

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

May 11, 2025 | 4th Sunday of Easter

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

JESUS' PARABLES: THROUGH MIDDLE EASTERN EYES

Enjoy meaningful conversation, new perspectives, and fellowship as we discover Jesus' teachings through the fresh insight of 1st-century Jewish lens. Contact class leader, Mark John to join the discussion via livestream.

New Class | SUNDAYS 11:20a - 12:20p LIBRARY

EPHESIANS | BEGINS MAY 11

Join us Sundays for a new Spiritual Growth class on Ephesians, led by Dr. Tim Mackie. Lunch included! Preregister with Bart Ost at **BartonBost@gmail.com**.

Women's Tuesday Walkers | TUESDAYS 8a BLUE BRIDGE

Start your Tuesdays with a refreshing walk, good company, and coffee! Meet at the Blue Bridge (56th & Illinois)—enjoy nature, conversation, and friendship. All women welcome!

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

Looking to build lasting connections with other men at Tab? Dive into Scripture and prayer in a supportive small group setting that values authenticity and spiritual growth.

See the full weekly schedule of Spiritual Growth programming at tabpres.org/Adults.



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:

Spirit of God Moved Over the Waters, by Mike Moyer

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Thailand Mission

PRELUDE

"Prelude: Sonata III: Andante tranquillo" Felix Mendelssohn

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

Way beyond all journeying, Truth behind all mystery,	
pple: Life within all livingwe praise you!	
Salve for every soreness, Mender of every brokenness,	
Midwife of a better futurewe praise you!	
Ground of all being, Judge of all nations,	
Conscience of the universewe praise you!	
Maker, Redeemer, Confessor,	
Companion, Befriender, Inspirer,	
God beyond all names,	
We praise you!	

+ OPENING HYMN #260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Each day of life overflows with the blessing of your abundance – with relationships which nurture and challenge, with service rendered in love, and justice to always be done. Each day brims with your meaning and purposes. And yet, we often miss your presence. With much around us to be done, we complain of boredom. Or we are so busy, we lose track of your calling. Too often we scurry around without appreciation, delight, or much sense of purpose. Forgive us, O God, and call us out of emotional poverty into the richness of life lived in love. Ever move us toward you and one another. Set us free in Jesus...

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

GOSPEL READING

Acts 10:17-33 | Pew Bible Page 894

GOSPEL READING

Acts 10:34-48 | Pew Bible Page 895

MESSAGE

God Shows The Way

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

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

He is among us: the one who gave sight to the blind, and insight to the closed-minded; the one who gave hearing to the deaf, and listening ears to those who heard only their own voices; the one who made the lame walk and is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is among us: the one who healed the sick and helped the hopeless; the one who exorcised demons and gave new names to those who were known only for their problems; the one who was criticized for coming too close to the contaminated. He is among us: the one who agreed with fair taxation and handled money; the one who spoke for the poor and who spoke to the privileged of the good things their wealth could do; the one who treated women and men without prejudice or favor. He is among us—to touch, to heal, to bless, to inspire, to confront, to comfort, to show at all times the human face of God. Jesus is among us, and we believe. 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 #305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" Darwall's 148th

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

"Chorale Prelude on Darwall's 148th" Healey Willan

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

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor Dale Caldwell, Organist

Call to Worship & Affirmation of Faith adapted from <u>A Wee Worship Book V;</u> Prayer of Confession adapted from <u>Flames of the Spirit</u>, Ruth Duck, Editor

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All:	We praise you!		

† OPENING SONG

"Come Jesus Come"

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

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



"Redeemer"

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+ CLOSING SONG

This Little Light of Mine"

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor Adam Packer, Liturgist Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin, Vocals Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano Rob Dixon, Saxophone Steve Dokken, Bass Kenny Phelps, Drums

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Announcements

Week of May 11–17, 2025

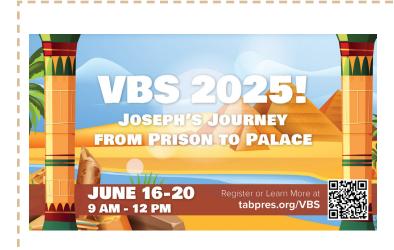
TAB TUTORING END OF THE YEAR PARTY

Help us celebrate a great year with Tab Tutoring! We're looking for volunteers to join our team for the End of the Year Celebration **this Thursday**, **May 15**, from 5-6:30p in Tab Park. Opportunities include setup, grilling, serving food, leading games, and cleanup. It's a fun way to connect with students and families while sharing the love of Jesus. To help out, contact Carol Newell at **carol.ann.newell@gmail.com**.



GROW WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

Come connect, swap plants, and share tips at our Annual Plant Exchange! Whether you're a garden pro or just curious, join us in Tab Park on **Saturday, May 17**, from 9a to 12p. No need to bring anything—just come, enjoy the fellowship, have fun, and leave inspired to grow something beautiful!





CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL TRYOUTS

Calling all kids! This summer, be part of *Cool in the Furnace*, an exciting musical about Daniel and his friends in Babylon. Tryouts for children will be held **next Sunday, May 18**—no experience required! It's a great chance to get involved in the arts and make lasting memories. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity! Contact Jennifer Wirt at **Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org** to learn more.

OPEN DOOR FAN DISTRIBUTION

Help our neighbors stay cool this summer! Now through May 25, we're collecting new box fans or donations to buy them. Last year, 55 fans were shared through Open Door Café—let's see if we can do even more! Drop off fans in the mailroom or give them to Kristine Green. Fans will be shared on June 4. Questions? Reach out to Julie Kukolla at **jakukolla@icloud.com**. Together, we can bring the gift of relief to those who need it most.

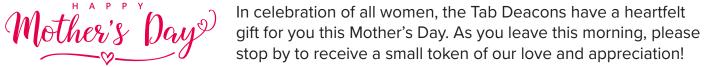
HELP MAKE VBS UNFORGETTABLE!

Want to make a difference and have a blast doing it? Join our VBS team! We're looking for Group Leaders to guide kids between activities and Marketplace Shopkeepers to bring crafts, games, and hands-on fun to life. It's a chance to build friendships, grow in faith, and be part of something kids will never forget. Shopkeepers serve just two days; Group Leaders pick one to five. Visit **tabpres.org/VBS** to learn more or register your child for a week of adventure!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We're excited to honor the Class of 2025! If you have a student graduating from high school, college, or grad school, please send 1–2 photos, their name, future plans, and connection to Tab to **ARexroth@Carmelpsychology.com** by May 25. A video tribute will be shared during worship on Sunday, June 8. Congratulations to all our graduates!





SESSION UPDATE

Session met for a Special Session on Tuesday, May 6, where the process of the Membership Roll Review was discussed, a recommendation for the Executive Director of Recreation was received and reviewed, a report from the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee was received, and the recent report from the Center for Healthy Churches was received and discussed, including the methods by which its conclusions will be shared with the Congregation.

BUILD COMMUNITY WITH TABJAMS!

Be part of the energy this summer by lending a helping hand at TabJams! Volunteer at one, two, or all three TabJams concerts—June 8, July 13, and August 10. Help out with stage setup, hospitality, or cleanup while supporting our mission of *Building Stronger Community through Music*. It's a fun way to serve, connect, and enjoy great music. Volunteers even get a free t-shirt! To sign up or learn more, contact Sandy Roob at **sroob16@gmail.com** or Eric Guion at **thistle3378@gmail.com**.



Calendar

May 11–17, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, May 11

Communion Service 8a McKee Chapel 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship McKee Hallway 9a Spiritual Growth Class Parlor Youth Education 9a Youth Room 9a Children's Education Lower Level 10a Worship Service Sanctuary 10a Junior Church LLB Coffee & Fellowship Parlor 11a

11:15a Spiritual Growth Class Resource Center

Monday, May 12

- Open Door Café Dining Room 11a
- 4:30p Endowment Fund Board Mtg Parlor
- 5:30p Facilities Committee Mtg Session Room
- 6:30p BSA Troop 72/721 Mtg Youth Room
- Cub Scout Troop 72 7p Lower Level

Tuesday, May 13

- 9:15a Yoga Parlor 10a Women Alive Parlor
- 4:30p Sally John Studio Rehearsal
- Parlor 5p Budget & Finance Mtg Session Room

6:30p Prayer Meeting McKee Chapel

Wednesday, May 14

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

Thursday, May 15

2:30p	Tab Tutoring End of Year
	Picnic Tab Park

- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
- 6р Circles Dining Room, LLB
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Parlor

Friday, May 16

Open Door Café Dining Room 11a

Saturday, May 17

- Men's Bible Study Parlor 8a
- 9a Women of Tab Plant Exchange Tab Park

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