





# 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 this morning. 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.

**Women's Tuesday Walkers | TUESDAYS 7:30a BLUE BRIDGE**

Start your Tuesdays with a refreshing walk, good company, and coffee! Meet us at the Blue Bridge (56th & Illinois) and enjoy nature, conversation, and friendship. All women welcome! Contact Ellen Moeller at [ellensmoeller@gmail.com](mailto:ellensmoeller@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Women Alive | TUESDAYS 9:30a PARLOR**

During the summer, Women Alive shifts to monthly gatherings at various members' homes. See our summer schedule at [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults).

**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](http://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:

*The Ascension*  
by Paolo Veronese

# 10 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.

## PRELUDE

*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.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"A Song to God"

## Gathering In God's Name

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this season of Ascension, we celebrate Jesus' return to God.

People: We look up in wonder, remembering his being 'lifted up' into heaven;

Leader: As we remember his being 'beamed up' into God's presence!

People: But even as recall Jesus, "ascended into heaven,"

Leader: We know this is not a time to gaze upward,

People: For there is hard work, serious work to be done.

Leader: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

People: So, let's get busy...let's get to work...

Leader: Let's redouble our efforts to love as we have been loved.

All: *Now, with prayer and praise,  
let us make our hearts ready for the task ahead!*

### † OPENING SONG

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, you know our heart and our intentions. You also know that sometimes we act wrongly. Be near today to those we have betrayed or let down. You know them, and we know them. Help us to see that we all stand in the need of grace. Help us not to run away from our failures; and to accept, deep down, this day and every day, that we too need your healing touch...*

## MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## *Proclaiming God's Word*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 93:1-5 | Pew Bible Page 478

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, forevermore.

## † CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“Be Thou My Vision”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:24-29 | Pew Bible Page 788

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

### MESSAGE

A Stolen Car

# Responding to God's Word

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

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

*Jesus, you are not only risen and alive, you are Lord.  
As we recall and prepare for your ascension,  
your ascendancy over the whole universe, we give thanks that:  
You stand over and above all that is best in life as its source;  
You stand above all that is worst as the ultimate victor;  
You stand above all powers and authorities as judge;  
You stand above all failure and weakness and sin  
as forgiveness and love;  
You alone are worthy of total allegiance, total commitment;  
You are Lord.  
Our Lord and our Savior. Amen!*

## RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

“Holy Forever”

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



### 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 SONG

“To God Be the Glory”

## † BENEDICTION

## † POSTLUDE

Please join us in the Parlor immediately following worship for Coffee & Fellowship.

### Today's Worship Participants

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

*Ann Weller, Liturgist (Youth Elder)*

*Dr. Daniel Rexroth, Co-Director of Youth Ministries*

*Leah Crane, Vocals*

*Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Piano*

*Call to Worship from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com);*

*Prayer Of Confession adapted from Wild Goose Big Book Of Worship Resources 2, by the Iona Community;*

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from Rex Chapman, in A Treasury of Prayer (Tony Castle, Editor)*

# Announcements

Week of May 25 – 31, 2025

## LAST DAY TO DONATE FANS!

Help our neighbors stay cool this summer—**today is the final day** to donate new box fans or make a financial gift for fan purchases. Questions? Contact Julie Kukolla at [jakukolla@icloud.com](mailto:jakukolla@icloud.com).

## OFFICES CLOSED: MEMORIAL DAY

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed all day tomorrow, May 26. We honor and remember those who have given their lives in service to our country.

## SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for our Children's Summer Musical kick off **next Sunday**, June 1, with Wednesday rehearsals starting June 11—and we can't wait! See you there!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR TAB JAMS

The family-friendly summer concert series kicks off June 8 from 6–8pm in Tab Park. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic to enjoy the jazzy sounds of saxophonist **Rob Dixon**, the “Music Mayor of Indy,” and rising star **Natalie Marque** with her soulful singing voice. Volunteers are key to making this event a success! If you can lend a hand with setup or help during the concert, we'd love your support. In case of rain, the concert will move to the sanctuary. To volunteer or learn more, contact Sandy Roob at [sroob16@gmail.com](mailto:sroob16@gmail.com) or Eric Guion at [thistle3378@gmail.com](mailto:thistle3378@gmail.com).

## HELP MAKE VBS UNFORGETTABLE!

Make a difference and have fun—volunteer as a Group Leader or Marketplace Shopkeeper at VBS! Serve one day or more (Shopkeepers only serve two). Learn more or sign up at [tabpres.org/VBS](http://tabpres.org/VBS).

## OPEN DOOR NEEDS YOU!

Tabernacle's Open Door Café Ministry is growing—and so is the opportunity to serve! Rooted in our mission of *Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community*, we serve meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to nourish both body and soul. It's a chance to remind someone they matter and to offer hope and dignity. If you're looking for a way to serve, connect, and grow in faith, we'd love for you to join us. Come serve. Come smile. Be the hands and feet of Jesus.

## SUPPORT CUSC IN COLOMBIA

The Session has approved a Minute for Mission and direct appeal for the Christian Union Sports Club (CUSC) in Medellín, Colombia, and supported missionary Mark Wittig. CUSC is building a community center in one of Medellín's poorest areas. Originally funded by their brownie business, a new 39% sugar tax has cut off profits. The partially built center now needs \$35,000 to complete. To help, donate at [tabpres.org/giving](http://tabpres.org/giving) and select “Wittig Mission Fund,” or write a check to Tab with “**CUSC, Wittig Mission**” in the memo line.

## 2025 QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)

If you're age 70½ or older, consider making tax-free charitable donations directly from your IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). QCDs can count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) and may reduce your taxable income—potentially lowering the impact on Social Security and Medicare taxes. In 2025, you can give up to \$108,000 tax-free. It's a smart way to support Tab while managing your finances wisely. Consult your tax professional for details, or contact Kristine Green at [kristine.green@tabpres.org](mailto:kristine.green@tabpres.org) with questions.

## SESSION UPDATE

Session met for its Regular Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, where a report from the Denomination Education Task Force was received and discussed at great length, as well as a report from the Interim Pastor Search Team (including Summer Pulpit Supply), and from Human Resources regarding an Executive Recreation Director, a potential part-time Parish Associate and a part-time Administrative Director position. Also discussed was the recent report from Center for Healthy Churches, and the upcoming departure of Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, whose last day at Tab will be June 30.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM

Realm isn't new—but it's about to become your best tool for staying connected to all things Tab! There's so much happening in our church community, and Realm helps ensure you don't miss a thing.

**With Realm, you can:**

- View and register for upcoming events
- Receive important church announcements
- Send messages to individuals or groups
- Update your contact information
- Give online and track your donations
- Volunteer for roles and events

Realm makes it easy to stay informed and engaged. Plus, your participation helps us rebuild our database and better serve our church and community.

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# Calendar

May 25 – 31, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, May 25

- 9a Sundays in the Library Class  
*McWhirter Resource Center*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 11a Coffee & Fellowship *Parlor*

### Monday, May 26

All Day Offices Closed

### Tuesday, May 27

- 9:30a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Deacons' Meeting *Parlor*

### Wednesday, May 28

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

### Thursday, May 29

- 6p Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
*Sanctuary*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*

### Friday, May 30

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

### Saturday, May 31

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*



Photo submissions must be received before the end of today, May 25.

Email Amy Rexroth at [ARexroth@CarmelPsychology.com](mailto:ARexroth@CarmelPsychology.com).



**SUNDAYS 6-8 PM**  
**JUNE 8, JULY 13,**  
**AUGUST 10**



**BRING A  
LAWN CHAIR!**



# TAB JAMS

**FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
CONCERT SERIES, TAB PARK  
34<sup>TH</sup> & CENTRAL AVENUE**

**IN CASE OF RAIN  
CONCERT MOVES INSIDE TAB**

**6/8**  
**ROB DIXON**



**7/13**  
**MARK PAY**



**8/10**  
**STACI  
MCCRACKIN**



**7/13**  
**JAY  
THOMAS**



**6/8**  
**NATALIE  
MARQUE**

