



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.

Discipleship Classes

2025 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAY 9-10a PARLOR

NURTURING THE HEART WITHIN | JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 16

Learn to embrace God's grace, recognize your value, and strengthen relationships through reflection, teaching, and group sharing. Led by Dr. Shannon Woller.

Women's Bible Study | MONDAY 7-8:30p PARLOR

THE WONDER OF GRACE | JANUARY 27 - MARCH 17

This eight-part series explores grace's meaning, availability, and transformative power, encouraging purposeful living for Jesus.

Women Alive | TUESDAY 10a-11a PARLOR

Gather weekly for thoughtful discussions on inspiring books. Current study: *When Faith Becomes Sight*. Contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com for more info.

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

A pastor-led Bible study covering the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

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

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE | BEGINNING MARCH 1

Join the Men's Ministry at Tab on Saturday mornings beginning March 1 as we begin a new study of the Gospel of Luke. Questions? Please contact Doug Conrads at 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.

Cover Art:

Matthew 25
by Bible Art

8 o'clock Worship

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Leader: Has brought us here in gratitude.

People: **We have come together in this holy moment,
for Jesus is here.**

Leader: The One who fills our hearts,

People: **To the brim with hope.**

Leader: We have come in joy, for the Holy Spirit is here.

People: **The One who continually washes over us,**

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Leader: We come in worship,

All: To celebrate your gift of love!

† HYMN #728

“Somebody's Knocking at Your Door” *Somebody's Knocking*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

† RESPONSE #581

“Gloria Patri” *Greatorex*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
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Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:4-9 | Pew Bible Page 600

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:37-40 | Pew Bible Page 806

MESSAGE

The Acceptable Day

Responding to God's Word

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

“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.

(Refrain)

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

(Refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

Departing to Serve

† HYMN #700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” *I’m Gonna Live*

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Joshua Ridenour, Organist

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“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” *Pentecost*

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ANTHEM

“Listen to the Lambs” *R. Nathaniel Dett*

Listen to the lambs! All a-crying!

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and carry the young lambs in his bosom.

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Deep River" arr. Mark Hayes

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,

That promised land where all is peace?

Oh, deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

For those not using the offering plate, you can give by texting **TABPRES** to 73256 or using the QR code.



† DOXOLOGY | HYMN #606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" *Old Hundredth*

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN #792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" *Balm in Gilead*

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This week, we celebrate the powerful legacy of African-American spirituals, songs that have carried stories of struggle, faith, and resilience. These spirituals invite us to reflect on liberation, grace, and the eternal presence of God.

During the Civil War, three northern abolitionists—Francis Allen, Lucy McKim Garrison, and Charles Pickard Ware—were educating freedmen on the Sea Islands near Port Royal, South Carolina. Fascinated by the songs they heard, they transcribed and published them in *Slave Songs of the United States* (1867), the first collection of African American plantation songs. “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” was among them.

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” reflects the communal experience of faith, with lyrics echoing the presence of the Holy Spirit, felt across generations and cultures. Although its exact origins are unknown, it dates from before the 1860s and makes reference to Acts 2:1-4.

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“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” has various versions, but the central phrase—“so God can use me”—remains unchanged. This powerful statement of selflessness calls us to live with purpose and dedication, offering our lives as vessels of God's will.

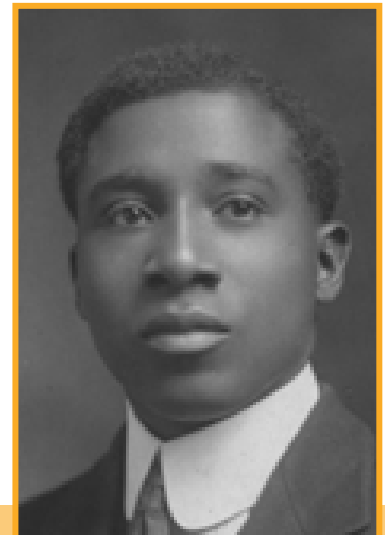
The gospel song “Listen to the Lambs” expresses longing for the shepherd’s presence. As the call for liberation and salvation goes out, we are reminded that the Savior, who is, was, and is to come, hears and responds to our cries. This song invites us to keep calling, be open, and continue on our journey of faith.

“My Lord! What a Morning,” first published in 1874, reflects both “morning” and “mourning.” These contrasting meanings symbolize the joy of the redeemed on the day of resurrection and the sorrow of those not redeemed. This spiritual speaks of Christ’s coming in glory—a cosmic event of transformation, where justice and peace are fully realized for those in Christ.

“Deep River” is one of the most beloved African-American spirituals. The River Jordan symbolizes the crossing from slavery to freedom, invoking the journey to the Promised Land and representing both physical and spiritual liberation.

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” draws on the biblical phrase from Jeremiah 8:22, “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?” This spiritual speaks to Christ as the balm and the healer, offering comfort to those in need of spiritual and physical restoration.

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door” is based on Revelation 3:20, where Christ declares He stands at the door and knocks. This spiritual reminds us of His constant invitation to open our hearts to His presence—a call to listen, respond, and be transformed.



R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943) was a Canadian-American composer, organist, pianist, choral conductor, and music professor. Born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, he moved with his family across the border to Niagara Falls, New York, in 1893 and had most of his education and career in the U.S. He received his earliest musical training in Western New York before attending Oberlin College in Ohio. Later, as the first African American student admitted to the university, he received a Master’s Degree in music from the Eastman School of Music. During his lifetime, he was a leading Black composer, who helped preserve and elevate African-American spirituals. His music remains influential today, a testament to the enduring power of these songs.

From “Glory to God; A Companion”; Carl P. Daw, Jr.; Westminster John Knox Press; 2016

Announcements

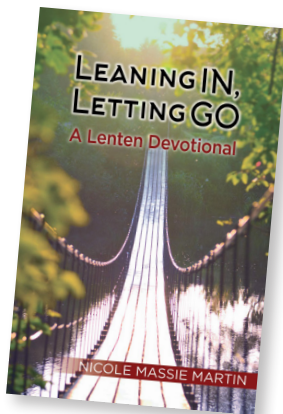
Week of February 16 – 22, 2025

PRESIDENTS' DAY LUNCH AND A MOVIE

All Tab elementary students are invited to participate in our annual President's Day "lunch and a movie" get-together **tomorrow** at Tab. We'll meet at noon in Lower Level B to have lunch, and then we'll play some games and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!) until 2:15. We can't wait to see you!

LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ: BOOK PICKUP AND GROUP SIGN-UP

Deepen your faith through individual or small group readings from the Lenten devotional, "Leaning In, Letting Go" by Nicole Massie Martin. Stop by the table in McKee Hallway Sunday mornings through March 9 to pick up your book copy or sign up for a small group. For more information, please visit tabpres.org/Adults or contact Linda McCabe at (317) 413-6306.



2025 A-MAIZING LUNCH

Mark your calendars for the 2025 A-Maizing Lunch, supporting the Umoja Partnership food security program, on Sunday, March 9, at 11:15am in the Dining Room, following worship. Come enjoy a flavorful twist on githeri (maize and beans), a dish that our children eat every day for school lunch. Not a fan of githeri? No worries! Come and hear about the Eluhobe Comprehensive School, funded by the John and Kristin Gable retirement gift. Learn firsthand about the new Umoja Tabernacle Technical Training Institute and the incredible difference you're making in the lives of these children. Be sure to watch for the sign-up sheets in McKee Hallway!

OPEN DOOR BLESSING TABLE

Due to severe cold temperatures this last month, please consider donating men's & women's socks and gloves for our friends at the Open Door Cafe's Blessing Table. You may leave your donations in the bin under the mailboxes in the mailroom. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY MORNING CHANCEL FLOWERS

Celebrate a loved one or ministry with flowers for Sunday mornings. For more information or to reserve, email Linda Fledderjohn at fledder@comcast.net or call (317) 439-9829. The cost to fill both vases is \$90.

MISSIONS UNIT WEEKLY RECAP

This week, Tab's elementary students will be visiting Egypt where we'll play Nine Men's Morris at the Table Game center, learn several words in Arabic, do some Egyptian math, and try to solve the riddle of the Sphinx at Hidden Secrets, learn to write our names in hieroglyphics at Brain Busters, learn about the pyramids and build a block model of a pyramid at the International Challenge center, paint stone scarabs and make our own beads for bracelets at the craft tables, and play "pass the handkerchief" and "Haneque" in the gym, and taste Koshari (the national dish of Egypt), dates, and a sweet treat called Halwa at the Food Center.

Fun fact about Egypt:



Wadi al-Hitan, known as the "Whale Valley," is a site where over 1000 ancient whale fossils have been found.

Bonus fun fact:

Both men and women in ancient Egypt wore makeup, believing it had protective and healing powers.

Calendar

February 16 – 22, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, February 16

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Dev. *Parlor*
- 9a Children's Missions Unit
LLA, LLB, Gymnasium
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*

Monday, February 17

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 11:30p Children's Presidents' Day
Lunch and a Movie *LLB*
- 6:30p BSA Troop Leaders' Mtg
Youth Room
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, February 18

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room
- 7p Session Mtg *Parlor*

Wednesday, February 19

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Thursday, February 20

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring
Gym & Lower Level
- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Parlor

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, February 23 | 9:00 AM
Sanctuary

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the By-laws, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of: reviewing the Annual Report, approving Associate Pastor's Terms of Call, receiving the approved Operating Budget for 2025, and any other business that may be properly discussed. The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.

An Informational Meeting to receive information from Session concerning the present conversation about denomination affiliation will be held following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

Rev. Dr. William Smutz, Moderator
Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

Copies of the Annual Report will be available online; printed copies available upon request.

ELDER NOMINATION AT ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Lukemeyer will be nominated for the Class of 2027.