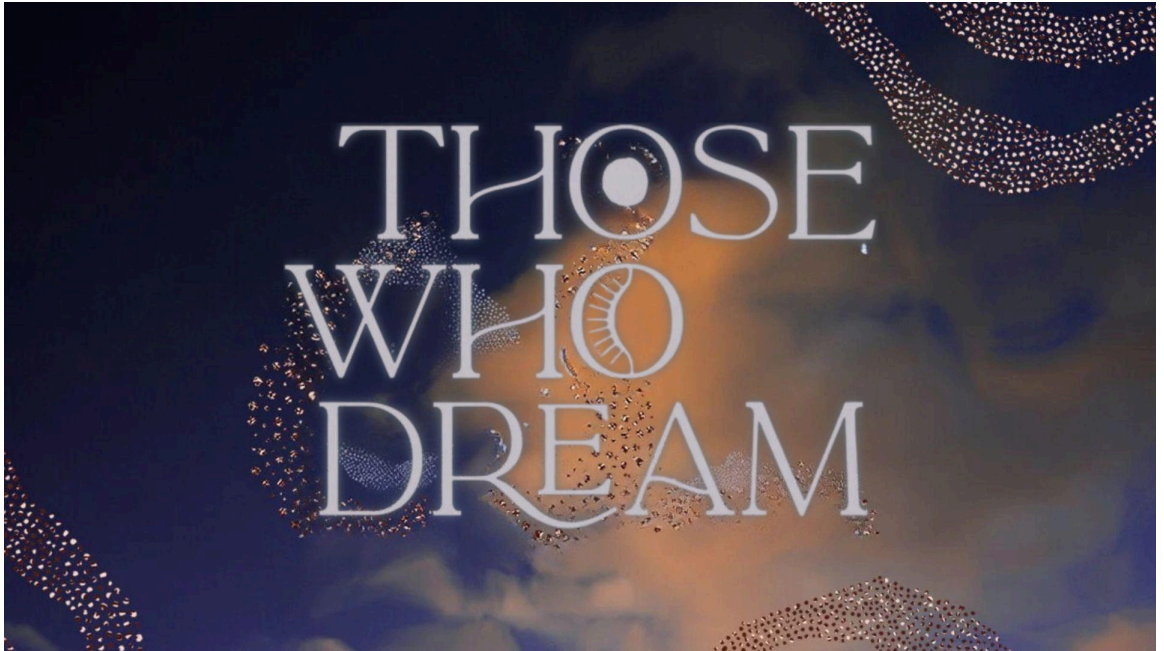




January 4, 2026

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 CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4th, 2026

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful Ariana DuPont
Jeanne Demessieux

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who dream do not stay where they are.

We rise and follow the light God sets before us.

The star still shines not only in the sky, but in the world
around us.

We come, hoping to see what God is revealing.

Like the Magi, we bring our questions, our hopes, and
our longing.

**We come ready to worship the Christ who meets us
on the way.**

Come, let us worship the God who calls dreamers into the light.

*HYMN NO. 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

*We Three Kings of Orient Are
(congregation sings verses 1 and 5, solos for verses 2-4)*

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and revelation, you call us to dream of a world made new, but we confess that we often settle for what is easy and familiar. We hesitate to follow when the path feels uncertain. We ignore your light when it leads us beyond our comfort. We miss the signs of your presence in people we do not expect and places we do not want to go. Forgive us for the times we stop short of trust. Open our eyes to your movement in the world. Give us courage to follow where you lead, and grace to begin again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: The same God who led the Magi by starlight meets us with mercy when we lose our way.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed from fear, released from guilt, and invited once more to walk in the light of God's love.

Thanks be to God for the gifts of forgiveness, mercy, and love.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

GREATOR EX

***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

Quartet

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT pg 690), Matthew 2:1-12 (NT pg 2)

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Ariana DuPont
J. Brahms

STAR WORDS AND PRAYER

God of light and guidance, today we receive our star words. Some already hold meaning for us. Others will take time to unfold. As this new year begins, be present in our dreaming and our waking. Help us notice you in the ordinary moments of each day. Use these words to guide us, as the star guided the Magi. Let your light show us the path before us. We offer this prayer with open hearts, trusting you to lead us on the way. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 515

*I Come With Joy
(verses 1-3)*

DOVE 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God of light and love. From the beginning, you have been calling your people forward, speaking hope into the dark, planting dreams where the world expects despair, and setting signs along the way to guide us toward life.

When your people lost their way, you sent prophets to remind them to look again, to dream more, to trust that you were still at work.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, the light of the world, born not in power but in promise. Guided by a star, strangers from afar followed your light, recognizing in him the hope of all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, 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. Hosannah in
the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosannah in the Highest.**

We thank you for your son Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He came as a teacher, a healer, and a peacemaker, but in living out your love, he encountered and confronted the

death-dealing systems of this world. In sharing and showing your love, he held nothing back until his mission was complete.

He suffered as we suffer, even the sting of death, but death did not have the final word. He rose from the grave, conquering death itself, and now lives eternally with you. He will return to redeem and reconcile all of creation, to make all things new. In thanksgiving, we offer our lives in love and joyful service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Bless the bread we break and the cup we share. In this holy communion, make us one with you and with each other, so that we may become the body of Christ, given to the world. Remembering our connection to each other, we offer now the prayers that are on our hearts, for the church, the world, and those we love...

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor belong to you, almighty God, now and forever. We continue our prayer as Jesus taught us, 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; and 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 have been served.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

Creator of all good things, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing. As we depart from this table, may we remember how wide your welcome extends. May the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Lord’s table accompany us on our journeys from here. We pray in Jesus’ name, amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In dulci Jubilo

Ariana DuPont
J.M. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 1/4	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

THE BRIDGE COFFEE HOUSE Join us on **January 23rd** at the Kalmia Club in Lambertville for an event with singer/songwriter Caitlyn Deviney. 7:00 PM, no charge, a portion of the donations go to support Fisherman's Mark.

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 t MPC.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 **t MPCyouth.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 t MPC.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.t MPC.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 t MPC.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 t MPC.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

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 *January 4th-11th*: *Stephen Mirande, Arlene Whitticar, Jim Peshek, Amy Brewer, Julie Carroll, Lisa Dinella, and Bob Austin.*

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@tmpe.org and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at music@tmpe.org		

SMALL GROUPS

ALPHA OMEGA	January 11th 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)	Thursday January 22nd Tuesday January 27th 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.
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting 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!