



*The*  
**MIRACLES**  
OF JESUS

July 23, 2023

*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 sat in these pews, 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](http://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 am.

## FOR CHILDREN

During worship in the summertime we have our PrayGround. This is a dedicated room in our Christian Education wing that is set up just for them. There are stations to read, create art, build, and pray through play. Children will begin their time in worship and come forward for the children's message as we usually do, but instead of attending Sunday School they will go to the PrayGround to learn, create, and explore. This room is open to any child 4 years old through 5th grade. If your child prefers to stay with you in 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. To find the nursery room, 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.

## RESTROOMS

If you need to use the restroom, please exit the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area and go up the steps. Turn right and the bathroom is on your left.

## LEMONADE ON THE LAWN & COMMON HOUR

TMPC has an hour between services that is a space for lemonade/coffee. Join us in the courtyard, weather permitting. In the fall season we have Adult Education, Children's choirs and other activities offered during the common 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](http://www.tmpc.org) for more information, events, and on-line giving.

We are glad to share in your faith journey!

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Dorothy Fine  
Chorale Prelude on "Gott ist mein Heil" Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie LaLonde

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN NO. 450

SLANE

*Be Thou My Vision*

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Julie LaLonde

**Holy God, we confess that we are so sure of ourselves that we fail to see the truths that you want to teach us. With the healing balm of your love, open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Open our eyes to see our own shadow, for it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Julie LaLonde

Even though you have lived in darkness, God's light is being poured out for you. Accept the love that is freely offered and be transformed by God's healing power.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*It is Well with my Soul*

Melissa Callans  
Arr. by Aranda Kirshbaum

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Place prayer cards in the basket as the deacons come forward.)*

**WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE

John 9: 1-32 (NT pg. 102-103)

SERMON

*See Something Better*

Stephanie Templin Ashford

\*HYMN NO. 649

AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (vs. 1,2,3)*

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

Trumpet Voluntary in C: Largo

Dorothy Fine  
Henry Heron

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A: Fugue

Dorothy Fine  
William Selby

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**SUNDAY CALENDAR**

<b>Sun 7/23</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	Pray Ground	Room 123
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>LEMONADE ON THE LAWN</b>	<b>Courtyard</b>
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Pray Ground	Room 123
<b>Sun 7/30</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	Pray Ground	Room 123
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>LEMONADE ON THE LAWN</b>	<b>Courtyard</b>
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	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Pray Ground	Room 123
<b>7/31 -8/4</b>	9:00-12:00	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>

***This Sunday's flowers are in loving memory of Al Krebs  
by Linda Torda.***

## **MIRACLE BULLETIN BOARD**

Throughout the summer during our Miracles series stop by the bulletin board in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall for each of you to share one of two things:

1. A miracle you are praying for
2. A miracle you have received or heard about

Together we will learn and grow in our understanding and awareness of the miraculous power of God.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 31 - August 4** Join us for a fun-filled week of camp! All children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us for this FREE camp. We will have time for games, crafts, music, Bible study, and more. See link in e-news or [www.tmpc.org/vbs](http://www.tmpc.org/vbs) to register.

**KIDS CLUB** Join us for a fun night in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:00 pm on **August 18**. We will have dinner, make a craft or a service project and play games. Look for the link in e-news or on the website.

**BINGO** Join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo on **August 24**, 1 - 3 pm. Mark your calendar! For further information contact us at [Act2@TMPC.org](mailto:Act2@TMPC.org). There is a sign up at the Table of Well Wishing or on the website [www.tmpc.org/events](http://www.tmpc.org/events) and in e-news.

## **ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**FISHERMAN'S MARK – BACKPACK COLLECTION** Once again, we are partnering with Fisherman's Mark to provide backpacks with school supplies for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. At this point we have committed to 20 backpacks for the children of Fisherman's Mark's clients. The backpacks with all the supplies must be dropped off at the church no later than **Sunday, August 13**. A list of supplies can be found on the Table of Well Wishing. Please note all supplies must be new. If you are interested in providing a backpack (or two), please use the signup genius link in e-news or the paper sign up at the ToWW. If you would like additional information, please contact Tim Sandford ([tsandford58@gmail.com](mailto:tsandford58@gmail.com)).

**TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)** TMPC will be going to TASK on **July 27**. We will go to the facility in Trenton and assist with serving the mid-day meal 9:45 am - 1:00 pm and meet at TMPC parking lot to carpool at 9:15 am on the "fourth Thursday of every month. See our link in e-news to sign up or visit the website. Email Chuck Green for more information.

**CARING FOR FRIENDS** Caring for Friends will collect homemade soups for the month of August. Please pick up the soup containers provided for you under the Table of Well

Wishing and follow the instructions about labeling ingredients and place in our freezer. Thank you to everyone who gives generously to this outreach.

**COMMUNITY MEAL** Our next community meal date is **August 13** in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 – 1:15 pm. See the sign up in e-news or [www.tmpc.org/communitymeal](http://www.tmpc.org/communitymeal).

**TMPC FOOD DRIVE** Your contributions are a blessing to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. Our monthly food drive is on **August 16** from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Bring items in ahead of time. The sign up is available in our e-news or [www.tmpc.org/events](http://www.tmpc.org/events).

### **CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE**

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME** Marlene Clark, John Donahue and family, Frank Gatto, Betty Hart, Laurel Krauss, Pam Mills, Tricia Murphy and family, Lisa Palise, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Tom Thatcher, Holly Tomkovitz, JoAnn Weiskopf, Doris Wessner. *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).*

**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthday between *July 21 – July 29*: *Rob Kaspro, Charles Napier, Doris Johnson, Alyssa Capel, Chuck Green*

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** Anyone can order altar flowers in general or “in memory of” or “in honor of” or “in celebration of” a loved one for \$45. Please use our link on our website [tmpc.org/giving](http://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** A wonderful way to become involved and meet people is by ushering. This is an easy task and you will be guided by someone who is experienced. Volunteers are needed for both services. Contact Sandy Barford, [sandbar1535@gmail.com](mailto:sandbar1535@gmail.com). See the sign up link in e-news or our website.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** Worship Services will continue to be at 9:00 am and 11:00 am for the summer with Lemonade on the Lawn and some coffee too! **September 3 -- Holiday Schedule, one service only at 9:00 am – Sanctuary.**

### **THOMPSON STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Pizza and Movie Night - Wednesday, July 26 @ 6 PM

Game Night - Wednesday, August 9 @ 6 PM

Pool Party - Sunday, August 20 @ 4 PM

All upcoming events listed in the QR-code can be found in the bulletin as well.



Scan here for one time giving,  
link to our website, for upcoming events or  
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Music Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Music Director & Youth Director.....	Bill Stauffer
Organist/Accompanist .....	Dorothy Fine
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