



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.

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.

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 with any questions.

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.

Cover Art:

Let the Children Come
by Mike Moyer

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



8 o'clock Worship

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† Please stand in body or spirit.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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Gathering In God's Name

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Leader: God who is beyond us, maker of heaven and earth,

People: Open our eyes to see the wonder of creation!

Leader: God who is made known in the life of Jesus,

People: Open our hearts afresh to embrace this deep love!

Leader: God who lives in each one of us as Spirit,

People: May your holy fire kindle our true purpose!

Leader: Open us now to each other in community,

All: *That together we can give birth to your new earth!*

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"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!" *Nicaea*

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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 40:3-5 | Pew Bible Page 581

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MESSAGE

Getting Ready for Company

Responding to God's Word

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

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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 *(please join in singing)*

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn to Joy

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TabJams

TIME OF PREPARATION

"A Clare Benediction" John Rutter

*May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
May his spirit be ever by your side.*

*When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
When you wake, may he fill you with his grace.
May you love him and serve him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see his face.*

*May the Lord's loving kindness surround you;
Keep you safe as you journey on your way:
May he lead you and inspire you as he grants you the gift of each new day.
May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them;
Every Friend, ev'ry stranger at your door:
In the name of his Son, our Saviour Christ,
May God bless you, now and evermore.*

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Communion Hymn” David Kellermeyer

*Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me.
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!*

*Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Gallilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

*Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with thee above;
Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Thank you, Lord, for gladness in this simple meal; for shared loaf and cup, which remind us that love never dies, darkness is never complete, and that your peace passes all our understanding. In gratitude for your generosity, we commit ourselves now to leave this place; that your abundance may flow from us everywhere we go, and upon everyone we meet, that all may be transformed through love. Amen!

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Franz Peter Schubert

*Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is He.
He, without beginning, He, who always was,
Ever is and ruleth shall be evermore.*

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



*Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is He.
Power, wonder, love, all around him dwell.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.*

† 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;
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Sanctuary Choir
Mason Kniola, Guest Director*

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Announcements

Week of June 1 – 7, 2025

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 8 is Pentecost—a day to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church! It's one of the only Sundays when red takes center stage, so let's light up the Sanctuary. Wear red, orange, yellow, or any flame-inspired color as we worship together and celebrate the Spirit's fire among us!

TABJAMS ONE WEEK AWAY!

Looking for a fun way to spend an evening? Bring a lawn chair and some of your favorite people to TabJams **next Sunday, June 8** from 6-8pm in Tab Park. Saxophonist Rob Dixon kicks off the family-friendly concert series. He will be joined by rising star vocalist Natalie Marque. In case of rain the concert will be held in the Sanctuary. If volunteering is your jam, consider helping with set up the day of the event or at the show. For more information, contact Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or Eric Guion at 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.

EAT HEALTHIER WITH FRESH STOP!

Enjoy fresh, chemical-free, local vegetables every two weeks, **June 28 through November 22**, through Fresh Stop, a ministry of Tab. Order your full season share now at freshstop.org. Going out of town? Let Sally know—your share will help feed others. It's a tasty way to support your health and community! Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com. Let Fresh Stop inspire your meals this season!

SACRED CONCERTS WITH PAVEL & LEAH

Join us on **Sunday, June 29** at 4pm in our Sanctuary for a Sacred Concert in support of Music Ed Fest 2025! This inspiring afternoon of music from Pavel & Leah along with the choir from Covenant Community Church will uplift the spirit and help raise funds to support young musicians in the Dominican Republic. Come enjoy beautiful performances while making a meaningful impact through the gift of music. All are welcome!

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. Contact Janaé Woodson at Janae.Woodson@tabpres.org or call the Front Desk to get involved!

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 and select "Wittig Mission Fund," or write a check to Tab with "**CUSC, Wittig Mission**" in the memo line.

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM

Realm is your go-to tool for staying up to date with everything happening at Tab. Use it to register for events, share and receive announcements via the Newsfeed, message individuals and small groups, update your contact and personal info, give online, and volunteer. It's simple, secure, and helps us serve you better. Already a member? Just log in to activate your access. Visit onrealm.org/tabpres, scan the QR code, or download the **Realm Connect** mobile app to get started! Contact Jenny Sturgis at frontdesk@tabpres.org with questions.



Calendar

June 1 – 7, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, June 1

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Fellowship
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class *Parlor*
- 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 Home Communion
Session Room
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class
McW. Resource Ctr

Monday, June 2

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5p HR Committee Mtg *Online*

Tuesday, June 3

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:30a Women Alive *Offsite*
- 5:30p Spiritual Growth Meeting
Session Room
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting *McKee Chapel*
- 7p Special Session Meeting
Parlor

Wednesday, June 4

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Missions Cmte Meeting *Parlor*

Thursday, June 5

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

Friday, June 6

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Saturday, June 7

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*

Let's get connected.

Download our Connect app today.

- Update your personal information
- Communicate with groups & teams
- Follow church announcements
- Look up members
- Manage giving
- Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.



