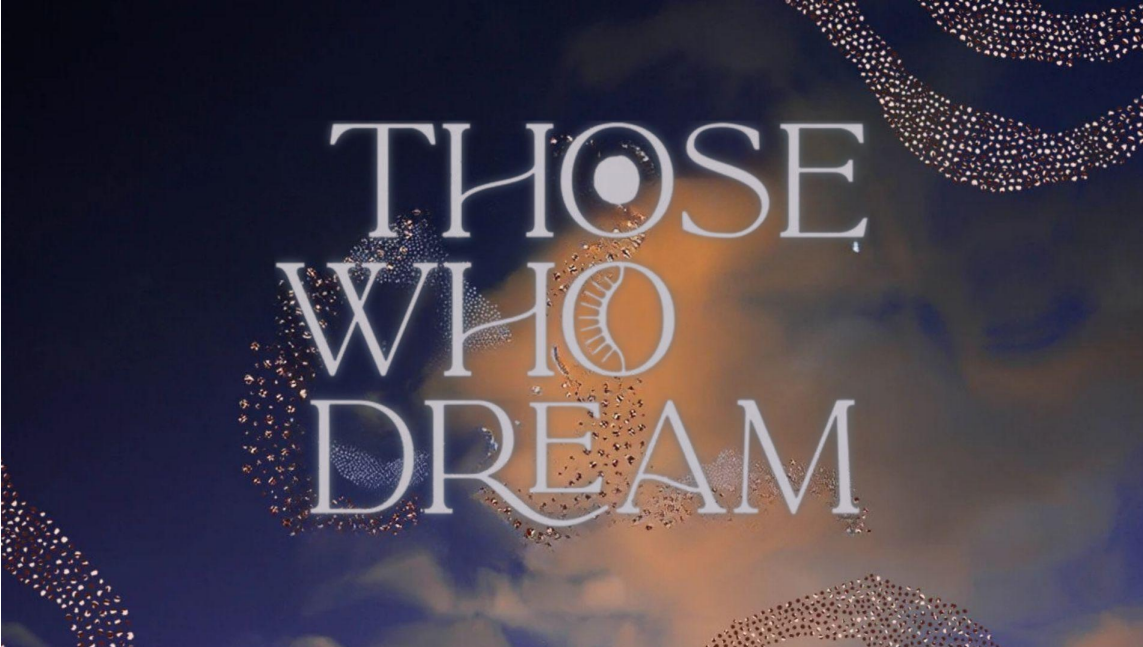




THOSE WHO DREAM

November 30, 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 seen 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 and an 11:00 AM Contemporary service with praise music in the Sanctuary. 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.

RESTROOMS

If you need to use the restroom, please exit the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area and go up the stairs to the bathrooms adjacent the Community Room. There are also additional restrooms down the hallway past the Kids Ministry Rooms.

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.

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!

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30th, 2025

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

MO LI HUA

Christine Gao
Traditional Chinese

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (HOPE) The Gould Family

The season of Advent begins as a time to watch, to wait, and to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

We come, ready to worship and to make room for hope.

Jesus said, "Keep awake, for you do not know when the time will come."

We want to be awake to God's presence in our lives and in our world.

Even when the world feels uncertain, even when fear and worry try to take hold, we still dare to dream.

We dream to keep awake in hope, because if we don't dream of better days, then we might forget that this is not what God imagined.

So today, we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat.

(Light the first candle.)

As this light grows brighter, may it remind us that Christ's hope shines even in the shadows.

May this light be an invitation to keep awake and place our hope in God, who is always faithful.

Come, let us worship the God of hope and promise.

*HYMN NO. 107

REJOICE, REJOICE

Awake Awake

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Steve Sailer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

You call us again and again into your hopeful future, yet we confess that we often move through the world half-awake. We notice what is comfortable and overlook what is hard. We settle for habits that keep us safe instead of practices that help our neighbors flourish. Forgive us for the ways we turn inward when you invite us to look outward with compassion. Stir our hearts with your Spirit. Open our eyes to the hope you plant right in front of us. Give us the courage to live as people shaped by your grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The promise of the gospel is this: our hope rests not in our perfection, but in God's faithfulness. Because of that faithfulness, we can be certain that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God.

*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.

ANTHEM

Creator of the Stars at Night

Adult Choir
A. Bruhn

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37 (NT pg 50-51),
Isaiah 64:1-9 (OT pg 694-695),
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (OT pg 540-541)

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 97

ABERSTWYTH

Watchmen Tell Us of the Night

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

Genevieve Mendiola, Ariana DuPont
Andantino for 4 hands H. Enke

*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***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Old Hundredth'

Ariana DuPont
G. Young

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 11/30	9:00	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20-10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms
	10:00	COFFEE HOUR	Atrium
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BUS TOUR We will be having another bus tour from the African American Museum of Bucks County, this time for the upper sections of Bucks County as they pertain to the Underground Railroad, on **Saturday, January 17th**. The cost is \$60 per person and covers lunch. See e-news for sign up.

WOMEN'S RETREAT Save the date for the Women's Retreat- February 6-8th 2026 in Ocean City, NJ. The theme of the event is Being Vs. Doing.

MEN'S RETREAT The Men's Retreat is on February 28th-March 1st held at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA. See more info on our website at tmpe.org/men.

WELCOME CHURCH On **Sunday November 30th**, members and friends of TMPC are invited to participate in the assembly and serving of lunch & essentials bags and coffee. See the e-news for more info and to sign up.

PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS On **Sunday, December 21st at 9 AM** we will hear the music of the 17th century performed by La Fiocco ensemble during our special Prelude to Christmas service. The group will feature Baroque music from Scarlatti and Kempis on period instruments; it's a musical event you won't want to miss!

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Ulla Heinicke, Jane Mayrhofer, Nancy Morabito, Lisa Palise, Shirley Peters, Bucky Pope, Nancy Quanstrom, Carl Slack, Dick Vestal, Fran Volski, Arlene and Doc Whitticar and George Wislar. *If you have someone to add to our prayer chain, please send your request to Alison Yearley at apybobba@aol.com*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY Christopher Campbell, Christian Mirande, Jim O'Donnell, Matt Peshek, and Will Schaub.

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *November 30th - December 7th: Christine Rampe, Ed Burger, Melissa Michael, Barbara Pope, Laura Kaspro, Monica O'Donnell, Carole Davis, Brad Michael, John Sager, Marc Sandford, Ryan Murphy, Frederic Haubrich, and Joanne Clark.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Friday December 12th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Offered every 2 nd Friday)	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, play games, and complete a service project.
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	Sundays at 10:00 AM (starting in September) Community Room	Rotating rehearsals for groups that perform during worship about once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. <i>Led by Tricia Murphy</i>
<i>ROOTED IN THE WORD</i>	Sundays at 10:00 AM Blue Kids Ministry Room	Students in grades 9–12 are invited to the Blue Room for an hour of discussion and fellowship. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby and Garrett Bostwick</i>
THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP	Sundays at 6:00 PM The Lounge	Students grades 6-12th grade meet for study, games, and fellowship. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
Contact Zena Tredinnick-Kirby with any questions at dce@tmpc.org and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at music@tmpc.org		

SMALL GROUPS

ALPHA OMEGA	December 7th 10:00 AM	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 Community 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 Community 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 Community Room	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 Lounge	This group examines how artists across eras have expressed their lives and shaped culture, with a focus on gender equality and celebrating diverse voices, past and present. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	Wednesday December 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 December 11th and Friday December 12th See sign up on e-news and website for times	Every December, TMPC has always provided additional support to TASK and their mission to help needy members of the Trenton area community. This year's supplies include hoodies (donated by TMPC), hats/gloves/scarves, hygiene kits, socks, and other items. <i>Led by Chuck Green</i>
COMMUNITY MEAL	Sunday December 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	Wednesday December 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. See SUG (when live) for meeting location. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY MEAL	Wednesday December 10th 12:00 PM	We're looking for volunteers who can help the day of the meal or are willing to bring desserts for the meal for our neighbors in Lambertville, NJ. Our meal will take place at the Lambertville Presbyterian Church at 31 N Union Street.
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission		

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Advent 2 (December 7th):

9 AM Traditional and 11 AM Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

Advent 3 (December 14th):

Children's Musical at 9 AM and 11 AM in Sanctuary

Advent 4 (December 21nd):

Prelude to Christmas (special music service) at 9 AM
featuring music from *La Fiocco* ensemble performing Baroque era music on period
instruments

Contemporary worship at 11 AM

Christmas Day (December 25th)

Brunch in Community Room at 11 AM; all are welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

1 AND 3 PM **FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE**

POP-UP PAGENT - SANCTUARY

5 AND 7 PM **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

TRADITIONAL AT 5 PM, CONTEMPORARY ACOUSTIC AT 7 PM - SANCTUARY

9:30 PM **CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION**

TRADITIONAL SERVICE - SANCTUARY

