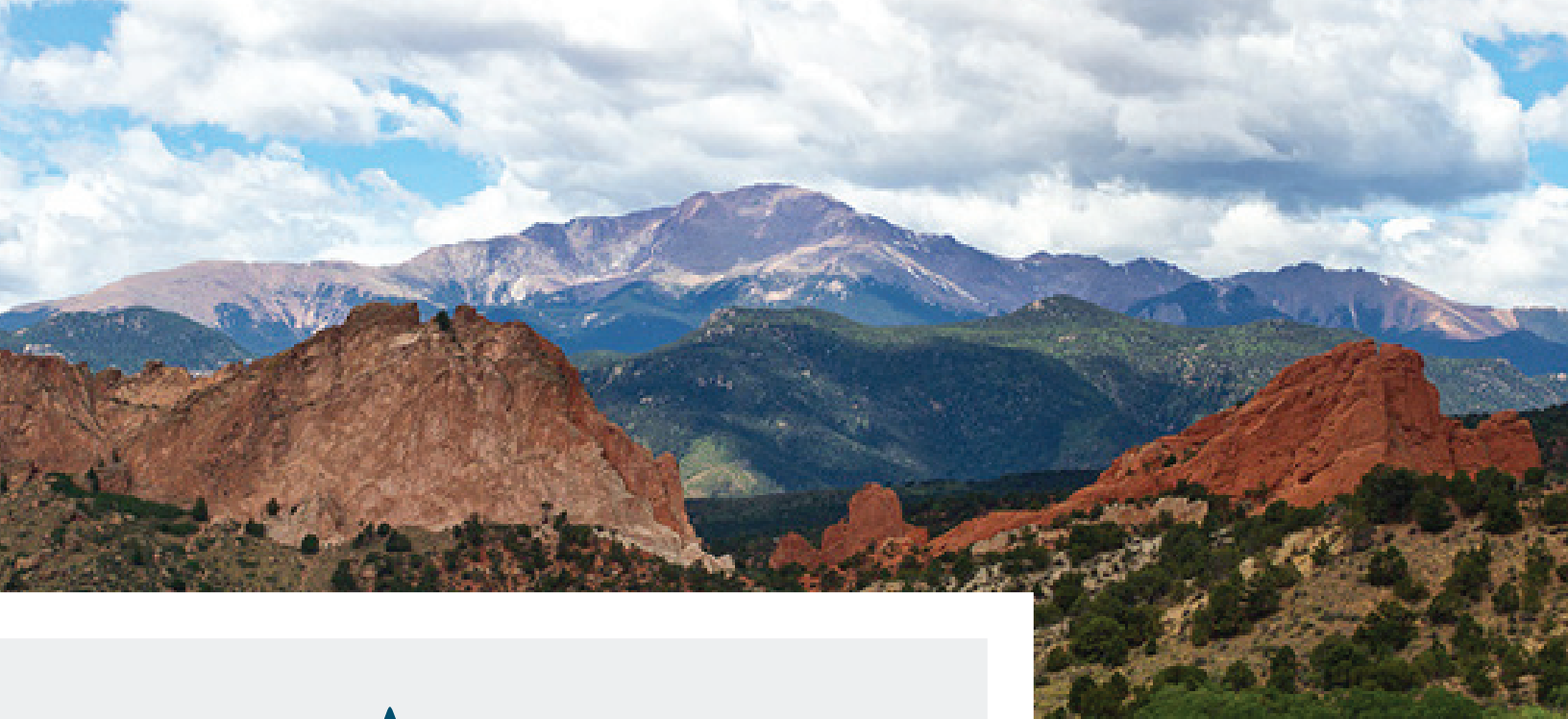
In short, the call is to:

- Preach the Word faithfully.
- Shepherd a loving people.
- Equip the saints for service.
- Lead a congregation into deeper love for Christ and for the city of Wabash.

Together, church and pastor can embody the mission:

“Loving people
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