

# THOSE WHO DREAM

December 28, 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!

**WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

## WELCOME &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRELUDE

*He Is Born*Ariana DuPont  
Richard Hudson

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Berry

The angels have sung. The shepherds have returned. The night has grown quiet.

**But the song is not finished.**

We gather again to remember and to rejoice, to tell the story we know by heart.

**We sing because faith lives not only in words, but in voices raised together.**

Come, let the word of Christ dwell richly among us.

**Let us worship God, who comes to us in song.**

## \*HYMN NO. 147

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The First Nowell (verse 1)***WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeff Berry

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and love, even after Christmas has come, we confess how quickly we rush on.

**We forget the wonder. We cling to routine. We lose the song.**

Forgive us when we close our hearts to joy, to gratitude, to grace.

**Make a permanent place in us for hope, for joy, for love, and for your presence. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: The Word became flesh and dwells with us still. This good news grows in us until we understand that we are forgiven and set free.

**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.**

# WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

## SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-40 (NT pg 59)

# CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

\*HYMN NO. 132 IN DULCI JUBILO  
*Good Christian Friends Rejoice (verse 1)*

## 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

## *What Child Is This*

## Ariana DuPont arr. Richard Purvis

**\*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

*Fanfare on Antioch*

Ariana DuPont  
Gerre Hancock

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## ***Christmas Day through January***

*Our offices will be closed between **Thursday December 25th and Thursday January 1st**, and will reopen on Friday January 2nd. The office will be checking emails and voicemails for emergencies throughout the break, but if you need to get in contact with someone, please contact the pastor at [pastor@tmpc.org](mailto:pastor@tmpc.org) or call one of the pastors.*

### ***January 4, The Epiphany and Communion***

*9:00 am – Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 am – Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary*

### ***January 11, Reaffirmation of Baptism***

*9:00 am – Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 am – Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary*

### ***January 18, MLK Sunday***

*9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary*

### ***January 19, MLK Day of Service***

*Registration begins at 9:00 am,  
Service projects, keynote speakers and more at 10:00 am and 11:00 am  
Panel discussion at 12:00 pm*

# SUNDAY CALENDAR

<b>Sun 12/28</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Atrium

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE** Our MLK Day of Service will be on **Monday, January 19th 2026**, and our sign-up is live! See the e-news or [tmpc.org/mlk](http://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](http://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](http://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).

**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](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 28<sup>th</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup>*: *Suzanne Roper, Peter Van Ellis, Shirley Peters, and Stephen Mirande.*

## **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.
<b>KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES</b>	<b>Sundays at 10:00 AM</b> (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>
<b>ROOTED IN THE WORD</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>January 4<sup>th</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>

**Contact group leaders by visiting [tmpc.org/small-groups](http://tmpc.org/small-groups)**

## **ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

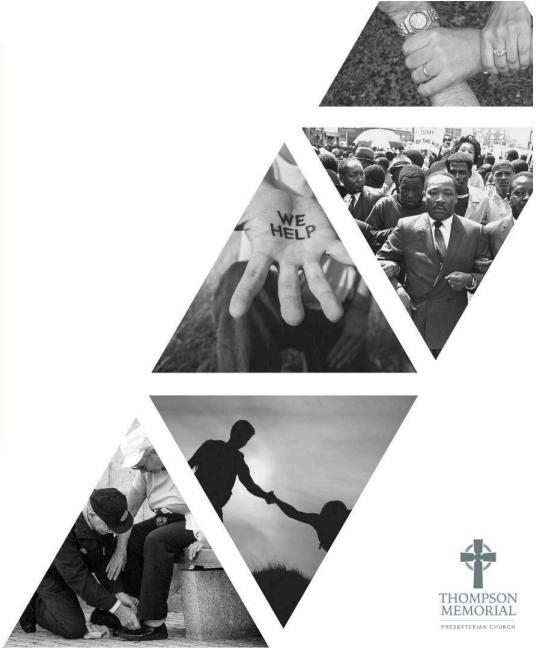
<b>FOOD DRIVE</b>	<b>Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	You can leave donations from 10:00 to 10:30 AM that day at our food pantry, located inside the church, or during office hours before the event. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach</i>
<b>TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)</b>	<b>Thursday January 22<sup>nd</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 January 11<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.

***See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting [tmpc.org/mission](http://tmpc.org/mission)***



# MLK DAY OF SERVICE

**JANUARY 19, 2026**  
**9:00 AM-1:00 PM**



Our MLK Day of Service will feature music from Bob Egan and Dave Hopkins, speaker Judy Klyde Waite, a photography presentation from Dr. Wendell White, professor at Stockton University (and Amanda White's father), a panel discussion on practical implementation of the biblical principles of justice, many service projects, children's activities, and more!