

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES



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TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

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.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am Communion Service
McKee Chapel



10 am Worship Service
Sanctuary
Service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50am.
You can find a link at tabpres.org

Join us as we worship together!

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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions should be emailed to the Tab offices at frontdesk@tabpres.org. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.

November 2024

Event Schedule

SPECIAL

2	10:00a	Women's Brunch
3	10:00a	All Saints' Sunday Special Worship Service
4	11:00a	Missions Study Presentation
	12:00p	Soup Luncheon
	4:30p	Endowment Investment Committee
9	1:00p	Facility Closed Until 1p: Monumental Marathon
11	12:00p	Endowment Fund Trustees
15	6:30p	Missions Study Listening Session
16	10:00a	Fresh Stop Produce
	10a & 1p	Missions Study Listening Session
17	9:00a	Congregational Meeting
	11:00a	Missions Study Listening Session
20	6:30p	Missions Study Listening Session
23	10:00a	Fresh Stop Produce
24	11:15a	Thank-Offering Dinner
28	7:00a	Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner
28 & 29	ALL DAY	Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

WEEKLY

MWF	11:00a	Tab's Open Door Café
MON	6:30p	Boy Scout Troop
	6:30p	Cub Scout Troop
	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
TUE	9:30a	Women Alive
	6:30p	Prayer Service
WED	9:30a	Pastors' Bible Study
THU	3:00p	Tab Tutoring
	7:00p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
FRI	3:30p	Circle of Hope
SAT	8:00a	Men's Bible Study
SUN	8:00a	Communion Service
	9:00a	Education Hour
	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:00a	Youth IMPACT

MONTHLY

1st MON	5:00p	HR Committee Meeting
1st TUE	7:00p	Spiritual Growth & Dev.
1st WED	5:30p	Missions Committee
2nd MON	5:30p	Facilities Committee
2nd TUE	8:00a	Recreation Meeting
	5:00p	Budget & Finance Comm.
	7:00p	Children's Ministries Comm.
	7:15p	Worship, Music & Arts Committee
3rd TUE	7:00p	Session Meeting
3rd SUN	10:00a	Parishioners Without Partners Women's Group
4th TUE	5:30p	Congregational Life Comm.
	7:00p	Deacons' Meeting
4th SAT	11:00a	Purls of Wisdom

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, November 17 | 9:00 AM
Sanctuary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALL

In accordance with the By-laws, a Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for **Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 9:00am** in the Sanctuary for the purposes of reviewing the proposed 2025 Operating Budget, electing church officers, and any other business that may be properly discussed. All members are encouraged to attend.

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Moderator

Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

A Spiritual Snack

Are Spiritual Snacks Really A Thing?!

from Interim Pastor Bill Smutz

We all have questions! Questions that continually rumble around in our minds and in our hearts. Questions that invite us to ponder important, weighty topics of meaning and purpose, of life and death, of values and priorities—especially for we who consider ourselves to be children of God and disciples of Jesus.

If you have a moment and would like to tackle some of these questions through the lens of a Psalm, here is a spiritual psalm snack that may be a useful resource.

Snack Enhancing Ideas

- Find a comfortable place that offers quiet for reflection
- Light a candle if desired
- Read the psalm. An NRSVUE translation is provided. Additional translations may enhance your experience
- Note on a piece of paper, words, ideas, feelings, and images that rise up or stand out
- Read the brief reflection provided, set it alongside your observations, and consider how the Holy Spirit may be speaking to you in the present through this psalm
- Spend a few moments thinking about individuals and situations for which you feel led to pray
- Close with your own prayer or the one provided
- DON'T FORGET TO BLOW OUT THE CANDLE!

Psalm 72 (NRSVUE)

Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ⁹ May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy
and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.
- ¹⁵ Long may he live!
May gold of Sheba be given to him.
May prayer be made for him continually
and blessings invoked for him all day long.
- ¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field.
- ¹⁷ May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.
May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.
- ²⁰ The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

Reflection

Psalm 72 is a wonderful snack for our spiritual exploration and nurturing. Psalm 72 is a prayer for the anointed ruler (always a 'king') of Israel, asking that God bring about God's rule on earth through the reign of the newly anointed. It is a prayer that was more than likely composed for and used on the day of inauguration/crowning.

I invite us to pay particular attention to verses 1–4 and verses 12–14.

The psalmist begins with the bold assertion that God gifts leaders with justice and righteousness, not for personal use, but for the good of the people (v. 1). A leader is expected to judge all people with righteousness and treat all people—especially the poor—with justice (v. 2). The proper use of the gifts of justice and righteousness leads to prosperity for all, caring defense of the poor, and grace-filled deliverance of the needy (vv. 3–4). The only ones who might be excluded from the excess of God's gifts are those who oppress others (v. 4); yet the poet does not exclude the possibility that God's gifts are also for oppressors who are broken and consumed by sin.

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Stewardship 2025:

Going Deep...In Trust!

Get ready for Stewardship 2025! In the coming week, you'll receive important information about our stewardship campaign. Join us for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 17, at 9am, where we will present the draft of the 2025 Operating Budget. We encourage you to reflect on how God has blessed you and prayerfully consider how you can help in continuing God's ministry through Tab.

Remember to return your 2025 Stewardship Pledge Card on Sunday, November 24, during morning worship, to the Front Office, or by mail. Thank you for your continued support of Tab's ministries!

Soon you will be receiving stewardship information for 2025 in the mail. Thank you in advance for support in continuing God's ministry at Tab.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 24, 2024.



“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

—Luke 5:4



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Leaders are to exercise their power on behalf of those who usually get ignored and rarely have anyone to advocate for them (v. 12). Leaders approach the people they serve with compassion, see their lives as sacred, and work at all costs to preserve life (v. 13). Leaders will not tolerate oppression or violence of any kind and understand those they serve as precious – precious to the leader and most of all precious to God (v. 14).

Psalms 72 describes for all leaders the personal expectations and costs of advanced leadership. Because God's expectations for leaders are so high, the psalmist knows that only those who are able to love others unconditionally and those who are willing to give their life on behalf of those they serve need to apply for a leadership position!

As disciples, it is easy for us to see that Jesus is doubtlessly the only one capable of providing such people-caring leadership. And though it is not humanly possible for us to reach Jesus' full embrace of God's expectations, those who seek to be leaders must still strive towards this goal. God expects all of us, leader or follower or whatever we consider ourselves to be... God expects all of us to practice justice

and righteousness, and to demonstrate concrete care for the least and the last and the lost without exception. To embrace such care by living love towards all others—not expecting anything else than complete loving service from ourselves, and certainly expecting nothing less from those who desire to lead us.

Our prayers for our leaders are always appropriate.

Closing Prayer

Lord, your expectations for us are high, yet we know you have made us capable of reaching them. Give us courage today and always to lead and to follow and to live and to serve with love. For this is the gift we know from you in Jesus. This is the gift that makes our existence possible. Amen!

Communications Ministry

Strengthening our Mission

In today's digital era, the way we communicate and share messages is evolving rapidly.

How we communicate in the midst of this transformation plays a pivotal role in how we serve both the church and the broader community. Our mission goes beyond technology; it's about fostering connections, enhancing worship experiences, and strengthening the body of Christ. We are excited to announce that Tab's "Digital Media" ministry is now officially the **Communications Ministry**, led by our Director of Communications, Erica Hewitt.

What Does this Mean?

Digital media will remain a crucial part of our communications strategy, including content creation, social media, and audio/video production. These vital tools enable us to share information and foster interaction within our church community and beyond. How we continue to use the media tools at our disposal will be part of a broader mission that is guided by three key pillars: Strengthening Community

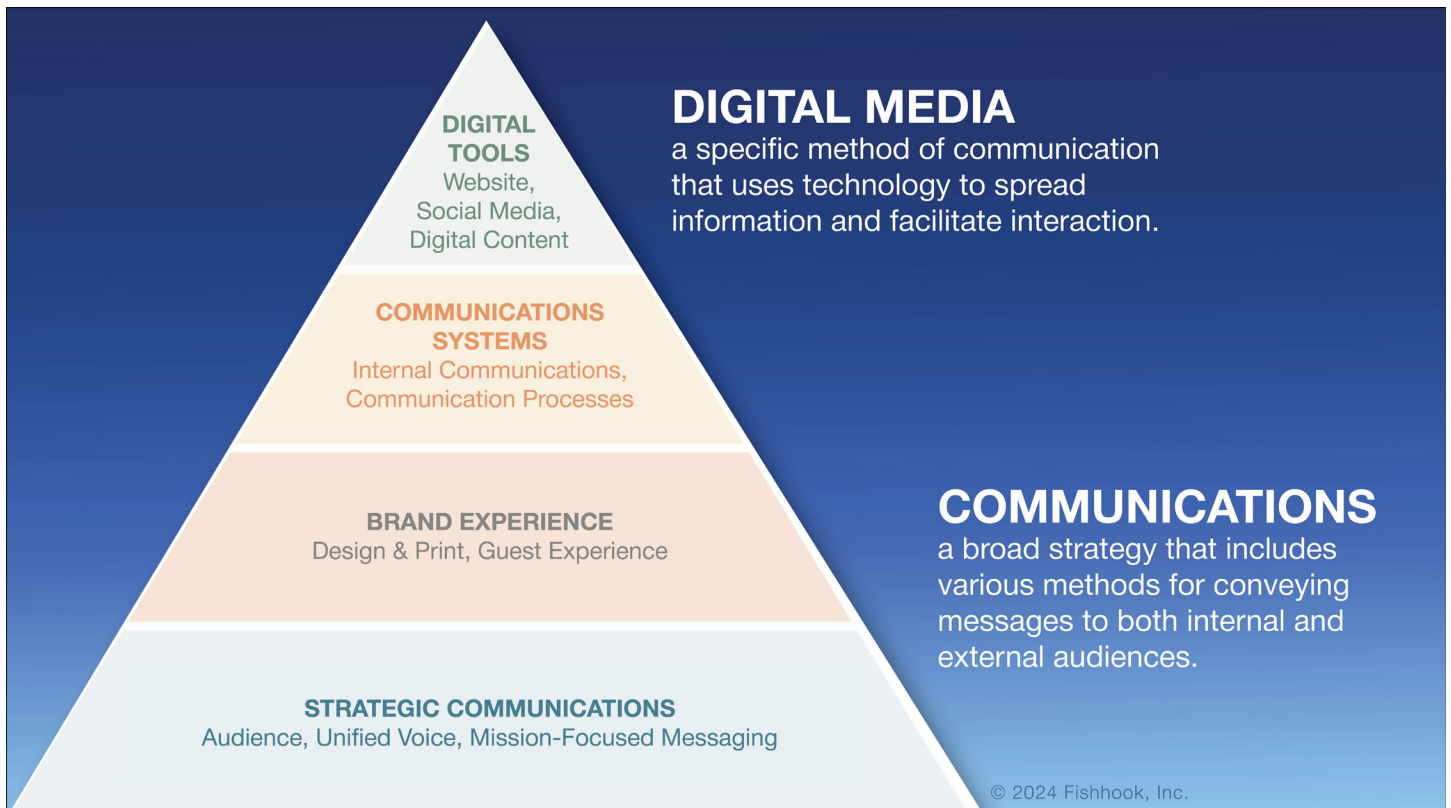
Bonds, Enhancing Ministry Impact, and Improving Operational Efficiency. With a more strategic approach as the foundation of our ministry, we aim to better serve our congregation and the wider community as faithful stewards of the gospel.

Announcements to Look for on the Horizon:

- What is a Communications Request Form?
- Ways to Get Involved
- Updates on Policies and Helpful Resources

Questions?

Feel free to reach to Erica Hewitt at Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org or call 317-923-5458, ext. 170.



Children's Ministries Events

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES DUE BACK

Thank you to those of you who are participating in this year's Operation Christmas Child by filling boxes for children in developing nations. This year's packages must be returned to Tab no later than November 17 so we can take them to the central collection site for mailing overseas. If you'd like to know more about Operation Christmas Child, you can find additional information here: www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child.



Join Us in Packing Boxes
for Children in Need
Through Operation
Christmas Child!

OCTOBER 6 - NOVEMBER 17

Learn more at tabpres.org/Events



UPCOMING PRETEEN EVENTS

Tab's 5th-and 6th-graders are invited to join in a service project preparing holiday "love bags" for visitors to Tab's Open Door Cafe on Tuesday, November 26 from 7–8pm in Lower Level B. We'll also be having our annual Preteen Christmas Party at a local restaurant on December 15, immediately after the 10:00 worship service.

"JUST FOR MOMS" MINI-WORKSHOP

All Tab ladies are invited to attend a special night of crafts and fellowship on Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30–8:30pm in Lower Level B. We'll have several crafts available to do in a child-free environment, as well as dessert and holiday music. Childcare will be available in the Preschool room for children ages 4 and younger.

Questions?

Feel free to reach to
Jennifer Wirt at
Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org or
call 317-923-5458, ext. 140.

2025 MISSIONS UNIT

The annual Missions Unit will begin on January 5, with visits to Neighborhood Ministries in Arizona, France, Egypt, Madagascar, Colombia, Vietnam, and Norway. We'll need many adult and teen volunteers to join the team as we help Tab's children learn about the people, customs, religious practices, art, food, games, and history of our featured countries, and most importantly, about the men and women spreading the good news about Jesus Christ around the world. Sign-up sheets will be available beginning November 24; please contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

This year's Advent Workshop will take place on December 8 from 9-11am in Lower Level B. We'll have nine crafts for older children and adults and a separate room with several crafts for children ages 5 and younger. We'll also have a group craft to prepare Christmas cards for Tab's homebound members.

Tab News

Announcements & Events

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate the saints of Tab who have gone before us to their eternal rest in heaven. At the 10am service, the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and orchestra will present "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré as part of the worship service. This moving work presents the promise of eternal life through beautiful music. You will want to be a part of this as we celebrate the hope and the promise of Christ as we pass from our earthly homes to our heavenly home.

All Saints' Day Necrology

Mr. Wayne E. Weber – November 26, 2023
Mrs. Brenda J. Sweeney – February 26, 2024
Mrs. Patricia A. Ball – June 16, 2024
Mr. William L. "Andy" Phillips – August 12, 2024
Dr. David F. Metzger – September 11, 2024
Mr. Bloor Redding - October 20, 2024

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

—John 11:25, 26

MISSIONS STUDY PRESENTATION

November 3 | Congregational Presentation

We invite everyone to join us for the presentation of the Congregation Assessment Tool survey results on Sunday, November 3 in the Tab Sanctuary from 11:10am to 12:10pm. The format will include a 30–45 minute presentation by the MST and Holy Cow!, followed by a 15–20 minute Q&A session. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to engage with the findings and ask questions.

Listening Sessions

We're also hosting a series of listening sessions to foster further discussion and engagement:

- Session One: November 15 @ 6:30pm; Parlor
- Session Two: November 16 @ 10:00am; Parlor
- Session Three: November 16 @ 1:00pm; Parlor
- Session Four: November 17 @ 11:00am; Dining Room
- Session Five: November 20 @ 6:30pm; via Zoom

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3. Please make sure to adjust your clocks and "fall back" Saturday night before you go to bed!

BUILDING CLOSED

The building will be closed on Saturday morning, November 9, due to road closures around the church for the running of the Monumental Marathon. We will reopen for activities at 1pm that day.

OFFICES CLOSED

The church office will be closed on November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



**THANK-OFFERING
DINNER**

Sunday, November 24
Following 10am Worship | Dining Room

ORGAN UPDATE

If you have not noticed, the organ in the back balcony is complete. The Antiphonal and Echo Divisions, along with the new console, are usable and will lead us in worship as the front organ is dismantled for repair work and reconditioning. The choir will soon be moving to the back balcony as new construction and remodeling begin in the front chancel choir loft. Look forward to additional up-dates as we look to the completion of our organ project.



TAB GOLF CLASSIC – THANK YOU!

The Deacons would like to thank all the donors and volunteers who gave so generously to make this year's Tab Golf Classic a success. The event raised over \$14,000, which will benefit both the Deacons' Benevolence Fund and the Community Care Fund.

Gold Level Hole Sponsors:

Anonymous, In Honor of Kate Ase, Virginia Browning, Nathan & Greta Clement, Donaldson's Chocolates, The Duct Squad, Lucy Emison, Green Custom Framing & Carpentry, Fritz & Janet Holtz, Chris Iverson, Leading Properties, Jim & Rita Lingeman, Bart & Ann Ost, Byron & Marsha Robinson, Dr. Robert & Ann Weller, Steve & Jennifer Weyreter

Blue Level Hole Sponsors:

Anonymous, Doug Conrads, Jim & Karlee Moore, Jim & Robin Pfeiffer, Jeff & Sharon Poole, Christine & Richard Scales

Red Level Hole Sponsors:

Anonymous, Mike & Pat Cracraft, Carl & Lisa Evans, Jim & Jane McClelland, Gary & Jane Miller, Nancy Morris, Mitch & Sandy Roob, Tom Simpson, Gary & Ruth Anne Wright, Brian, Cindy, & Stephanie Verberg

Additional Donations:

Jon & Mary Dougherty, Sue White





FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,775,557
YTD actual income:	\$1,664,997
Actual under budget by:	\$110,560

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,891,891
YTD actual expenses:	\$1,901,698
Actual over budget by:	\$9,807

We thank you for your commitment to God's work here at Tab!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

Nolan Smith & Erica Fledderjohn *21 years*

Ted Planje & Lee Lange *15 years*

Trip & Carol Newell *29 years*

Keith & Stephanie DeTrude *37 years*

Paul & Shannon Woller *17 years*

Todd & Amy McLean *24 years*

Paul & Adina Coomes *20 years*

Bill & Leslie Russell *50 years*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

Judi Trabue	Kathy Donaldson
Bill Batt	Eleanor Lange
Shirley Smith	Ian Flanagan
Joe Kukolla II	Dash Rodriguez
Chris Egan	Sally Reel
Jason DeArman	Ezekiel John
Dirk Douglas	Sandra Reid
James Dzubay	Cosette Wade
Mike Cracraft	Clyde Townsend
Marian Marlowe	Harry Peyton
Nancy Russell	Pete Morse
Chris Moore	Makenzie King
Rachel Braly	Kennedy Cates
Don Fledderjohn	Gayla Pitts
Kaye Diener	Ray Albrektson
Betsy Brunette	Peg Padgett
Jacob Crouch	Erin Sears
Ernesto Carrasco	Jim McClelland
Angelise Sutherland	Nikita McKenna
Shelley Chamberlain	Liam Barnett
Julie Howard	Katy Howe
Stephanie Sherrard	George Davis
Brittany Barnett	Kyle Miller
Sadie Rexroth	Paul Coomes
Dan Hursh	Janice Dehart
Caroline Whaley	Meghan Krueger
Jack Daymon	Emily Boits
Katy Cummings	Nancy Morris
Jon Dougherty	Brian King
Liz Strodman	Sara McFarlen
William Dieterich	Joseph Scales
Michelle Browning	Richard Boits

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POSTMASTER: Send address change to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at the above address.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



*Help make Tab even more
gorgeous at Christmas!*

Purchase a poinsettia and donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone you love. It will decorate our beautiful Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

Cost for each plant is \$25

Given by: _____
please print clearly

In Memory of: In Honor of:

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, December 8. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Poinsettia."