



THOSE WHO DREAM

December 21, 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!

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21st, 2025

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

La Fiocco Ensemble
Variations on Den lustelijcken Mey Nicolaus A Kempis

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (LOVE) The Baker/Mongillo
Family

In a world that often tells us to be practical, cautious, and realistic, God invites us to dream.

Dreams born not of ambition, but of love.

Dreams that arrive unexpectedly, asking us to trust what we cannot yet see.

Dreams that call us to say yes, even when we are unsure.

Today, we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love.

This kind of love is not loud or demanding of attention,

but the quiet love that grows within us

and reshapes the world from the inside out.

(The candles are lit)

We gather to make room for this love to receive it, to be shaped by it, and to live as those who dare to dream with God.

Come, let us worship the God who draws near.

*HYMN

GIFT OF LOVE

Come Let us Dream



Come, let us dream God's dream a gain.
When ha - tred ends and war shall cease,
But know the cost of claim - ing sight
Pro - phets are scorned in their own lands.

Come, one and all, let us as - cend
so all may dwell in deep - est peace,
of God's new day, of wrongs made right,
and mar - tyrs slain by right - eous - hands;

the moun - tain - top where those of old
then be as - sured the time is near
for some have paid the high - est price,
Though dream - ers die, the dream will live,

saw God's new day on earth un - fold.
when per - fect love casts out all fear.
their lives for us, a sac - ri - fice.
for we have yet our lives to give.

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of surprising love, we confess that we often resist your dreams for us. We cling to what feels safe when you invite us into something new. We doubt ourselves when you see lives full of possibility. We turn inward when you call us to love boldly.

Forgive us for the ways fear has shaped our choices more than trust, and caution has guided us more than hope. Open our hearts again to the love you bring into the world. Teach us to say yes to you, even when the path is unclear, and to trust that your love will carry us forward. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God hears our prayers and responds with grace. In Jesus Christ, our fear does not define us, and our mistakes do not have the final word.

**We are forgiven, renewed, and called forward in love.
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**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sonata a 130 Rost Codex

La Fiocco Ensemble

Anonymous

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 44:21-26a (OT pg 674)

Luke 1:46-55 (NT pg 57)

SERMON

***HYMN NO. 100**

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout
(verses 1 and 2)

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

Simfonia 6

La Fiocco Ensemble
Nicolaus A Kempis

*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

Sonata for 3 recorders and continuo

Ariana DuPont
D. Scarlatti

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

**A special thank you to the musicians today
from La Fiocco ensemble:**

Jeremy Rhizor, baroque violin

Lewis R. Baratz, recorder

Allen Hamrick, dulcian & recorder

Benjamin Rechel, viola da gamba

and our staff organist and pianist, Ariana Krasniqi Dupont

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 12/21	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 – 5 th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ONE SERVICE NEXT WEEK On **Sunday, December 28th**, there will be only ONE service at 9 AM in the Sanctuary. Join us for Christmas Trivia!

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 for more info.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

AMAZON BOXES NEEDED Please bring in large Amazon boxes only to help us pack supplies for SERVE weekends and MLK Day projects. Thank you for helping us recycle and save resources!

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*

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 21st-28th*: Jackie Robbins and Ashley Shepardson.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Friday January 9th 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>
ROOTED IN THE WORD	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 21st 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 January 21st	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)	Tuesday December 30th 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 January 11th 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 January 14th 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.
<i>See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission</i>		

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 19, 2026

9:00 AM-1:00 PM



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

