



TAB

Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Greetings to everyone!

We extend a warm welcome to those joining us in-person or for our livestream worship service this morning. As we celebrate together, we hope you will sense God's presence as we gather.

If you are a guest this morning, please fill out one of the Connection Cards located in the pew racks so that we can get to know each other better. Simply hand your completed card to an usher or place it in the offering box. 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 Junior Church in Lower Level B (following the Children's Message). Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

Discipleship Classes

Current Discipleship Opportunities

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT | Sundays, 9a-10a, Parlor

THE PROBLEM OF PAIN with Mark John | November 5*, 19, 26

*"I am trying to show only that the old Christian doctrine of being made perfect through suffering is not incredible." This is a continuing study on C.S. Lewis' book, "The Problem of Pain." Come hear how the scriptures relate to the text and go over the key points Lewis points out. You can read the book in advance but it is not necessary. ***Mark John will present an additional class today, November 5, at 11:15a in the Dining Room immediately following the 10a service. A light lunch will be served.***

WOMEN ALIVE | TUESDAYS 9:30a-11:30a | PARLOR

This is a group for women of all ages who desire to move through life together while learning to know themselves and God better. *Questions? Email Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.*

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS 9:30a-10:30a | PARLOR

Our Pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | SATURDAYS 8a-9a | PARLOR

The Men of Tab are continuing their study on the books of I & II Thessalonians. *Questions? Email dlconrads@yahoo.com.*

OUR MISSION

Tabernacle
Presbyterian
Church
is called by
God, led by faith
in Jesus Christ
and empowered
by the Holy
Spirit to
demonstrate the
Kingdom of God
through
worship,
discipleship
and outreach.

Honoring our
heritage at
34th and
Central, we
will faithfully
serve our
community,
city and world
in the present
and prepare
expectantly
for the future.

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When We Unite Ourselves With
Jesus, We Are Like Jewels On
His Robe, As He Looks Up In
Love To God. ©Elizabeth Wang

8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE | "Fugue in d minor" —*Johann Pachelbel*

WELCOME

Stewardship Video

"Great God of Every Blessing" —*Aurelia*

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 42 and 43*) | Rev. Terri Thorn

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All: Come, let us worship God!

✠ HYMN #35 | "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" —*Lobe Den Herren*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Elder Keva Rop

God is the one in whom we are called to take refuge, who eternally forgives and renews. Therefore, let us name before God and each other how we have turned away from the source of truth so that in our humility, we may seek another way.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) | Written by John van de Laar

Teach us the courage, O God, to turn from what seems so natural, so safe: the way of grasping power, and befriending the powerful, in the hope of protection and security.

Teach us the humility, O God, to turn from what is so enticing, so persuasive: the way of accumulating things, and trusting in wealth, in the hope of comfort and life.

Lead us, O God, in another way: the way of true security, true wealth, the way of Christ, the servant, the way of weakness and simplicity.

Lead us, O God, in another way: the way of caring for the neglected, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, protecting the threatened, and challenging the powerful, the foolish way of the Gospel, that brings salvation to all.

Together, and in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus.

SILENT CONFESSION

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn
Associate Pastor

Keva Rop
8a Liturgist

Drew Childs
10a Liturgist

Hayden Glasgow
Organist

Sanctuary Choir

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By grace, you have been saved through faith. This is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

People: *For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

Leader: Believe the promise of the gospel:

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

✚ **RESPONSE #581** | “Gloria Patri” —*Greator*

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.

✚ **THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (*in unison*)

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 23:1-12 (*pew Bible page 804*)

MESSAGE | Rev. Terri Thorn

God Is Still Speaking. Are The People Listening?

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Refrain:

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O Lord, have mercy on me.*

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(Refrain)

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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (*please join in singing*)

*Our Father, which 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.

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✚ **BENEDICTION**

✚ **POSTLUDE** | “Allegro Maestoso” (*from “Organ Sonata #2”*) —*Felix Mendelssohn*

MESSAGE NOTES

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hear it again?

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All of the sermons our
pastors have delivered
are available at
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Check it out!

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Jennifer Wirt

ANTHEM | “Grant Unto Us Thy Peace” —*Felix Mendelssohn*

*Grant unto us thy peace, O Lord,
Grant unto us thy peace enduring.
For there is none, none with the strength, who could so firmly defend us.
For thou art our hope and safety.*

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OFFERING INFORMATION

If you would like to bring your offering to church on Sunday mornings, we have offering boxes available in both the 34th Street Narthex and Bell Tower Entrance to the Sanctuary. Extra envelopes are also available. Feel free to drop off your offering either before or after worship. Thanks for your continued support of the ministry and mission of Tab!

GET IN TOUCH, STAY IN TOUCH

The easiest and most effective way to receive news about our church and church family is to subscribe to our email. The office sends out a digest every Thursday, with updates as needed at other times. To subscribe, go to tabpres.org, then scroll to the bottom of the homepage and tap “Sign up for email updates.”

TAB’S BENEVOLENCE & COMMUNITY CARE FUNDS

Did you know that Tab has two distinct funds set up to support individuals and families during difficult times? Tab’s Deacon Benevolence & Community Care Funds allow us as a church family to come alongside people with immediate, significant needs inside and outside the church. Please reach out to the church if you or someone you know is in need.

If you are a member or friend of Tab in need, please email Finance Director, Kristine Green at kristine.green@tabpres.org for more information and confidential application procedures.

If you know of one of our neighbors in need, let them know they can call the **Community Care line at 317-805-1281** for an appointment.

✠ *Please stand if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CALL

In accordance with the By-laws, a Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for **Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** for the purposes of reviewing the proposed 2024 Operating Budget, electing church officers, receiving an update from the Interim Transition Team and any other business that may be properly discussed. The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.

Rev. Terri Thorn, Moderator
Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session



The following persons have been nominated for the Officers at Tab and 2024 Nominating Committee and will be presented for election at today's Meeting of the Congregation:

DEACONS

Margie Craft, Caroline Foster, Karlee Moore,
Karen Murrell, Sharon Poole, Marsha Robinson,
Julie Simmons, Liz Strodtman, Sue White

ELDERS

Pat Carlson, Bernice Corley, Ryan Miller,
Jeff Poole, Byron Robinson

ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEES

Bob Donaldson, Lucy Emison, Mark Lubbers

2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Suzie Booker, Betsy Brunette, Jeff Foster,
Emily McClelland, David Perry

MOZEL SANDERS OUTREACH SIGN UP

Today and for the next two Sundays, you can sign up to work Thanksgiving Day for the Mozel Sanders Dinner. We are returning to our original process of four, two-hour shifts starting at 7a, so there are more than enough chances to volunteer. Please see the table in McKee Hallway before and after the worship services.

ROMANIAN TRIP PRESENTATION

WED, NOV 8, at 5p in the Parlor. Matt Gall, Don Heitman, and Mike O'Banyel will report on their recent trip to Romania where they visited Tab-supported missions. Slideshow and comments will be given and then the floor will be open to questions. This was an amazing trip and all three men have a lot to tell you! Please don't miss this chance to learn more about our missionaries in Romania and the incredible work that is being done there.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Next SUN, NOV 12, is the final deadline for donations. Boxes and box labels for OCC are still available in McKee Hallway or during the week in the Front Office. For more info on what items are suggested to pack in these love boxes to children all over the world, please go to samaritanspurse.org. Thanks in advance for your thoughtful generosity to God's children around the world! *Questions?* Email Jennifer at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

THANK-OFFERING DINNER

Plan now to give thanks with your Tab family with the return of the Annual Thank-Offering Dinner on **SUN, NOV 19**, following the 10a worship service. Tab Deacons will serve a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to Tab's family and friends. There is no charge for the meal, however, donations are welcome to assist in covering the cost (a limit of 200 dinners apply). **Sign-ups continue each Sunday in McKee Hallway;** or at frontdesk@tabpres.org.

JUST FOR MOMS CRAFT NIGHT

All Tab moms are invited to attend a "Just for Moms" mini-workshop and special night

of crafts and fellowship on **WED, NOV 29, 6:30-8:30p in LLB.** We will have five crafts available to do in a child-free environment, as well as dessert and holiday music. Child-care will be provided in the Preschool room for ages four and younger.

CHRISTMAS PONSSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of year to begin thinking about decorating our beautiful Sanctuary with lovely poinsettias for the holiday season. Orders are due by **SUN, DEC 3**, and order forms are available in the November edition of The Tower Chimes or at the Front Desk. Stop by today and order your poinsettia "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a special loved one. Cost this year is still \$25 and they may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services.

ADVENT PRAYER & PIE SERVICE

As we enter the Advent season, the Mission Committee will offer a reflective prayer service during which we will remember and lift Tab's mission and ministry partners up in prayer on **WED, DEC 6, at 6p** in McKee Chapel. Afterwards, we will gather for a time of fellowship and PIE in the Parlor. We hope you will join us for this special service.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices and building will be closed **November 23 and 24** in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen the building on **Saturday morning, NOV 25.**

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

As a church, one of our core values is connecting with God through prayer and worship. It is for this reason that the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting is one of the most important "services" of the week! As a family of believers, we gather together to lift up needs in the church and around the world, believing God is going to move in mighty ways. **Everyone is welcome to join other prayer warriors each Tuesday at 6:30p in McKee Chapel.**



THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR SHORTRIDGE HS AND TAB TUTORING

For the fourth year in a row, the Tab Mission Committee will offer Thanksgiving Boxes to 15 families from Shortridge High School. The school social workers, who are aware of specific needs, select the recipient families for us. The boxes are designed to feed a family of 6-8 people. In addition, Thanksgiving boxes will also be offered to Tab Tutoring families.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE by either purchasing food from a pre-determined shopping list and delivering it to Tab by **THU, NOV 16**, or you can sponsor a box for \$100 and we will do the shopping for you. Please visit the Front Desk on Sunday morning to sign up to shop or make a donation.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

This year's Advent Workshop will take place on **SUN, DEC 3, 9-11a in LLB**. We will have eight crafts for older children and adults, and a separate room with several crafts for children ages five and younger. We will also have a group craft to prepare Christmas cards for Tab's homebound members.

PRETEEN SERVICE PROJECT

TUE, DEC 5, 7-8p, Tab's 5th & 6th grade students are invited to a fun event combining a service project and some great fellowship. They will assemble holiday bags for the guests of Tab's Open Door Café, play the ever-popular "hide and seek in the dark;" refreshments provided. No RSVP needed; friends welcome!

PRETEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUN, DEC 10, immediately following the 10a worship service at Buca di Beppo. Please RSVP to Mrs. Wirt by **SUN, DEC 3**, if your student plans to attend.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Attention bakers, confectioners and pastry chefs! Tab's annual Christmas Tea is drawing near. It is the time of year to switch from pumpkin spice to Christmas cheer, and we are calling for your help! Crack open your cookbooks for your favorite delectable recipes to prepare for this special event on **SUN, DEC 10**. Tab's Deacons will collect your

fine, scrumptious goodies at the parking lot door and will prepare them for serving. Cookies, candies, and small servings of cakes, brownies, tarts, etc. are a perfect contribution and will help make the day especially sweet. This happens to also be the annual "**CHRISTMAS WITH TAB**" recording so there is only one service, and the Christmas Tea follows afterward in the Dining Room. We will remind you to wear your cheeriest seasonal attire to church that day.

HANDBELL CHOIR RESUMES

After a complete refurbishing of our 5-octave set of Malmark Handbells they have finally arrived "home" from the factory! Handbell rehearsals are resuming on **Thursday evenings at 6p**, and you are invited to join us as we begin looking toward ringing in the holiday season! If you would like more information you can contact **Matt Kauffman at x102 or matt.kauffman@tabpres.org** or simply show up on Thursday and give it a try! Hope to see some new faces join us as we lift our bells in worship!

IF EVER YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL OR A CARE FACILITY...

Please remember to call the church office or ask someone to call us on your behalf. Pastor Terri regularly visits folks who are in the hospital. It is on occasion that we hear news that someone has been admitted, and we were not aware. This can be a source of frustration or disappointment for the patient, pastors and prayer warriors. So please let us know if you would like a pastoral visit, or even if you simply just want us to remember you in prayer.

This week at Tab

for the week of November 5-11

Tab's Online Calendar: tabpres.org/calendar/

SUN, NOVEMBER 5

Communion Service | 8a, McKee Chapel
Coffee & Fellowship | 8:45a, McKee Hallway
Children's Education | 9a, LLBN 001
Youth Education | 9a, YR
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | 9a, Sanctuary
Junior Church | 10a, LLB
Worship Service | 10a, Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation | 11a, Parlor
IMPACT Youth Group | 11a, YR
SG&D's PROBLEM OF PAIN | 11:15a, Dining RM

MON, NOVEMBER 6

Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT GRP | 4:30p, Parlor
HR Committee MTG | 5p, Online
Cub Scout Troop 72 Den MTG | 6:30p, DR, G, LL
Women's Bible Study | 7p, Parlor

TUE, NOVEMBER 7

Women Alive | 10a, Parlor
Prayer Meeting | 6:30p, McKee Chapel
Bible Study Fellowship | 6:30p, DR, Gallery
Spiritual Growth & Development MTG | 7p, Parlor

WED, NOVEMBER 8

Pastors' Bible Study | 9:30a, Parlor
Open Door Café | 11a, Dining RM
Romania Trip Presentation | 5p, Parlor
Missions Committee MTG | 6p, Parlor

THU, NOVEMBER 9

Tab Tutoring | 3:45p, DR, G, LLA, LLB, McWRC
Getting Ahead | 6p, McWRC
Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 6p, Sanctuary
Circles | 6p, Dining RM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7p, Parlor

FRI, NOVEMBER 10

Open Door Café | 11a, DR
Circle of Hope | 3:30p, Parlor
Tab FamilyFest | Brown County State Park

SAT, NOVEMBER 11

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Purls of Wisdom | 10a, Session RM