



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

NOTHING "MINOR" ABOUT THE MINOR PROPHETS!

Come join us this Sunday at 9am in the Parlor as we continue our study of the Minor Prophets, focusing this week on the book of Micah. All are welcome!

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.

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

Gather with Dr. Steve Smith for a welcoming time of exploring the Scriptures that shape Sunday worship. Come as you are—no registration needed!.

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.

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:

Season of Pentecost
by Paul Oman

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



8 o'clock Worship

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in your presence we confess our captivity to sin and our resistance to your way. You have given us wisdom, but we boast in our own knowledge and ignore the insights that you have laid before us in your word. You have given us power, but we boast in our own strength believing that we know best how to overcome the powers of this world without turning to you for true strength. You have given us opportunities to make a difference in this world, but we love to boast in our own merits and reject the worth of others.

Forgive us, O God. Renew and reshape our lives with the forgiving and loving message of the cross. Teach us to boast in nothing less than the crucified and risen one; Jesus Christ our Lord. This and all the silent confessions of our heart we bring before your throne of grace.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, hear the good news.
Christ is the wisdom of God.
Christ is the power of God.
Christ is the glory of God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven.

All: *Thanks be to God. Amen!*

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Proclaiming God's Word

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And the life everlasting. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

“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;
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(Refrain)*

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei” *Victor C. Johnson*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world
Miserere nobis.
Have mercy on us.
Dona nobis pacem.
Grant us thy peace.

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Pat Carlson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Wade In the Water” *arr. Russell Robinson*

Wade in the water, wade in the water, wade in the water children,
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, wade in the water,
Wade in the water, wade in the water, wade in the water.

Jordan's river is chilly and cold.
God's gonna trouble the water.
Chills the body, but not the soul.
God's gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, wade in the water children,
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Wade in the water, wade in the water, wade in the water.

If you get there before I do,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Tell my friends I'm comin' too.
God's gonna trouble the water.

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



† **DOXOLOGY | Hymnal #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.*

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Vocalists: Dorothy Benz-Buchanan, Alana Jones, Cora Winstead

Calendar

Week of August 3 – 9, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, August 3

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation
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 & Conversation *Parlor*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group
Youth Room
- 11:15a Spiritual Growth Class
McWhirter Resource Center

Monday, August 4

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5p Endowment Investment Cmte
Parlor

Tuesday, August 5

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers
Offsite
- 9:30a Women Alive *Offsite*
- 5:30p Spiritual Growth Meeting
Session Room
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McWhirter Resource Center

Wednesday, August 6

- 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study *Parlor*
- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Missions Committee Meeting
Parlor
- 6:30p Summer Musical Rehearsal
LLB, Sanctuary
- 6:30p Communications Cmte Mtg
McWhirter Resource Center

Thursday, August 7

- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*

Friday, August 8

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*

Saturday, August 9

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop Pickup *Offsite*
- 10a Daughters of Dorcas
Session Room

Announcements

Week of August 3 – 9, 2025

PASTOR BIO

Pastor Jerry Van Auken, a Buffalo, NY native, transitioned from a decade at Procter & Gamble to ministry after sensing a call to the pastorate in 1987. He earned his M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and served as Associate Pastor at Tabernacle (1993–2005), then as Pastor of First Evangelical Presbyterian until his retirement in 2023. Now serving part-time with the EPC's Presbytery of the Midwest, Jerry is also a trained life coach. He and his wife, Robin, have three married sons and four grandchildren.

COUNT DOWN TO THE TABJAMS FINALE

Don't miss the grand finale of TabJams **next Sunday, August 10**, in Tab Park, from 6–8pm! Staci McCrackin and her all-star band will bring the house down with an electrifying tribute to Tina Turner, the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll. Bring your lawn chair, pack a picnic, and get ready to dance the night away at this free, family-friendly event. Rain or shine—we've got a backup plan inside the Sanctuary. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sandy at sroob16@gmail.com.

SUMMER MUSICAL DRESS REHEARSAL

All students participating in the summer musical should attend dress rehearsal on Wednesday, August 13, from 5:30–8pm. A pizza dinner will be served at 5:30pm for those who can arrive early, and we'll run through the entire show in the Sanctuary at 6pm.

TEEN HELPER TRAINING

Calling all students in grades 6–12! Join our Teen Helper program and make a big impact by serving once a month in the Ones/Twos nursery or Preschool Class. You'll be in the same class on the same Sunday each month (e.g., Preschool on the second Sunday) building connections with our youngest kids—who will think you're a hero! It's a fun way to serve the Tab family and earn service hours for school or Scouts. Join us for training, room sign-ups, snacks, and door prizes on **Sunday, August 24**, in Lower Level B right after Sanctuary worship.

FACILITATING MINISTRY IN ROMANIA

Tab has partnered with churches in Alexandria, Romania, for over 30 years and now supports Daniel Marinescu, a young pastor serving the villages of Piatra and Copaceanca through **Missio International**. To give, visit tabpres.org/Giving (memo: *Missio International*) or missiointernational.org/Donate (*Church in Mission*, note *Daniel Marinescu*). Subscribe to their newsletter to follow their work.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS: MID-NORTH FOOD PANTRY

Mid-North Food Pantry has several volunteer opportunities available! Help with pantry setup or food distribution on select Saturdays (Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15), assist with garden harvests on Monday mornings, or support food deliveries on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Shifts are flexible, and volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Sign up for a Saturday shift at midnorthfoodpantry.org/volunteer, or email Vicky (garden) at vpprusinski@gmail.com, or inquire with the Pantry Manager about food deliveries at manager@midnorthfoodpantry.org.

ICYMI: (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)

Tab's newly formed **Transition Team**—David Amstutz, Amy McLean, Ryan Miller, Randy Phillips, and Jenny Sturgis—is developing a plan to guide the many transition tasks ahead. They'll work closely with Session, consultants from the Center for Healthy Churches, and key committees to ensure everything is completed thoughtfully and on schedule. Regular updates will be shared in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **August 10** – Rev. Dr. John Person
- **August 17** – Rev. Stan Johnson
- **August 24** – Rev. Glenn McDonald
- **August 31** – Rev. Dr. Steve Smith