



August 24, 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. 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 for events, info, and e-giving. We're glad to be part of your faith journey!

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24th, 2025

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Minor BWV 847

Ariana DuPont

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Sailer

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

**For all those times when we have fallen short of what
God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**

God makes us new in God's Spirit!

**Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life
which God offers to us.**

Come, let us worship and be thankful.

Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.

AMEN.

*HYMN NO. 610

AZMON

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Steve Sailer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We have turned our backs on others in need, prioritizing our creature comforts. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, and tossed. Give us peace, Gracious Lord. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then, having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be faithful disciples for you. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even when things seem dark, God is with us. God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that we encounter. Remember how much love has been given for you and rejoice!
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

Steve Sailer

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bell Quartet
Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. by J. W. Krug

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:38-41 (NT pg 13)
Mathew 16:1-4 (NT pg 17-18)
Luke 11:29-32 NT pg 73)

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 69

HERE I AM

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sonata in D Minor

Ariana DuPont
C.Seixas

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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***

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***BENEDICTION**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 8/24	9:00	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Pastor Stephanie's office
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Pastor Bailey's office
	10:00	COFFEE HOUR	Fellowship Hall
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Fellowship Hall
	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

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Please note there will be a brief Congregational Meeting TODAY immediately following worship for the purpose of electing officers for the state of Pennsylvania.

ONE SERVICE AUGUST 31st Due to Labor Day the day after, we will be having only ONE service on **Sunday, August 31st** at 9 AM in the Sanctuary. In addition, the office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 1st and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd.

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*

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *August 24th-31st*: Jo Ann Alberts, Kevin Rampe, Pam Souder, Tom Thatcher, Jo Ann Lieber, Mike Wert, Kevin Brewer, Susie Minno and Judy Cronise.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Friday September 12th 5:00 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 2 nd Friday of the month.
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	Sundays at 10:00 AM (starting in September) 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>
Contact Zena Tredinnick-Kirby with any questions at dce@tmpe.org and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at music@tmpe.org		

SMALL GROUPS

ALPHA OMEGA	Starting September 21st, then biweekly 10:00 AM Conference Room	AO gathers for either a book or Bible study, fellowship, and mission. <i>Led by Marci Capel</i>
MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S MINISTRY	Mondays at 9:30 AM Conference Room	Topics rotate between movie discussion, Bible study, faith and the news, and book studies. <i>Led by Sue Wert</i>
TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP	1st and 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM Conference Room	This group gathers for fellowship, book discussions, and time in prayer. <i>Led by Mike Wert</i>
SERMON TALKS	Thursdays at 9:30 AM	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.
ART HISTORY	3rd Tuesdays (September thru April) at 6:00 PM	The aim is to explore how different artists throughout history have depicted biblical narratives, comparing the works of the four most influential Renaissance artists (Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and

	Conference Room (Youth Rm starting October)	Donatello) to modern interpretations. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	Wednesday September 17th	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>
TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)	Thursday August 28th 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>
COMMUNITY MEAL	Sunday September 14th 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>
FISHERMAN'S MARK	Tuesday September 2nd 8:30 AM	Meets monthly to put together 100 meals for Fisherman's Mark, and they are then delivered weekly to those who cannot get to the food pantry. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission		