



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

Grace Filled Living | 9-10a PARLOR

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

A Study of Faith and Science | 9-10a LIBRARY

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

Women's Bible Study | MONDAYS 7-8:30p PARLOR

Explore the Bible, grow in faith, and connect with other women in meaningful fellowship. For ten weeks, study 1 Corinthians with Dr. Eric Mason's book, praying and encouraging one another in daily life.

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

Join us throughout 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.

Cover Art:

Scrooge and the Ghost of Marley
by Arthur Rackham

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



8 o'clock Worship

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PRELUDE

"Choral" *Louis Vierne*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Dr. Steven Smith

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† **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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Leader: All praise belongs to our God!

People: As long as we live, we will sing praises to God's holy name!

Leader: For his name, his character, is witnessed in all creation.

People: And he has shown his wisdom, his loving kindness,
in providing for all he has brought to life.

Leader: Therefore, our God is invested in justice,
in setting things right for those who have been wronged.

People: Our God is invested in feeding the hungry, in setting the prisoner free.

Leader: So as we worship, we align ourselves
with the One who cares for all who are bowed down.

All: *And pray that his righteousness may be established both in and through us!*

† **HYMN #15**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

CALL TO CONFESSION | Bart Ost

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to embody your love as we live our lives in this world – even reminding us that you send your rain, your blessings, on the just and the unjust alike. We confess this day that we often tend to calibrate our love, and to extend our compassion, our goodness, and our generosity to those we perceive to be like ourselves – living similar sorts of lives and presenting themselves in similar sorts of ways.

Forgive us, we pray, because following these instincts means that we often fail to see those who are truly in need and miss opportunities to reflect your love and your care into this world. Please open our eyes to the people around us and move us to care – so that individually and as a congregation we may be effectively giving of ourselves just as your Son gave of himself for us. We ask all of these things to the glory of His holy name.

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People: But Jesus' own self-offering cleanses us from every sin!

Leader: So together we delight in the good news:

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise God!*

† GLORIA PATRI/Hymnal #581 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.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) | Bart Ost

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:*

*And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried:*

*He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING | Dr. Steven Smith

Luke 16:19-31 | Pew Bible Page 851

MESSAGE | Dr. Steven Smith

Jacob Marley Was Right

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

Responding to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | 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;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
(Refrain)*

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

*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 #697**

“Take My Life” *Hendon*

† **BENEDICTION | Dr. Steven Smith**

† **POSTLUDE**

“Toccata” *Theodore DuBois*

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

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Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Associate Pastor

Bart Ost, Liturgist

Matt Kauffman, Organist

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Dr. Daniel Rexroth

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RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS | Elder Caitlin Teague

OFFERTORY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *arr. Mark Hayes*

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



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for coffee, conversation, and connection at Taste of Tab.

Today's Worship Participants

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Elder Caitlin Teague, Liturgist (Recreation)

Dr. Daniel Rexroth, Co-Director of Youth Ministries

Leah Crane, Vocals

Eric Guion, Bass

Matt Gall, Percussion

Matt Kauffman, Piano

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

- **October 5**
Rev. Dr. Tim Ayers
- **October 12**
Rev. Pat Smith
- **October 19**
Rev. Dr. John Powell
- **October 26**
Rev. Dr. Steve Smith

Calendar

Week of September 28 – October 4, 2025

THIS WEEK AT TAB

Sunday, September 28

- 8a Communion Service
McKee Chapel
- 8:45a Coffee & Conversation
McKee Hallway
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class *Parlor*
- 9a Spiritual Growth Class
McWhirter Resource Center
- 9a Youth Education *Youth Room*
- 9a Children's Education *Lower Level*
- 10a Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10a Junior Church *LLB*
- 11a IMPACT Youth Group *Youth Rm*
- 11a Taste of Tab *Gymnasium*

Monday, September 29

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 6:30p Boy Scouts *Youth Room*
- 7p Women's Bible Study *Parlor*

Tuesday, September 30

- 10a Women Alive *Parlor*
- 6:30p Tuesdays in Prayer
McWhirter Resource Center
- 6:30p Bible Study Fellowship
Dining Room

Wednesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 2

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

Friday, October 3

- 11a Open Door Café *Dining Room*
- 3:30p Circles of Hope *Parlor*

Saturday, October 4

- 8a Men's Bible Study *Parlor*
- 10a Fresh Stop Pickup *Offsite*

Announcements

Week of September 28 – October 4, 2025

TASTE OF TAB IS TODAY!

Join Taste of Tab **today**, after 10am worship in the Gym. Explore ministries, meet people, and grab donuts and coffee. Questions? Email Pat Carlson at pstcarlson3@gmail.com.

BLESSING TABLE GIFTS: SOCKS & GLOVES

Today is the last day to donate men's and women's socks and gloves for the Open Door Blessing Table! Please place your donations in the bin under the mailboxes in the workroom. Thank you for helping share God's love in this simple way!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY

Tab's hospitality was a true gift last Sunday at the reception for Sara Butler. Thank you to all who baked, served, and extended care to family and friends. We are especially grateful for Jean Hursh, Sue White, Barb Babcock, Sharon Poole, Julie Kukolla, Kaye Diener, Jeanne Reiner, Sara Heitman, Jeanne Morton, Julie Simmons, Linda Fledderjohn, Carol Newell, and Carolyn Queisser.

Looking Ahead...

Mark Your Calendars:

FRESH STOP PICKUP

October 4 & 18 | 10-11 AM | Raphael Health Center
Order by midnight tonight for Oct. 4 | freshstop.org

BLESSING TABLE BLANKET COLLECTION

October 5 - November 9

HOME COMMUNION

World Communion Sunday, **October 5** | 11:15 AM

TAB LEGACY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

October 18-19 | Tab Rec Field

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN MARION COUNTY

October 19 | 9 AM | Gym Room #5

PORTRAITS OF FAITH

October 26 | 9 AM | Parlor

TREATS AT TAB

October 26 | 12-2 PM | Lower Level B

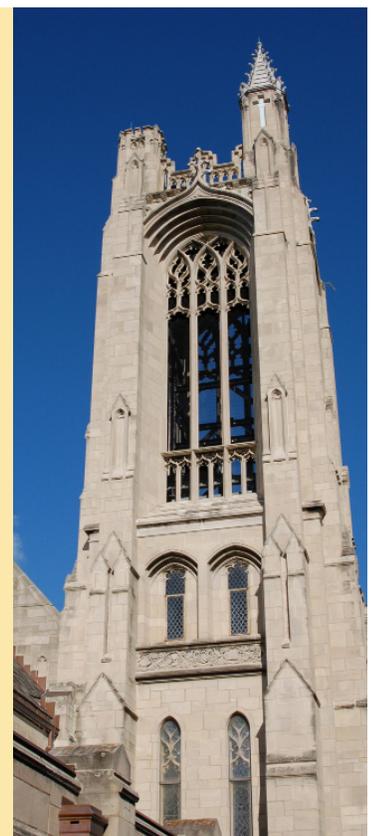
SESSION UPDATE

We are excited to share that last Wednesday, the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) granted unconditional approval of Tab's amended 2024 Mission Study Report. This approval allows us to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to begin the search for Tab's next installed pastor—an important milestone following months of prayer and preparation by Session, the congregation, and the Center for Healthy Churches.

What's next? The 2025 All-Church Nominating Committee, chaired by Debby Wessel, will soon receive nominations for PNC candidates. Because the PNC is elected by the congregation, a slate will be presented for approval at an upcoming congregational meeting, possibly as early as November 2. Details on how you can participate in the nomination process will be shared soon.

We give thanks for God's faithfulness in this season and trust that God's timing in providing Tab's next pastor will be perfect.

Bruce McDonald,
Clerk of Session





TAB FAMILY FEST REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Join us for Tab Family Fest, November 7–9 at Brown County State Park! Pick up a brochure at the front desk or welcome areas, visit tabpres.org/tabfest, or register on Realm or in person on Sundays in McKee Hallway.

Don't miss out.
Registration closes
October 12.

