



# 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

### Grace Filled Living

9-10a PARLOR

What does it look like to live like Jesus in a world running the opposite direction? Join Grace Filled Living, a discussion-based study of Matthew 5–7, beginning **September 14**.

### A Study of Faith and Science

9-10a MCWHIRTER RESOURCE CENTER (LIBRARY)

Can faith and science work together? Join Bart Ost for a discussion-based class beginning **September 14**, exploring scripture, theology, and scientific insights to deepen understanding of God's creation and our role within it.

Bible Study Fellowship | TUESDAYS 7p DINING ROOM | BEGINS SEPT. 9

Explore *Exile and Return*, studying Ezekiel through Malachi, with personal study, small-group discussion, teaching, and lesson notes—deepening faith, applying Scripture to daily life, and connecting through meaningful fellowship.

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

Join us in September as Dr. Tim Ayers leads our time of exploring God's Word. Come prepared for lively discussion as we delve into spiritual truths contained in scripture.

### 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.

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See the full weekly schedule of Spiritual  
Growth programming at [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults).



# 8 o'clock Worship

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## PRELUDE

"Lead, Kindly Light" Dale Wood

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

### † GREETING ONE ANOTHER

"The Church's One Foundation" Aurelia

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

## Gathering In God's Name

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People: **Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

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All: ***Come, let us worship God!***

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## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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*Forgive us, Holy God. Renew and reshape our lives with the message of the cross. Teach us to boast in nothing less than the crucified and risen one: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ is the wisdom of God.  
Christ is the power of God.  
Christ is the glory of God.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** *Thanks be to God!*

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*Glory be to the Father,  
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*I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy catholic church;  
The communion of saints,  
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The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

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## RESPONSE

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## MESSAGE | Rev. Dr. John Person

Shockwaves

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

# Responding to God's Word

## 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;*

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*(Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;*

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## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Steven Smith

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*Thy kingdom come,*

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*For Thine is the kingdom,*

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### COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Agnus Dei" Morten Lauridsen

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

## RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Jeff Poole

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Ride Up in the Chariot" Donald Moore

*Ride up in the chariot early in the mornin',  
Early in the mornin' just to see my Lord.  
Risin' to the rhythm of the trumpet sound.  
Everybody's goin', yea, we're heavenly bound.  
Never you mind about what people say,  
We'll be shoutin' hallelujah on that judgement day.  
Ride up in the chariot early in the mornin',  
Early in the mornin' just to see my Lord.  
When I get to heaven gonna put on shoes.  
I'll be shoutin' and a-prayin', I'll be spreadin' the news.  
And people talkin' 'bout the promised land.  
We'll be dancin' to the music of that heav'nly band.  
Ride up in the chariot early in the mornin',  
Early in the mornin' just to see my Lord.  
Gonna ride early in the mornin' just to see my Lord*

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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*Sanctuary Choir*

# Calendar

Week of September 7–13, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT TAB

### Sunday, September 7

- 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 IMPACT Youth Group  
*Youth Room*
- 11a Coffee & Conversation *Parlor*

### Monday, September 8

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 5:30p Facilities Committee Meeting  
*Session Room*

### Tuesday, September 9

- 7:30a Women's Tuesday Walkers  
*Offsite*
- 9:15a Women Alive Yoga *Parlor*
- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 5p Budget & Finance Meeting  
*Session Room*
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship  
*Dining Room*
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer  
*McWhirter Resource Center*
- 7p Children's Cmte Mtg *LLB*
- 7:15p Worship Committee Meeting  
*Session Room*

### Wednesday, September 10

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

### Thursday, September 11

- 2:30p Tab Tutoring  
*Lower Level, Gym, Tab Park*
- 6p Circles *Dining Room, LLB*
- 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
*Parlor*

### Friday, September 12

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6p CHC Session *Parlor*

### Saturday, September 13

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 9a CHC Workshop *Dining Room*
- 6p Daughters of Dorcas  
*Session Room*

## PASTOR BIO

This morning we again welcome guest preacher **Rev. Dr. John Person**, who lives in Glenview, IL, with his wife, Nancy. They have two adult children and two grandchildren in the Chicago area. John earned his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and his D.Min. from Bethel Theological Seminary. He served Tab from 1978–1989 as Associate Pastor for Youth, Christian Education, and Adult Education, and later pastored two Presbyterian churches in Minnesota (8 years) and Ohio (22 years). Today, he volunteers at Winnetka Presbyterian Church as pulpit supply and co-director of Stephen Ministry, while Nancy serves as a Deacon. John and Nancy cherish their memories and friendships from their years in Indianapolis. Welcome “home,” John and Nancy!

## UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **September 14**  
Pastor Jerry Van Auken
- **September 21**  
Rev. Eric Lange
- **September 28**  
Rev. Dr. Steven Smith
- **October 5**  
Rev. Dr. Tim Ayers

# Announcements

Week of September 7–13, 2025

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Take a break while your kids have fun at Parents' Night Out on **Friday, September 19**, from 6–8:30pm in Lower Level B. Kids will enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and a family-friendly movie with plenty of popcorn, while little ones have dedicated childcare. This free event only asks that children eat dinner beforehand. Contact [Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:Jennifer.Wirt@tabpres.org) to learn more.



## FUN FACT ABOUT THE TAB GOLF CLASSIC!

Did you know? The **Deacons' Benevolence Fund** helps families make ends meet when they can't on their own, assisting an average of nine families each year over the past five years. Support covers rent, mortgage, repairs, medical bills, food, gas, and counseling. Since the late 1970s, the Golf Classic has been the fund's sole source of fundraising. Join us at Eagle Creek Golf Club on **Saturday, September 20**, for this year's event! Register at [tabpres.org/Golf](http://tabpres.org/Golf) before next Sunday.

## NANCY'S RIDE

Join cyclists, families, and neighbors on **Saturday, September 20**, for the 8th Annual Nancy's Ride—a free event featuring rides for all skill levels, live music, snacks, and family fun. Honoring Nancy Stimson, founder of Freewheelin' Community Bikes, the ride supports youth empowerment through cycling. Register free at [freewheelinbikes.org/nancys-ride](http://freewheelinbikes.org/nancys-ride); donations help provide bikes, tools, and training for Indianapolis youth.

## TASTE OF TAB

Looking for ways to get connected at Tab? Join us for Taste of Tab on **Sunday, September 28**, following the 10am worship service. Hosted by the Congregational Life Committee and held in the Gym, this one-hour event lets you explore ministries, meet new people, and discover ways to get involved. Donuts and coffee will be served in place of Coffee & Conversation. Questions? Contact Jenny Sturgis at [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org).

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Nina Kauffman** who passed away Sunday, August 31. A private graveside service was held on Thursday. Please keep Matt, Debbie, and their family in your prayers as they remember the life of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.



## BLESSING TABLE GIFTS: SOCKS & GLOVES

Help us share warmth and comfort with our neighbors this fall! **Through September 28**, we're collecting men's and women's socks and gloves for the Open Door Blessing Table. Donations can be dropped off in the bin under the mailboxes in the workroom. Thank you for helping us show God's love in a simple, tangible way!