



March 31, 2024

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

WELCOME!!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship at Thompson. We hope it is a place where you feel God's presence. Generations of people have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, learned about the love of Jesus and 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 in the Sanctuary and 11:00 am Contemporary service with praise music in the Fellowship Hall. Our services are livestreamed and recorded and can be viewed anytime on www.tmpc.org. Please follow along and respond when the type is bold and stand, as you are able, when there is an asterisk in the bulletin. Our Common Hour described below, begins at 10:00 am. During months with a 5th Sunday we have a combined service usually at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

FOR CHILDREN

During both services, there is a special message for children. Children are invited forward for a talk just for them and then they can leave the worship space for Sunday school or return to sit with their parents. Nursery care is available for those attending services from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the nursery. To find the nursery, please exit the front of the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area, go up the steps and turn left. You will find it at the end of the hall on the left. All children's classrooms can be found in this hallway and your children can be picked up from their classroom when worship has ended.

If your children choose to stay in worship, worship activity baskets with crayons and activity sheets are located at the back of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

RESTROOMS

If you need to use the restroom, please exit fellowship hall to the left and the bathroom is on your left and right.

COFFEE HOUR & COMMON HOUR

On regular Sundays, TMPC has an hour between services that is a space for coffee, Adult Education and Children's choirs. Today, join us after worship for a time of fellowship in the CE Rooms/Choir Room for an enhanced coffee hour.

VISITOR BAGS

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to share a visitor bag with more information and a gift for you. If you have any questions about TMPC, don't hesitate to speak to an usher or a pastor!

Be sure to look at our website www.tmpc.org for more information, events, and on-line giving.

We are glad to share in your faith journey!

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection

Advanced Bell Choir
Arr. Frances L. Callahan

WELCOME

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Jaime Salt

In the dark of the early morning,
The very breath of God descended.
Dawn approached.

The Spirit filled the lungs of our fallen king,
and his heart began to beat anew.
At the rising of the sun,
He awoke. He opened his eyes.
He rose. Victorious.

The earth shook, an angel appeared.
The stone was rolled away.
The tomb was empty,
He came back.

Sorrow and mourning. **Left behind.**
Fear and shame. **Left behind.**
Sin and death. **Left behind.**
Our old ways and our old selves. **Left behind.**

He who has conquered the grave.
He who is risen, reigns:
In our hearts.
In our lives.
Forever.
Halleluiah. Halleluiah. Halleluiah.
He is Risen.
He is Risen Indeed.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jaime Salt

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace with you, each other and throughout the world. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jaime Salt

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, „I have seen the Lord!“

We have seen Christ, too. In every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM With One Voice Choir, Childrens Choir, Adult Bell Choir

Easter Bells, Set Free Your Music Arr. Stewart Harris

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-10 (NT pg 33-34)

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 268 (*see music pages*) HYMN TO JOY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Adult Bell Choir

Easter Bells Arr. by Michael Ryan

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

*BENEDICTON

*POSTLUDE

Ariana DuPont

Air from Suite in D Major

J. S. BACH

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heav-en-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 3/17	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)	Room 122-124
	10:00	EASTER COFFEE HOUR	Fellowship Hall
	10:00	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room/Rm 125
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Fellowship Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Rooms 122-124
	6:00 – 8:00	TSM- Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 7th at 10:00 am**, immediately following the 9:00 am worship service for the purpose of electing deacons to fill two vacant positions.

RUMMAGE SALE Please join us for our Spring Rummage Sale on **May 2nd from 9 am – 5 pm**, and **May 3rd from 9 am – 12 pm**. We will be accepting clean, gently used clothing items in good or like new condition as well as small household items. Please no electronics or large items. More information and sign ups to follow

SERVE WEEKEND Our Serve Weekend will be held on **May 4th & 5th**. Twice a year in May and November, TMPC members and the community join together in a weekend of service. Everyone signs up to complete service projects that help our neighbors in need by partnering with local mission and service organizations. We look forward to seeing you there!

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH TOUR Join a bus trip to tour two historic churches in Philadelphia on Thursday, **May 16**. We will tour **Mother Bethel African Methodist**

Episcopal Church, founded in 1794 and **Christ Church**, birthplace of the American Episcopal Church, was founded in 1695. Following our church tours, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at FREIDA, where their primary goal is to create genuine connections between people of all generations and all social cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Our bus leaves TMPC promptly at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m. Cost of the trip, including the bus, all tours, and lunch: \$125.00 To confirm your reservation, please submit the **Reservation Form (located on the ACT 2 Sign Up table)** along with your payment. Checks can be placed in Sue Wert's TMPC mailbox or mailed to: Sue Wert, 106 Muirfield Court, New Hope, PA 18938.

SAVE THE DATE Our Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 2nd** and our Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year will be on **August 12th – 16th**. More information to follow as each event grows closer.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Debbie Hart Nuzzo, George Brandenburg, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Pam Mills, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Tom Thatcher, Bob Tomlinson, Holly Tomkovitz, Doris Wessner. *If you have someone to add to our prayer chain, please send your request to Alison Yearley at apybobba@aol.com.*

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *March 31 – April 7: Michael Koh, Stevie Murphy, Ulla Heinicke, Karen Hoefler, Sean Power, Tim Sanford, Bill Hoefler, Meredith Power, Karla Donohoe, Carley Buongervin, Patti Ann Ridgway, Alice Betts, Marlene Clark, Peggy Rowlett, Jane Haubrich, and Doc Whitticar.*

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY Anyone can order altar flowers in general, "in memory of", "in honor of", or "in celebration of" a loved one for \$45. Please use our link on our website tmpc.org/giving. Simply select the "Order Flowers" button or "Donate to the Flower Fund" button or make your check payable to TMPC and write "flower fund" on the memo line.

USHERS NEEDED Would you like to serve by greeting people in worship? Contact Sandy Barford, sandbar1535@gmail.com. See the sign-up link in e-news or our website.

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) Each month, TMPC members and friends go to the facility in Trenton and assist with serving the mid-day meal 9:45 am -1:00 pm; our next times are on **March 19 and 28**. Those who want to carpool meet at TMPC parking lot at 9:15 am. Contact Chuck Green if interested in participating or have any questions at cgreen1030@comcast.net.

SOUP MONTH FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK We will assemble our next meal for Fisherman's Mark on Tuesday, **April 2** at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. See the sign up in e-news.

TMPC FOOD DRIVE Thank you for your contributions and support to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville for our event this past Wednesday. Food pantry supplies are low, and we need your donations now more than ever! Our next monthly food drive is on **April 17** from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Bring items in ahead of time. Thank you.



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unless we can easily match your venmo
name with a name in our donation database.



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Organist/Accompanist	Ariana DuPont
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Sexton.....	James Daily
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