



TAB

# Welcome

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

Greetings! We warmly welcome those joining us in-person or via livestream today. As we celebrate, we pray you'll sense God's presence among us.

If you're a guest, please fill out a Connection Card in the pew racks to help us get to know you better. You can hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. 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 stay with their families during worship or attend Junior Church in Lower Level B after the Children's Message. Nurseries are available for infants along with programming for preschoolers.

## Discipleship Classes

2025 Spiritual Growth & Development Opportunities

**Spiritual Growth & Development | SUNDAYS 9-10a PARLOR**

**LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ | MARCH 9 - APRIL 13**

Individual and small group study of Rev. Dr. Nicole Massie Martin's Lenten devotional, *Leaning In, Letting Go*.

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

**THE WONDER OF GRACE | JANUARY 27 - MARCH 17**

Explore grace's meaning, availability, and transformative power, encouraging purposeful living for Jesus.

**Women Alive | TUESDAYS 10a-11a PARLOR**

A weekly gathering discussing inspirational literature. Current study: *When Faith Becomes Sight*. Contact Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com) for more info.

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

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

**Men's Bible Study | SATURDAYS 8a-9a PARLOR**

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE | BEGINS MARCH 1**

Join the Men's Ministry of Tab as we study the Gospel of Luke. Contact Doug Conrads at [dlconrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dlconrads@yahoo.com) for more info.

### 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:

*Christ Reads from Isaiah*  
by Mike Moyers

# 8 o'clock Worship

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

† Please stand in body or spirit.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

“Choral Dorien” *Jehan Alain*

The Prelude is a musical offering dedicated to the glory of God as his people gather for worship. Please use this time to give thanks for the blessings that God has bestowed upon you during the past week and remember Christ's promise of redemption for all who believe in him as Lord and Savior.

## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has set this day before us,

People: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

People: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

Leader: God has set a seal upon our hearts,

People: So that we might live fully in deep love.

Leader: In gratitude for Sabbath renewal and refreshment,

All: *Let us worship God!*

### † OPENING HYMN #49

“The God of Abraham Praise” *Leoni*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Sabbath God, hear our prayer. It is hard for us to stop working, and harder still to stop worshipping work. We confess that our busyness often substitutes for our holiness. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be still enough to know you. Help us to understand that your sabbath is the seam between the world of work and the work of worship. Help us to know that your sabbath is what keeps us from unraveling. Help us to embrace the ways in which your sabbath repairs our harried hearts and minds, and refreshes us with holiness. Help us to see that your sabbath even helps to heal creation from the crash. In this purposefully sacred time, we honor you. We rest in you. We long to know you as maker and mender. Jesus invites us, and so we pray...*

## 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:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### *Proclaiming God's Word*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17 | Pew Bible Page 58

#### GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34 | Pew Bible Page 825

#### MESSAGE

Keeping Sabbath

### *Responding to God's Word*

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Leader: Let us join together proclaiming some of that which we believe.

**Q121:** Why is the word “remember” set in the beginning of the Fourth Commandment?

**A:** The word “remember” is set in the beginning of the Fourth Commandment, partly because of the great benefit of remembering it, we being thereby helped in our preparation to keep it; and, in keeping it, better to keep all the rest of the Commandments, and to continue a thankful remembrance of the two great benefits of creation and redemption; ...and partly because we are ready to forget it, for that there is less light of nature for it, and yet it restrains our natural liberty in things at other times lawful; that it comes but once in seven days, and many worldly businesses come between, and too often take our minds off of thinking of it, either to prepare for it, or to sanctify it... Amen!

#### 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

### † CLOSING HYMN #182

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Kingsfold*

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

*"Improvisation on 'Ah, Holy Jesus'" arr. W. Zachary Taylor*

**Please join us in McKee Hallway immediately following worship for Coffee & Fellowship.**

### Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Matt Kauffman, Organist*

*Call to Worship adapted from Beth Merrill Neel;  
Prayer of Confession adapted from David G. Miller;  
Affirmation of Faith from The Westminster Larger Catechism.*



# 10 o'clock Worship

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### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Ovation” *Brenda E. Austin*

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### † OPENING SONG

“You Know My Name”

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## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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### RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

“The Battle Is The Lords”

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



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# Departing to Serve

## † CLOSING SONG

“The Blessing”

## † BENEDICTION

## † POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine”

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### Today's Worship Participants

*Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor*

*Tabernacle Handbell Choir*

*Matt Kauffman, Minister of Music*

*Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin, Vocals*

*Rob Dixon, Saxophone*

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Steve Dokken, Bass*

*Carrington Clinton, Drums*

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# Announcements

Week of March 9 – 15, 2025

## WELCOME LITTLE ONE

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Nathan Samuel Shaw, born on February 27 to Angela and Doug Shaw. Congratulations and our prayers are extended to the Shaw family.



## 2025 A-MAIZING LUNCH

Join us in the Dining Room immediately following our 10a worship for a delicious meal and presentation in support of the Umoja Partnership's food security program. Enjoy a flavorful twist on *githeri* (maize and beans), a dish our children enjoy daily for school lunch. Hear about the Eluhobe Comprehensive School, made possible by the generous John and Kristin Gable retirement gift, and learn about the Umoja Tabernacle Technical Training Institute and the incredible impact it's having on the lives of these children.

## LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ BEGINS TODAY

It's not too late to join a small group studying the Lenten devotional *Leaning In, Letting Go* over the next six weeks. Stop by the Front Desk today to be directed to a small group.

## FRESH STOP ORDER DEADLINE

Our final Fresh Stop of the season is Saturday, March 15 and we hope to see you there! Visit [FreshStop.org](https://FreshStop.org) before midnight tonight to order your share of delicious, fresh and local produce before the deadline. Cooking demonstrations, recipe ideas, and tasting samples will be provided.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Lent, make a difference through One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gifts support programs that fight hunger, aid disaster recovery, and empower communities to overcome poverty. Every donation brings hope and healing. Learn more at [tabpres.org/Giving](https://tabpres.org/Giving).

## EASTER FLOWERS

Brighten our worship spaces this Easter with beautiful potted plants and ferns! Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and take your plant home after the 10a Easter service. At just \$30 each, these plants make a meaningful gift and help support a beloved tradition. Order online or complete a form at the Front Desk by Sunday, April 13.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Mark your calendars and join us for "Egypt: Joseph's Adventures from Prison to Palace" VBS, **June 16-20**, 9a-12p. Activities include Bible lessons, crafts, music, games, and marketplace fun! Open to students who have completed grades K-6. There is no fee to participate but pre-registration is required. Registration will be open soon!

## SESSION UPDATE

Session met for a Special Session on Tuesday, March 4 to discuss concerns presented at the February 23 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, recent information provided by the Commission on Ministry of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery, and the resignation of Associate Pastor Reverend Terri Thorn. It was determined that, on the recommendation of Presbytery, teams will be appointed to determine the selection of a consulting firm and with which to work before calling a new Interim Pastor. In addition, the need for a "temporary bridge pastor" to work with Pastor Smutz on a part-time basis was reviewed. Also discussed at length was the Congregation's input and comments on the issue of denomination affiliation, which will continue to be pursued in the coming weeks.

# Calendar

March 9 – 15, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, March 9

- 8a Communion Service  
*McKee Chapel*
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship  
*McKee Hallway*
- 9a Spiritual Growth & Development  
*Parlor*
- 9a Lenten All-Church Read  
Small Groups *Dining Room,*  
*McW. Resource Ctr, Nursery*
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 9a Children's Education  
*Lower Level*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group  
*Youth Room*
- 11:15a Umoja A-Maizing Lunch  
*Dining Room*

### Monday, March 10

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5p Facilities Committee Mtg  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p BSA Troop 72/721 *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 7p Cub Scout Pack 72  
*Lower Level*

### Tuesday, March 11

- 9:45a The Oaks Academy Tour  
*McKee Chapel, Sanctuary*
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Mtg  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 7p Children's Committee Mtg  
*Lower Level B*
- 7:15p Worship Committee Mtg  
*Session Room*

### Wednesday, March 12

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

### Thursday, March 13

- 9:45a The Oaks Academy Tour  
*McKee Chapel, Sanctuary*
- 2:30p Tab Tutoring  
*Gym & Lower Level*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room*
- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
*Sanctuary*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
*Parlor*

### Friday, March 14

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Saturday, March 15

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop *Dining Room*

## SUBSCRIBE TO EMAILS

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