

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday | 10a Worship Service

#### **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.

## 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

#### 2024 Discipleship Opportunities

#### Spiritual Growth & Development

#### Women Alive | TUESDAY 10a-11:30a PARLOR

From now through May, Women Alive will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans. We will be using videos that are part of "The Bible for Normal People" series. Daniel Kirk, a New Testament professor at Duke University, is the teacher. We would love to have you join us! We meet from 10a – 11:30a on Tuesday mornings in the Parlor. For more information, please email Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

#### Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAY 9:30a-10:30a PARLOR

Join us as our pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the up-coming Sunday worship service.

#### Men's Bible Study | SATURDAY 8a-9a PARLOR

The Men of Tab are studying the book of I Corinthians. Questions? Contact dlconrads@yahoo.com for more information about this wonderful time of study and fellowship.

Cover Art:

Christ Appearing to His Disciples After the Resurrection by William Blake

#### The Prelude

is a time of worship offering praise to God as well as giving each of us an opportunity to prepare our hearts for worship. Please use this time to pray, meditate and reflect on how God might speak to you during the service this morning.

## 10 o'clock Worship

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community as you worship with us.

#### PRELUDE

"The Strife is O'er" arr. Christina Harmon

"Fanfare" David Lasky

#### WELCOME

#### EPISTLE READING || | Peter 1:3-9

- Leader: Christ is risen!
- People: Christ is risen indeed!
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- People: Christ is risen indeed!
- All: Alleluia! Amen!

#### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Cł	hrist Is Ri	sen! Alleluia!" Mark Shepperd
	Sing Grat Bow Christ Sing Death Ang Christ	is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! I his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! tefully our hearts adore him, as his light once more appears; ving down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears. is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! I his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! and hell before him bending, see him rise, the victor now, els on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! I his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
t RESPO		LL TO WORSHIP This is the day when tears are wiped away,
		When shattered hearts are mended,
	•	When fears are replaced with joy!
		This is the day when Jesus
	-	Rolls away the stone of fear,
		And throws off death's clothes,
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		And goes ahead of us into God's future!
	People:	This is the day the Lord has made:
	Leader:	Death has no worry for us,
	People:	Sin has lost its power over us,
	Leader:	God opens the tombs of our hearts,
	People:	And fills us with life!
	Leader:	This is the day – Easter Day!
	All:	Christ is risen! Hallelujah!!

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

Emily Ballentine Erb, Organists

Keanu Cover & Connor Tipton,

Alex Lowe & Thomas Cavendar,

Rev. Dr. William Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor

Matt Kauffman &

Sanctuary Choir Handbell Ensemble

Trumpets

Trombones

Call To Worship, Easter Prayer adapted from Fire And Bread, Ruth Burgess, Editor.

Easter Affirmation adapted from New Kilpatrick Parish Church.

# "Te Deum"

"Requiem"

Sunday, April 21, 2024 4:30p

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

3:30p Meet the Composer



Michael John Trotta, Guest Conductor

Tabernacle Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir Castlewood Singers

#### **+ HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" arr. B. Wayne Bisbee

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia! Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

#### EASTER PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are always looking for you in the wrong places. We are searching for you at a safe distance when, in reality, you come so close to us that you are nearer than breathing. We look for you in church things, but we are more likely to find you among the pots and pans, or around the kitchen table. We look for you in buildings, but you walk the crowded streets, and the back alleys, and anywhere there is need. Even now, even after Resurrection, we still insist on trying to find you among the tombstones; among long-dead dogmas; in old, decaying fears and hurts; in the guilts and resentments we inhabit like a coffin. Help us always remember that we will find you among the living, and ahead of us-already going to where we need to be. For you have wrestled death to the ground, and there is nowhere we can go, that you are not already there! Amen.

#### + RESPONSE #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.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### ANTHEM

"Sing For Joy" Jonathon Willcocks

Christ the Lord is risen again, Alleluia! Christ has broken ev'ry chain, Alleluia! Hark, the angels sing for joy, Alleluia! Singing evermore on high, Alleluia! Sing for joy!

- He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, In our Paschal Lamb today, we sing for joy, Alleluia!
- He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross, Lives in glory now on high, we sing for joy, Alleluia!

Take our sins and guilt away, Alleluia! That we all may sing for ay, Alleluia! Hark, the angels sing for joy, Alleluia! Singing evermore on high, Alleluia! Sing for joy!

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### + HYMN

"Thine is the Glory" arr. Hal Hopson

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb! Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

#### (Musical interlude)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 20:1–18 | Pew Bible page 882

#### MESSAGE

Jesus Is Not Where We Expect Him To Be!

#### **† AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in Jesus, the one who walked our earth, and whose God-light illumines every darkness; the one whose life comes from the very life of God; our guide, our teacher, our friend; whose life is an intent of God's creative imagination; who sang love's song at his beginning, and was blessed; who was rejected by the powers of the world, and was executed by those same powers—sharing the same death of us all. Love had been killed, and those who embraced this love, thought it gone forever. But nothing can contain, bind, or stop the love of God, and, therefore, nothing can contain, bind or hold back the life Jesus began. And the story continues, and the gift is given to us and to all—of renewal, transformation, and life again and without end. We believe in Jesus. Hallelujah! Amen!

#### Sermon Notes

#### Missed A Sermon?

Did you miss a sermon? Or want to hear it again? Or read it? All of the sermons our pastors have delivered are available on the Tab website under sermons. Check it out!

#### **† CELEBRATION HYMN**

Those who would like the join the Sanctuary Choir in the singing of the "Hallelujah" chorus are invited to proceed to the choir loft during the singing of this final hymn.

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. James Biery

- I know that my Redeemer lives, What joy this blest assurance gives. He lives, he lives who once was dead;
- He lives my everlasting Head.
- He lives triumphant from the grave;
- He lives eternally to save: He lives exalted throned above;
- He lives to rule his Church in love.
- He lives to silence all my fears;
- He lives to wipe away my tears;
- He lives to calm my troubled heart;
- He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above: He lives my hungry soul to feed;
- He lives to help in time of need.

He lives all glory to his name; He lives my Savior still the same; What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives.

#### **† CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Hallelujah" (from "Messiah") G. F. Handel Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. And he shall reign forever and ever! King of kings and Lord of lords, And he shall reign forever and ever, hallelujah!

#### **† BENEDICTION**

#### **† POSTLUDE**

"Toccata" (from Symphony #5) Charles Marie Widor

#### Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee, Conversation & Fellowship time.

## Calendar

#### March 31 – April 6, 2024

#### THIS WEEK AT TAB:

#### Sunday, March 31

7:30a	Easter Sunrise Service McKee Chpl	
8:30a	Continental Breakfast Dining Rm	
9a	No Education Hour this morning	
10a	Easter Celebration Svc Sanctuary	
11a	Coffee & Fellowship Parlor	

#### Monday, April 1

Open Door Café Dining Room 11a

HR Committee Virtual Meeting 5p 6:45p Boy Scout Troop 72 Youth Room

#### **Tuesday, April 2**

Women Alive Parlor 10a 6:30p Prayer Meeting McKee Chapel 7p Spiritual Growth & Dev. Parlor

#### Wednesday, April 3

11a Open Door Café Dining Room 5:30p Missions Committee Parlor

#### Thursday, April 4

- 3:45p Tab Tutoring
- 6p Raphael Health Ctr Dinner Parlor
- 6p Circles Dining Room 7p Sanctuary Choir Rhrsl Sanctuary

#### Friday, April 5

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

#### Saturday, April 6

8a Men's Bible Study Resource Ctr



## Easter Flowers

We thank you for your gift to our beautiful Sanctuary.

#### EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Harry Adams given by E. Chris Iverson III Joe & Katherine Ake, Debbie's parents, given by Matt & Debbie Kauffman Mary Amos given by Thomas and Sandra Simpson Ann Busch, my mother, given by Leslie Russell Don Busch, my step-father, given by Leslie Russell Joe Butler given by Matt & Debbie Kauffman Virginia Cable given by Frank & Linda Cooper Orra Cable given by Frank & Linda Cooper John Canada, Judy's brother, given by John & Judy Fraps Joe Canada, Judy's nephew, given by John & Judy Fraps Betty Cooper given by Frank & Linda Cooper Vadda Cooper given by Frank & Linda Cooper Mitch and Dottie Daniels given by Mitch Daniels, Jr., Deborah Daniels and families Joshua Deem given by Matt & Debbie Kauffman Ian Michael Dougherty, our son, given by Jon & Mary Dougherty Leslie Duvall given by Thomas and Sandra Simpson John Emison, my husband, given by Barbara Emison John Emison, my father, given by Lucy Emison Shelby Evans given by Carl & Lisa Evans William and Lucile Evans, my parents, given by Barbara Emison Karen O'Brien Fanning given by E. Chris Iverson III Harry Gamage given by Mike & Holly Gamage Jim & Mona Gibson given by Thom and Mary Upton Mary Jean Gibson given by Thom and Mary Upton Gary Gilchrist given by Rick, Anne & Matt Meils John & Lucille Gilchrist given by Rick, Anne & Matt Meils Mrs. Gertie Green given by E. Chris Iverson III Larry Haddad given by E. Chris Iverson III Opal Heitman, Don's mother, given by Don & Sara Heitman Earl & Hilda Hilligoss, Sara's parents, given by Don & Sara Heitman Dr. Fred & Bertha Hohlt given by Fritz & Janet Hohlt Harold Hoopingarner given by Marion Hoopingarner Dick Huberty, my father, given by Leslie Russell Susanne Reel Iverson given by E. Chris Iverson III Emil C. Iverson, Jr. given by E. Chris Iverson III Paul Kauffman, Matt's father, given by Matt & Debbie Kauffman Pastor Frank Kik, my uncle, given by Dan Gushee Glenn Paul Koehring, my Papa, given by Erica Koehring Evelyn & Joe Kukolla, our parents, given by Joe & Julie Kukolla Buzz & Betty Lingeman, Jim's parents, given by Jim, Rita, Jennifer & Leona Lingeman Ron & Dannie Lummis given by Scott & Brenda Lummis Harry & Jeanne Marshall given by Judy McAtee Tripp Marshall given by Judy McAtee Bernie & Mary Ellen May, my parents, given by Janie Parr

Tom May, my brother, given by Janie Parr Buddy McAtee given by Judy McAtee Dean & Betty Meils given by Rick, Anne & Matt Meils Tom Meils given by Rick, Anne & Matt Meils David Merriman given by Mike & Holly Gamage Nonnie Moore given by Judy McAtee William A. Moore given by E. Chris Iverson III Rika Nyeboer, Rita's mother, given by Jim, Rita, Jennifer and Leona Lingeman Cheryl Ogle given by Christine Erotas Leland & Virginia Ogle given by Christine Erotas Sandy & Ron Osborn given by Joe & Julie Kukolla John D. Peterson III, our son, given by John & Nancy Peterson Alex P. Peterson, our grandson, given by John & Nancy Peterson Tom Pitz given by Judy McAtee R. Daniel Pollom given by Rob & Ann Weller Dave Queisser given by Carolyn Queisser John C. Reel, "Uncle Jack," given by E. Chris Iverson III Katy Reel given by Joe & Julie Kukolla Patty Reel given by Dave & Mary Mills Patty Reel given by Joe & Julie Kukolla William "Sweet Willy" Reel given by Judy McAtee Amos & Jeanette Rippy given by Fritz & Janet Hohlt Tony P. Simpson given by Thomas & Sandra Simpson Rudy Stanovich given by E. Chris Iverson III Ed & Alice Stapleton given by Scott & Brenda Lummis Carl & Joyce Tovsky given by Larry & Ellen Tovsky Ruth & Dean Vogel given by Julie Curtis Wayne Weber given by Carolyn Dodd Family & friends given by Louise Willson Loved ones given by Bill & Sharon Marshall Our family members given by Steve & Jennifer Weyreter Our parents & siblings given by Bill & Helen McGuire Our parents given by Byron & Marsha Robinson Our parents & siblings given by Lee & Doris Shafer

#### EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Mary Allen Hurst, Ruth Anne Wright's mother, given by Gary & Ruth Anne Wright Jesus Christ given by an Anonymous donor My family & my bonus family given by Carolyn Queisser Our families given by Veigh & Barbara Summers John & Nancy Peterson given by Randy & Penny Phillips Tab Staff given by Fred & Barb Sullivan Jennifer Wirt given by Lee & Doris Shafer

## Announcements

#### Week of March 31 – April 6, 2024

#### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

This morning we join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Please join us as we give our special gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. Special envelopes are included in this morning's bulletins or you may give on-line at tabpres.org.

#### LET'S GET EXCITED!

TabJams is back! To learn more about Tab's free summer concert series or how to volunteer stop by the Gym at 11a on Sunday, April 14. We will reveal the star-studded musical line-up for the concerts, provide volunteer information and sign ups. We will also have one of the musicians perform and plenty of refreshments. The event will take the place of Coffee/Conversation that day. We hope to see you there and engage you as a volunteer or spectator at the concerts.

#### CAN I GET A WITNESS?-NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Someone once made the very keen insight that "If the announcement of the Easter day is true (which it is!), then the Sunday after Easter should be the largest attended service of the year!" Plan to join us next Sunday, April 7, at 8a or 10a in person or for our live-stream of "Can I Get A Witness?" when we will hear testimony from several of our fellow Tab members as to what it means to them to say that "Jesus is alive!"

#### YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Some youth at Tabernacle Presbyterian will be taking a Confirmation Class beginning on Sunday, April 7, taught by our Youth leaders, Dan and Amy Rexroth, and lasting about 8 weeks. Would you be willing to be a "sponsor" for a youth? This entails praying for the confirmand and writing and mailing notes to them. If so, please contact Cathleen Perry, Elder for Youth, at cathleenperry@sbcglobal.net or 317-255-7631. You will be matched up with a confirmand and given contact information. Thanks for being a part of this special time for our youth.

#### **A-MAIZING LUNCH**

Mark your calendars for the 2024 A-mazing Lunch supporting the Umoja Partnership food security program on Sunday, April 7, at 11am in the Dining Room following worship. See a video message from John Gable at the Eluhobe Primary School during the kick-off event. Enjoy a spiced up version of githeri, maize and beans, that our children have for school lunch every day. Not a fan of githeri, no worries just come and see the school that Tabernacle Presbyterian Church helped to become the 21st partner school. You



have made a difference in the lives of these children, come learn about the difference you are making! Look for sign-up sheets in McKee Hallway.

#### 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place June 17–21 from 9a until 1:30p for children who have finished grades K-6. This year's format is the always-popular Kids-Games, which is a sports-themed VBS. There is no fee for VBS, but pre-registration is required so that we have plenty of craft, snack, lunch, and learning materials on hand. As always, we will need MANY adult and teen volunteers to serve as group "counselors," craft leaders, and indoor game (non-sports) leaders. Registration is online via the tabpres.org website, and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be in McKee Hallway. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about registration, please contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

#### 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.

#### PRAYER AND PANCAKES

Prayer, pancakes, butter, syrup, and fellowship! Mark your calendars for Monday evening, April 15! Tab's Missions Committee is planning a brief prayer service for our mission and ministry partners starting at 6p in the Sanctuary (which will be live-streamed) followed by a delicious pancake supper in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to learn about our partners and have "Breakfast for Dinner!" In order to plan appropriately, we are asking for RSVPs for the pancake supper portion of the evening. Go ahead and reserve the date now; please RSVP to frontdesk@tabpres.org.

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