

Tabernacle Evangelical Lutheran Church

In the city since 1906

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“Lord, You Are Holy”

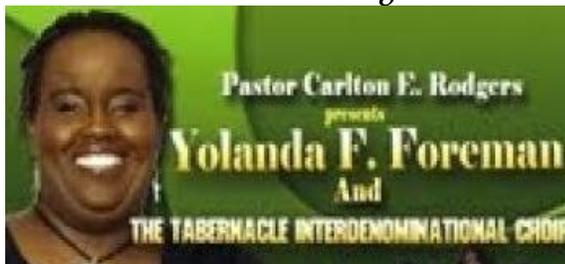
It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of Brother Earl B. Foreman Sr. Brother Foreman was the beloved father of Ms. Yolanda Foreman, a former member of Tabernacle and the esteemed director of the Tabernacle Interdenominational Choir (TIC). His unwavering love for his family, his church, and for TIC was always evident—reflected in the warm, welcoming smile he wore each time he entered our sanctuary.

Though his absence will be deeply felt, I find comfort in knowing that while we mourn his loss, heaven rejoices in his arrival.

Brother Foreman’s passing led me to reflect on the cherished moments we shared in worship, especially during the powerful music ministry of TIC under the gifted leadership of Yolanda Foreman and “the maestro,” Dwayne Dunham. The joy and pride I felt as I listened to my favorite choir lift up the songs of Zion with such grace and strength are memories I will always treasure.

In this spirit of remembrance, I revisited the featured song from TIC’s debut CD, “Lord, You Are Holy.” Listening to it again was a balm to my soul. If you have access to the internet, I encourage you to find it on YouTube. In these turbulent times, it offers peace, strength, and spiritual nourishment.

With love and remembrance,
Pastor Rodgers



Oct-Nov 2025



Sunday Worship
@10:30 a.m. both in the sanctuary and on [Facebook: Tabernacle Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/TabernacleLutheranChurch)

Confirmation/Catechetical Class 1st Sundays after worship

Food Bank
Oct 22 & 29, Nov 19
9:30am-11:00am

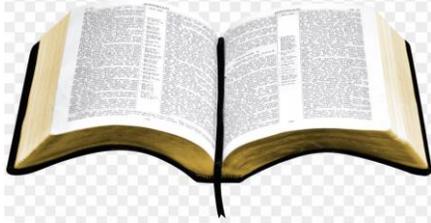
***Wednesday Bible Study @ 7 p.m.** ID: 827 6385 3651 Pass: 661701

TLC Kids’ Club 1st & 3rd Sat @11am ID: 867 9733 9075 Pass:483844

Church Council 2nd Sundays (Facilities Committee meets 1st Sundays)
***You can participate** without a computer. Call 267.831.0333. Meeting ID: 827 6385 3651 & Passcode: 661701

About Tabernacle

Tabernacle is a member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Since 1906, we have served in the heart of West Philadelphia – and with God’s help, we will remain in the city for good! As Lutheran Christians, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Our mission is to love our neighbors through our words and actions. We work to be an inclusive congregation, welcoming people of all racial and gender identities. We are a community-oriented congregation providing a safe space for worship, community planning and local celebrations. Sunday morning worship at 10:30am (in-person and on Facebook), Wednesday evening Bible Study at 7pm (Zoom), Saturday morning children’s ministry at 11am, and Tabernacle’s Food Bank are the central parts of our life together.



What Does This Mean?

Pastor Paul Hagedorn has begun teaching the basics of our faith. The class is open to teens as they prepare for Confirmation. Adults are also invited to take a "refresher" course on the teachings of the Bible. Classes are held after worship on the first Sundays of each month. The next ones are Oct. 5 and Nov. 2. Bring your questions! Bring a middle to high school-aged child! Bring yourself! Spread the word! For more information, email pahag@verizon.net

Praying Together

Please remember to pray for people who are in any need. Don't forget to thank God too! God hears our prayers!

Dennis Abraham	Trinh Hagedorn
Annie Armstrong	Tom & Gloria Huey
Mr. Arjona	Pastor Rosa Key
Helen Beypu	Ted Kramer
Ann Brown	Shirley Lewis
Anita Burrell	Barbara McLaurin
Grisel Cartagena	Diane Medley
Johnny Cochran	Pastor Janet Peterman
Olivia Cureton	Lucille Rodgers
Corrie Ellis Sr.	Beatrice Scott
Paula Everett	Jose & Vanlee Tapia
Joan Gamble	Jonathan Thorne
Grace Gerace	Donna Williams

Please pray for Tabernacle as we seek to find ways to reach out to families and children in the neighborhood. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Rodgers. For home visits, please contact Pastor Rodgers. TELC's Eucharistic Deacons are ready to visit and administer Holy Communion.

Lord God, No one is a stranger to you, and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, Those separated from their loved ones, Young people who are lost, And those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be, And help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. **Amen.**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

1Thessalonians 5:16,17,18



**Election Day Is
Tuesday November 4
7am - 8pm**

To find your polling place in Pennsylvania, go to:
<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/Polli ngPlaceInfo.aspx>

Christmas
Eve
Worship



Tabernacle will celebrate the birth of our Savior on December 24th at 3pm. The worship service will be family-friendly! Parents and Grandparents - please bring children!



*A Happy and Blessed
Birthday for all born in
October, November, and
December!*

Baptism: Joining God's Family

Is your child baptized? Baptism is a special ceremony where water and God's promises come together. It's a powerful moment that connects a person to Jesus's death and resurrection. It's a visible sign of God's amazing forgiveness and the new life we have through Jesus. Baptism is a gift from God.

Baptism says that God grants us forgiveness. It's one sign we officially become part of the Church family. Baptism is for everyone, no matter their age.

Baptism occurs during a worship service. The family will be invited to come forward. The parents and godparents will promise to bring up the child in the Christian faith. The congregation also promises to help the child grow in faith. Pastor will pour a little water onto the child's forehead three times, each time saying "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Families celebrate baptism in different ways. After the service, some may go home and be with immediate family. Others like big celebrations. Still others will gather with family members. There is no one way to celebrate baptism after the service.

Would you like your child, yourself or someone you know, to be baptized? Please contact Pastor Rodgers.

Renewed by the Spirit

At the September meeting of Tabernacle's Church Council, President Al Hunter, Jr opened with this meditation from *PureHeart.com*

20 But that isn't what you learned about Christ. 21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, 22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. (Ephesians 4:20–24)

Paul reminds us that following Jesus means more than believing facts—it's about transformation. We are called to throw off the old self, with its broken patterns and false desires, and instead let the Spirit renew us from the inside out. This isn't a one-time decision, but a daily surrender.

The Holy Spirit longs to guide us into rhythms that keep us close to Christ—times of prayer, worship, Scripture, and quiet listening. As we respond to His gentle promptings, He shapes our thoughts, softens our attitudes, and establishes habits that root us in God's presence. Slowly, but surely, our lives begin to reflect His holiness.

Our part is simple: be willing. The Spirit does the renewing, but we must choose to yield. When we consistently turn to Him, we step into the new nature created to be like God—righteous and holy.

Prayer Point:

Holy Spirit, help me throw off my old ways and embrace the new life You are forming in me. Lead me into daily rhythms that keep me rooted in You, and give me grace to respond quickly to Your promptings.

News from the



Open

October 15 & 22, November 19

9:30am - 11:00am

Turkey Distribution November 23

Our Food Bank is an important ministry. It is through prayer and volunteer efforts that it continues to provide food for our neighbors. The Food Bank is experiencing an increase of people coming to Tabernacle for food.

The Food Bank invites you to bring non-perishable food items (which have not expired) to the church. Your monetary contributions are also very important as this ministry operates without government subsidies.

Send your check to **Tabernacle Lutheran Church** at the address on page 1, and in the memo line, write "Food Bank." You can also contribute online. Sign up for an account on www.tithely.com. You will find selections including: manage your personal account; then find a church; then select Tabernacle Lutheran Church; then enter the dollar amount. Indicate "Food Bank."

Our Lord said "For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35

For God loves a cheerful giver. 2Corinthians 9:7

Community News from...

... Joanna McClinton, Representative and Speaker of the PA House:

Oct 17 12noon-3pm Monthly Food Distribution, Rep. McClinton's District Office, 149 S. 60th St.

Oct 31 4pm-6pm Philly Fall Festival, The Common Place, 5736 Chester Ave.

Nov 6 11am-1:30pm Service To Our Veterans , 11am-1:30pm, PAL Center 5900 Elmwood Ave
Registration is Required. Call: 215.748.6712

... Jamie Gautier, Philadelphia City Council:

 Senior SEPTA KeyCard Days – Seniors 65+ can stop by our District Office (606 S. 52nd Street) on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 10am-4pm to renew or apply for their SEPTA KeyCard. Seniors ride free on SEPTA.

 **Oct 15** 5pm-8pm Coffee with the Councilmember, 534 S. 52nd St (52nd & Cedar Ave)

Tabernacle Church Council

President: Al Hunter Jr.

Vice President: Barbara Eddings

Recording Secretary: Mary Stewart

Members: Pastor Rodgers (ex-officio), Annie Armstrong, Valary Callender, Fern Lee Hagedorn, Veronica Smokes, Craig Taylor

Financial Secretary: Patricia Hunter-Moore

Treasurer: Beverly Gaines



Hispanic Heritage Month is a yearly observance from September 15 to October 15 in the United States to recognize and celebrate the cultures, histories, and contributions of Latin American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. It also celebrates the anniversary of the independence of several Latin American countries. It's also a way to honor the many achievements and contributions by Hispanic people in the United States and around the world.



Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 13) celebrates the history, cultures, and resilience of Native Americans and other Indigenous communities, recognizing their enduring contributions and the challenges they have faced due to colonialism and violence. Originating as a counter-celebration to [Columbus Day](#) in the late 1980s, it honors Indigenous peoples' sovereignty, traditions, and right to self-determination while also focusing on contemporary issues like tribal sovereignty and land rights.

CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER Sunday Worship 10:30am (Facebook - Tabernacle Lutheran Church Philadelphia)

October 5 Confirmation/Catechetical Class after worship

October 4, 18 Kids Club 11am on ZOOM'

October 12 Church Council

October 8, 15, 22, 29 Bible Study 7pm on ZOOM

October 22, 29 Food Bank 9:30am-Noon

October 26 Reformation Sunday (wear **RED**)

NOVEMBER Sunday Worship 10:3am (Facebook - Tabernacle Lutheran Church Philadelphia)

November 1 & 15 Kids Club 11am on ZOOM

November 1, Turn clocks **BACK** 1 hr before bedtime

November 2, All Saints Sunday

Confirmation/Catechetical Class after worship

November 5, 12, 19, Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

November 9 Church Council

November 19, Food Bank 9:30am-Noon

November 23, Christ the King Sunday, Turkey Dinner Distribution after worship

November 30-December 24 Advent

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October-November

October 5 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

October 12 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15b, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

October 19 Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5, Luke 18:1-8

October 26 Reformation Sunday Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10 **OR** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22, Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

November 2 All Saints Sunday Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31 **OR** Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 32:1-7, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

November 9 Haggai 1:15b-9, Psalm 145:1-5, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

November 16 Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

November 23 Christ the King Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

TABERNACLE FAMILY PHOTOS



Easter Sunday



Yard Sale



Confirmation/Catechetical Class



Bear Creek Counselors



Jazz Concert



Church Council