



# Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

## January 29, 2017

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

Chime Bell Choir

*Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Susan Berry/Janet Van Valey

INTROIT

Cherub Choir and Jesus Joyful Choir

*Jesus, Jesus, Let Us Tell You* arr. Richard L. Van Oss

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Bailey Heckman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

**We will sing songs and hymns, old and new;  
celebrate with voices and instruments,  
with praise and prayers!**

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

**For God is already here, among us and within us,  
bringing new life to all who believe.**

Let's praise God together!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE (Please turn to p. 3.)

CRUCIFIER

*Lift High the Cross*

### WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we can become so influenced by the wisdom of the world that we demand signs and seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence. We trust in our own plans and efforts rather than putting our faith in you. Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest for achievement and power, forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness.**

**Forgive our reluctance, O God, to proclaim with our lips and our lives that the crucified Christ is Lord of our lives and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders such proclamation of our faith. Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayers of confession.)*

“This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

Listen closely as our children and adults sing the familiar song—Jesus Loves Me. What does the message of this song mean to you today?

\*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

\*GREETING

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

ANTHEM

With One Voice Choir & Jesus’ Joyful Choir  
*Jesus Loves Me* arr. by John A. Ferguson

**WE HEAR GOD’S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

SERMON

“Ship of Fools”

Bailey Heckman

\*CHORUS OF PRAISE (Please turn to p. 4)

*Loving Spirit*

OMNI DIE

THE WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Bailey Heckman

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR PRAYERS**

OFFERTORY

*Joyful Reflection*

Adult Bell Choir  
Cynthia Dobrinski

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Kelly LePenske

SENDING HYMN (Please turn to p. 4.)

*O for a World*

AZMON

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Praeludium No. 7 (BWV 559)

Colton Martin  
J.S. Bach

“This hymn is a clear call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical shalom”

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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## WELCOME TO THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

***“We are a joyful family called by God through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to: welcome all, share our faith, love each other, serve the world, and glorify God.”***

**WELCOME, VISITORS!** We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew so that we can send you a welcome note. If you have any questions or would like to have a tour of our building, please feel free to ask an usher.

**COFFEE HOUR** Today’s refreshments are provided by the Denise Matulis.

**USHERS** Today’s ushers are Lorraine Foltz, Melissa Mantz, Brad Michael.

**WELCOMING AMBASSADORS** Today’s welcoming ambassadors is Rick Foltz. Please direct any visitors to him!

**ADULT FORUM** Stuart Spencer, Bailey Heckman, and Kelly LePenske continue to lead a seven-week series at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room on the book *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*. Copies of the book are available on the table across from The Table of Well Wishing for \$14.00.

**AID FOR FRIENDS** Our February Aid for Friends meal will feature chicken nuggets. If you can help us by supplying needed ingredients, please look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Susan Achenbach or Holly Tomkovicz .

**2017 PER-CAPITA CONTRIBUTION** Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)’s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to help defray the expenses associated with the Presbytery. TMPC’s contribution this year is \$27.10 per member. An envelope intended for this contribution can be found in your annual offering box; if you e-Give, there is an “apportionment” category for this purpose.

**VALENTINE’S DAY CARE PACKAGES** Help us to prepare a sweet surprise for our college students! You can bring goodies, baked goods, and healthy treats to church by **February 3**, and you can help to package the goodies on **February 5** after the 11:00 a.m. service. See the sign-up sheet on The Table of Well Wishing.

**“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY** While many of us are celebrating Super-Bowl Sunday, having fun and enjoying friends and food, others in our area will be going hungry – wondering where they will find their next meal. TMPC helps to restock the food pantries that are now getting empty after the generosity of the Christmas season has worn off. We’ve set a goal of 800 cans, so we need help from the entire congregation. *Please bring your cans in on Super-Bowl Sunday, **February 5**, to help fill the shelves of our local food pantries.* Contact Rick Schaub with any questions.

**MEN’S STUDY GROUP** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **February 7**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We are studying *Is This the End?* by Dr. David Jeremiah, and we are currently reading Chapter 5. The Men’s Study Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month. *All men are welcome!*

**ANNUAL MEETING** Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on **February 26**, our annual meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall. The deadline for submissions for the 2016 Annual Report is Friday, **February 3**.

**CHURCH-WIDE LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY** This year during Lent we will be reading, considering, and discussing the book *Finding Your Way Back to God* by Dave and Jon Ferguson. Here's a description of this study from the website (<http://yourwayback.org/>): "Each of us spends our lives on a journey toward God. Yet often our most deeply felt longings—for meaning, for love, for significance—end up leading us away from, instead of toward, our Creator and the person He made us to be. *Finding Your Way Back to God* shows you how to understand and listen to your longings in a whole new way. It's about waking up to who you really are, and daring to believe that God wants you to be found even more than you want to find Him. It's about making the biggest wager of your life: 'God, if you are real, then make yourself real to me' – and seeing if God responds." In February look for information on the book and a sign-up sheet to join a small group.

**YOUTH GROUP ROCK-CLIMBING EVENT** On **March 3** from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m., we will gather at the Doylestown Rock Gym for a fun night of rock climbing. Instructors at the gym will help us as we climb, and they will also provide activities for our group. All middle school and high school youth are invited and are encouraged to bring friends. The cost is \$15.00. For more information or to sign up to attend, please contact Bailey Heckman.

**RENEWAL WEEKEND, MARCH 25-26** Mark your calendars for our Renewal Weekend, a weekend retreat happening here at the church. We will be welcoming two monks from Holy Cross Monastery, Brother Joseph and Brother Aiden. On Saturday, **March 25**, the brothers will lead a half-day prayer retreat with a focus on forgiveness. On Sunday morning, Brother Joseph will preach while Brother Aiden leads the Adult Forum. On Sunday evening, the brothers will lead a Vespers Service at 5:00, and they will be joined by the Princeton Seminary Gospel Choir. This will be followed by a covered-dish dinner.

**SPRING PRAYER RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS MONASTERY** From Tuesday, **May 30**, to Friday, **June 2**, Pastor Stuart Spencer will lead a prayer retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY. Members and friends of Thompson Church are invited to a place of beauty and peace. Pastor Spencer will lead five sessions on the theme "Constant Prayer" with lots of time for personal reflection and prayer. Brochures will be available soon.

**PHILADELPHIA MISSIONS TRIP** Please see Bailey Heckman for information about this summer's High School Mission Trip to Philadelphia. The trip is taking place from Sunday, **July 9**, to Friday, **July 14**. Those who are in high school or college are welcome to join the team. Our team will be working with children from low-income families and serving the homeless. We are partnering with the Center for Student Missions (<https://www.csm.org/philadelphia.php>).

**JANUARY 2017 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS** Pastor Spencer led a discussion based on Mark 10:14-16, in which Jesus invited children to "Come to me." Members of Session reviewed the first chapter of *Growing Young: What Churches Are Doing Right*. He also reviewed "Notes for Session Teaching Docket," reminding session members of the importance of praying for one another.

\*Pastor Spencer will take a week of Study Leave **Feb. 28 – March 7, 2017**. A church wide Lenten Study will focus on the book *Finding Your Way Back to God*. On **February 12, 2017**, Pastor Spencer will preach at the Presbyterian Church of Allentown, N.J.

\*J.A. Smith Company has been chosen to install a new HVAC system for the sanctuary.

\*Christian Education tasks for the Associate Pastor, Youth and Family Ministries Director, and Music Director have been realigned.

\*Melissa Bottelier has been hired for the position of Church Office Administrative Assistant.

\*Upon the birth of her child, Pastor Heckman will have an eight week maternity leave, and an additional two week period of part time work at the conclusion of her maternity leave.

\*The search is beginning for the hiring of a Part-Time Youth and Family Ministries Director at 15 hours per week.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun.</b> <b>1/29</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	Worship Service - Fifth Sunday (Fellowship Hall)	<b>Thurs.</b> <b>2/2 Cont.</b>	<b>7:00p</b>	Men's AA Meeting (Conference Room)
	<b>6:00p</b>	ROCK (Junior High Youth Group) (Youth Room)		<b>7:00p</b>	With One Voice Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	<b>7:30p</b>	Rooted (Senior High Youth Group) (Youth Room)		<b>8:00p</b>	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>1/30</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)	<b>Fri.</b> <b>2/3</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	Fabulous Folders (Conference Room)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>1/31</b>		<i>No events</i>		<b>4:30p</b>	Grace Point Church Leadership Meeting
<b>Wed.</b> <b>2/1</b>	<b>5:30p</b>	Grey Sheeters Anonymous (Room 115)		<b>6:00p</b>	First Friday Combined Youth Groups (Youth Room)
	<b>6:30p</b>	Weekly Rehearsal	<b>Sat.</b> <b>2/4</b>	<b>9:00a</b>	Grace Point Church Leadership Meeting
	<b>7:00p</b>	Theology on Tap (Vince's Pizza in Yardley)	<b>Sun.</b> <b>2/5</b>	<b>8:30a</b>	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	<b>7:30p</b>	Just for Men		<b>9:45a</b>	Sunday School (Rooms 122-125); Adult Forum (Conference Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>2/2</b>	<b>4:30p</b>	Jesus' Joyful Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)		<b>11:00</b>	Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>4:30p</b>	Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	<i>Foglifters AA group meets daily, 7:00-8:00 a.m. (Monday through Friday in Fellowship Hall; Saturday and Sunday in the Conference Room).</i>		
	<b>5:15p</b>	Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)			
	<b>5:45p</b>	Chime/Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 123)			

Disciples: All Members of the Congregation	
Teaching Elder/Pastor ( <i>Sabbath: Monday</i> ).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor ( <i>Sabbath: Friday</i> ).....	Bailey A. Heckman
Administrative Assistant.....	Melissa Bottelier
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Organist/Accompanist.....	Colton Martin
Choir Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Worship Music Leader.....	Grant Farmer
Seminary Interns.....	Kelly LePenske and Jean Wilkinson
Sexton.....	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Sue Schaub