



August 3, 2025

## WELCOME!!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us at Thompson. We hope it is a place where you feel God's presence. Generations of people have sat in these pews, felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, learned about the love of Jesus, and how the power of God has made a difference in their lives. Whatever is most important in your life right now, whether it is trials or joys, these things matter to God, and they matter to us. All of what you bring to the table is welcome here.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

We offer a 9:00 AM Traditional service in the Sanctuary and an 11:00 AM Contemporary service with praise music in the Fellowship Hall. Our services are available through livestream on [www.tmpc.org](http://www.tmpc.org). Recordings can also be viewed here at any time. Please follow along and respond when the type is in **bold**. Stand, as you are able, when you see an asterisk in the bulletin. Our Common Hour, described below, begins at 10 AM.

## FOR CHILDREN

We offer Sunday School at both services, where the children attend class with an instructor to learn and grow in their faith. Children begin their time in worship and then come forward for the children's message, after which they proceed to Sunday School. Be sure to register your child from 4 years old through 5th grade. If your child prefers to stay with you during worship, activity baskets with crayons and activity sheets are located at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is available for those attending services at 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM in the nursery room. The Nursery is currently being held in Pastor Stephanie's office, and Sunday School is located in Pastor Bailey's office or the Conference Room, depending on space availability.

## RESTROOMS

If you need to use the restroom, please exit the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area and go through the courtyard to enter the building through the office entrance or the stained glass doors. There are women's and men's restrooms next to Fellowship Hall.

## COMMON HOUR

TMPc has an hour between services that serves as a space for coffee and fellowship, Adult Education, Children's Choir, and other activities and meetings. Join us in the Fellowship Hall.

## VISITOR BAGS

If you're visiting today, we'd love to share a gift bag with you that includes more information about TMPc. Feel free to ask an usher or pastor any questions. Visit [www.tmpc.org](http://www.tmpc.org) for events, info, and e-giving. We're glad to be part of your faith journey!

**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

PRELUDE

*Sonata in b minor*

Ariana DuPont  
D. Scarlatti

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pew)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeffrey Berry

God is a creating God.

**Making all things new through the Father's love  
and grace.**

God is a redeeming God.

**Healing our relationships through Jesus, the Son.**

God is a sustaining God.

**Empowering us for God's work through the  
Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, Three in One, we open ourselves to you.

**Holy God, Three in One, create us, redeem us,  
sustain us.**

Now and forever, Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 372

*O For a World*

AMZON

**WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeffrey Berry

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation.

**May we be people who believe in transformation, who are able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. Let us pray with the hope that God will indeed change us and teach us to sin no more. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends of Christ, hear this good news: we are not in a position where we have to wonder if God will forgive. We know that God is merciful and full of grace! We know that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. We know that God is the God of second chances. We are never too far from God.

**Even if we are in the depths of the Sea, in the belly of the whale, God's love will meet us there and bring us back to dry land. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 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.***

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jeffrey Berry

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cora Kirby and Ivy Pfannenstiel

*Seek Ye First*

K. Lafferty

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Place prayer cards in the baskets as the deacons come forward)*

## **WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-10 (OT pg 860-861)

SERMON

\*HYMN NO. 649

AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*(verses 1, 2 and 5)*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Improvisations No. 1*

Ariana DuPont

*L. Boëllmann*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth. From the very beginning, you have been a God of mercy, speaking light into darkness and calling people and cities to turn and live.

Through prophets and preachers, you have proclaimed your scandalous mercy. You are a God who does not give up on your people. Again and again, you call us to return, not with fear, but with hope. Not with shame, but with hearts ready to be changed.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the saints and angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Make us, who are many, one body renewed by grace, restored by your mercy, and ready to share the good news so that no one is beyond your reach.

As you turned the hearts of a great city, turn our hearts again to you. Teach us to walk in your ways and to live as signs of your forgiveness in the world.

With thanksgiving and trust, we offer the prayers of your people, the hopes and concerns we carry, spoken and unspoken, confident that you hear us. Today, O Lord, we especially pray for...

By your Spirit, make us bold in mercy, faithful in witness, and ready to answer your call even when it leads to unexpected places. Until we feast with you at your table in glory, we pray all this through Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all are served.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and  
Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the  
true bread of heaven and food of eternal life.  
Strengthen us for your service so that our daily living  
may show our thanks. Through Christ Jesus our  
Lord, Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Cortege in the ancient style*

Ariana DuPont  
A. Guilmant

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

***SUNDAY CALENDAR***

Sun 8/3	<b>9:00</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Pastor Stephanie's office
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Pastor Bailey's office
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Pastor Stephanie's office
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th Grade)	Pastor Bailey's office



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BEEKEEPING** What's the Buzz? Are those honeybees in my backyard? Annette Wilson, local businesswoman and amateur beekeeper, will give a fascinating talk on all things about honeybees on **Thursday, August 14th at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.**

**GIFT CARD BINGO** Join Act 2 for an evening of BINGO, prizes, games and more on **August 22nd at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.**

**COMMUNITY MEAL** Please note that for our next meal on **August 10th**, many of our regular team members are away, so we could use any extra help available (making/bringing dishes, setting up, serving, clean up, etc.) This may be our last meal in Fellowship Hall before construction begins in this part of the building. We will announce any changes to our September Meal as we figure out the logistics.

**BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Please note there will be a brief Congregational Meeting on **August 24th** at 10 AM in the Sanctuary immediately following our 9 AM worship service for the purpose of electing officers for the state of Pennsylvania.

## **CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE**

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME** Doug Berry, Tim Bradley, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Ulla Heinicke, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Brenda Redfield, Bert Sandford, Tom Thatcher, and Arlene Whitticar. *If you have someone to add to our prayer chain, please send your request to Alison Yearley at [apybobba@aol.com](mailto:apybobba@aol.com)*

**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *August 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: Laura Todd, Luke Kirby, Brenda Redfield, Christine Ferrante, Gary Garafola, Annie Lo, Katie Lyons and George Salt.*

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** Anyone can order altar flowers in general, 'In Memory Of', 'In Honor Of' or 'In Celebration Of' a loved one for \$45. Please use our link in the e-news to order flowers and send a check to the Church office.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

<b>KIDS CLUB</b>	<b>Friday September 19th</b> 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, play games, and complete a service project. Offered every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.
<b>KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES</b>	<b>Sundays at 10:00 AM</b> <b>(starting in September)</b> Choir Room	Rotating rehearsals for groups that perform during worship about once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. <i>Led by Tricia Murphy</i>
<b>Contact Zena Tredinnick-Kirby with any questions at <a href="mailto:dce@tmpc.org">dce@tmpc.org</a></b>		

## **SMALL GROUPS**

<b>MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S MINISTRY</b>	<b>Mondays at 9:30 AM</b> Conference Room	Topics rotate between movie discussion, Bible study, faith and the news, and book studies. <i>Led by Sue Wert</i>
<b>TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9:30 AM</b> Conference Room	This group gathers for fellowship, book discussions, and time in prayer. <i>Led by Mike Wert</i>
<b>SERMON TALKS</b>	<b>Thursdays at 9:30 AM</b>	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.
<b>Contact group leaders by visiting <a href="http://tmpc.org/small-groups">tmpc.org/small-groups</a></b>		

## **ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>FOOD DRIVE</b>	<b>Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup></b>	You can leave donations from 10:00 to 10:30 AM that day at our food pantry, located inside the church, or during office hours before the event. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach</i>
<b>TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)</b>	<b>Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9:45 AM -1:00 PM Those who want to carpool meet at the TMPC parking lot at 9:15 AM. <i>Led by Chuck Green</i>
<b>COMMUNITY MEAL</b>	<b>Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup></b>	12:15-1:15 PM TMPC hosts a free meal open to everyone in our church family and the community. All of our meals feature a main dish, with potluck sides, salads, and desserts. <i>Led by Melissa Michael</i>
<b>FISHERMAN'S MARK</b>	<b>Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 AM Meets monthly to put together 100 meals for Fisherman's Mark, and are then delivered weekly to those who cannot get to the food pantry. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
<b>See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting <a href="http://tmpc.org/mission">tmpc.org/mission</a></b>		

