



THOSE WHO DREAM

December 7, 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!

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7th, 2025

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in D flat Major

Ariana DuPont

R.Glière

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (PEACE) Karis Nicolas and Stevie Murphy

Advent is a season for dreamers. For those who imagine a world made new and who look for signs of God's work all around.

We are those dreamers.

We come seeking God's peace.

We gather today trusting that God's love still reaches out, still lifts valleys and smooths rough ways in us and among us.

We come ready to be made new.

We come ready to be led.

Today we light the second Advent candle, the candle of peace, as a reminder that peace is possible, and that God's future is breaking in.

(Candles are lit.)

Today we bring our longing, our dreams,
and our hope for peace to the One who meets us here.

We come ready to worship and to seek God's peace.

*HYMN NO. 82

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeff Berry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of holy dreams,
You invite us to imagine a world made new: where
peace quiets every fear, where hope rises like
morning light, where love restores what is broken. Yet
too often, we let worry rule our days. We dwell on old
hurts and past pain. We close our eyes to the
possibilities you place before us. Forgive us, Lord.
Awaken our hearts again. Make us dreamers of your
Kingdom: courageous, compassionate, and willing to
follow where you lead. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this good news: God isn't done dreaming.
God isn't finished writing your story. You can let go of
what was. Christ has made you new
Thanks be to God! 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

Jeff Berry

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Advent Hope

Adult Bell Choir

Derek K. Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-8 (NT pg 34), Isaiah 40:1-11(OT pg 667),
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (OT pg 543-544)

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Träumerei Op.15 No.7

Ariana DuPont

R.Schumann

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 533

In the Singing

BREAD OF PEACE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

Even now, you are coming to bring justice and peace to the world. Though we turned away from you, you were always faithful. In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to be our Immanuel. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Baptized by John, Christ came to deliver us from sin, and to pour out the Holy Spirit upon your church.

By our faith in Christ, we have the hope of eternal life. In Christ, we have seen and heard the good news of God: the sick are healed, strangers are welcomed, the poor have hope, and the dead are raised to new life. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your people in all the world, especially with those who seek you for healing, wholeness and joy, including...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ we 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all are served.
Grape juice is served for all.
The crackers in the center are gluten free)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

We thank You, O God, for this holy meal and for your presence among us. Send us out in joy to love and serve as messengers of peace.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro moderato

Ariana DuPont
L.Vierne

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***~In memory of my beloved daughter, Joan Katherine Ireland
Bray, on the first anniversary of her death from Joan Perkes~***

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 12/07	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

8:30 AM SERVICE NEXT WEEK We will have an 8:30 AM communion service in the lower level next week, **December 14th**,

KIDS MUSICAL During Sunday morning worship on **Sunday December 14th**, our youth will tell the story of Christmas through their Kids Musical! The kids will present their musical at both the 9 AM and 11 AM services; we are asking everyone to register for the service they would like to attend so we can ensure everyone gets to experience this wonderful production. See the e-news or website for more info.

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!

PLEDGES FOR 2026 If you have not yet submitted your 2026 pledge card, please do so as soon as you are able. Your commitment helps our church plan faithfully and responsibly for the year ahead. Pledge cards are available in the atrium and can be returned to the office or completed online at tmpe.org/give.

END OF YEAR GIVING Are you able to give a special End of Year Gift to support our Building What Matters Campaign? Help us reach our \$4 million goal! www.tmpc.org/give Select Building Campaign from the Drop Down menu.

TASK FOR DECEMBER TASK is meeting this month on the 11th and 12th for our special Christmas give away event! We are in need of more sign-ups. See Sign up in the e-news and tmpc.org.

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. Visit tmpc.org/women to submit your \$50 deposit and reserve your spot.

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 at tmpc.org/men.

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.

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 *December 7th-14th*: *Joanne Clark, Aaron Hafner, James Daily, Bob Stoner, Garrett Bostwick, Margi Hurst, Nancy Murray, Jeffrey Berry and Lynn Stoner.*

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.
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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
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		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	Tuesday January 6th 8:30 AM See SUG (when live) for meeting location	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>
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		



**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

