



# THOSE WHO DREAM

December 14, 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](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.

## 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](http://www.tmpc.org) for events, info, and e-giving. We're glad to be part of your faith journey!

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRELUDE

*The Christmas Tree*

Ariana DuPont

Niels W. Gade

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (JOY)

In this Advent season, we gather as people who wait, watch, and dream.

**We come longing to see God's dream take shape among us.**

Today we remember that joy is part of God's dream for the world. God's joy meets us in ordinary moments and surprising places.

**We come ready to look for joy, even when life feels busy or uncertain.**

We have lit the candles of Hope and Peace.

Today we light the candle of Joy, trusting that God's joy is not something we have to create, but a gift God offers again and again.

**May this light remind us that joy grows when we pay attention to God's presence.**

*(The candles are lit.)*

As this candle shines, may it awaken our imaginations, helping

us dream God's dream of a world made new.

**Come, let us worship the one who brings joy to our lives, to our church, and to the world.**

\*HYMN NO. 104

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Gold, you cover us with a sky full of stars and a world full of goodness. There should be no end to our joy. And yet too often, we allow joy to slip away like loose change in our pockets. Instead of singing like Mary, or dancing like David, we grow accustomed to the gifts right in front of us—unmoved by beauty, untouched by wonder. Forgive us, Lord. Awaken us to Your joy. Teach us the ways of children, who laugh and dance and play. May Your joy take root in us so that we can become a joyful people who shine lights in the world You so love. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: God's grace is not scarce. It is a well that never runs dry. Jesus reminds us that heaven rejoices, a full-blown celebration when even one heart turns toward God.

**Let us live as forgiven and joyful people because of God's great gift. 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

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

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

SCRIPTURE                      Luke 1:46-55 (NT pg 57)  
  Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (OT pg 691-692)  
  Psalm 126 (OT pg 572-573)

KID'S MUSICAL    *Once Upon a Christmas Story*

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

Ariana DuPont  
*Pastorella from 'Krippenmusik zur Weihnacht'* W. Niemann

## \*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

Ariana DuPont  
*Joyous Dance from 'Krippenmusik zur Weihnacht'* W. Niemann

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

# SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 12/14	9:00	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> 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

**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 worship.. The group will feature Baroque music from Scarlatti and Kempis on period instruments; it's a musical event you won't want to miss!

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** On **Christmas Day at 11 AM**, we will be hosting a brunch in the Community Room! All are welcome to partake.

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE** Our MLK Day of Service will be on **Monday, January 16th 2026** and our sign up is live! See the e-news or [tmpc.org/mlk](https://tmpc.org/mlk) for more info.

**TMPC STORE** Thompson Church now has a store filled with shirts, sweatshirts, tumblers, mugs, hats, hoodies, and so much more! All proceeds support the TMPC Youth Ministry and Mission Trip. Visit [tmpcyouth.store](https://tmpcyouth.store) to shop or check out the “merch” tab in the app!

**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 [tmpc.org/give](https://tmpc.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](https://www.tmpc.org/give) Select Building Campaign from the drop-down menu.

**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](http://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](http://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.

**THE BRIDGE LAMBERTVILLE** Join us for a coffee house event with musician Caitlyn Deviney on **January 23rd at 7:00 PM** at the Kalmia Club. The event is free. Donations go to support Fisherman's Mark

## **CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE**

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME** Ulla Heinicke, Jane Mayrhofer, Nancy Morabito, Lisa Palise, 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>*: Ariana DuPont, Barb Markey, Nancylee Moore, and Liz Kelly.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

<b>KIDS CLUB</b>	<b>Friday January 9<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Offered every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday)	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, play games, and complete a service project.
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<b>KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES</b>	<b>Sundays at 10:00 AM (starting in September)</b> 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>
<b><i>ROOTED IN THE WORD</i></b>	<b>Sundays at 10:00 AM</b> 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>
<b>THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>Sundays at 6:00 PM</b> The Lounge	Students grades 6-12th grade meet for study, games, and fellowship. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
<b>Contact Zena Tredinnick-Kirby with any questions at <a href="mailto:dce@tmpc.org">dce@tmpc.org</a> and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at <a href="mailto:music@tmpc.org">music@tmpc.org</a></b>		

## SMALL GROUPS

<b>ALPHA OMEGA</b>	<b>December 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM</b>	AO gathers for either a book or Bible study, fellowship, and mission. <i>Led by Marci Capel</i>
<b>MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S MINISTRY</b>	<b>Mondays at 9:30 AM</b> Community 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> Community 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> 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.
<b>ART HISTORY</b>	<b>3rd Tuesdays (September thru April) at 6:00 PM</b> 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>
<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 December 17<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>Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> 9:45 AM -1:00 PM</b>	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 December 14<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15 PM</b>	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 January 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM See SUG (when live) for meeting location</b>	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>
<b>LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY MEAL</b>	<b>Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM</b>	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.
<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>		

# MLK DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 19, 2026

9:00 AM-1:00 PM



  
THOMPSON  
MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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

