



The
MIRACLES
OF JESUS

August 20, 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. 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 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 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 for more information, events, and on-line giving.

We are glad to share in your faith journey!

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer

Dorothy Fine
Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Berry

In you, Lord our God, we put our trust.

**We trust in you; do not let us be put to shame,
nor let our enemy's triumph over us.**

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths.

**Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God
our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long.**

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Berry

**God, You call us to step out in faith,
to place our lives in your hands,
and to wholeheartedly commit to following you.**

We confess that we find this difficult to do.

It is not always easy to follow where You lead—

to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,

to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things.

Forgive us when we doubt You, God.

Increase our faith.

**Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,
to your broader vision for us and for our world.**

In Jesus' name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeff Berry

Some people trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God who forgives and saves.

Praise God for the gift of salvation!

*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

May Christ Dwell in You

Come One Come All Choir
by Patricia Mock

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14: 22-33 (NT pg. 16)

SERMON

4th Quarter Faith

Stephanie Templin Ashford

*HYMN NO. 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

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

Give Us A Song

Men's Quintet
by Joseph M. Martin

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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 D: Vivace

John Alcock

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Join us immediately after the service for a Town Hall meeting at
10 am in Fellowship Hall.**

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 8/20	9:00	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Pray Ground	Room 123
	10:00	TOWN HALL MEETING w/Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Fellowship Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20–12:00	Pray Ground	Room 123
	12:00	Session Briefing	Conference Room
	4pm-7pm	YSM – Pool Party	Offsite

***This Sunday's flowers are given in loving memory of our son Christopher
and my mother, Florence Galla
by Sandy and Tom Barford.***

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

BINGO Join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo on **August 24, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**. Mark your calendar! For further information contact us at Act2@TMPC.org. There is a sign up at the Table of Well Wishing or on the website www.tmpc.org/events and in e-news.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS On **September 3** during the 9am service, all children are invited to bring their backpacks to worship so we can have a special back-to-school prayer and blessing of the backpacks. Each child will receive a colorful backpack tag that reads, "You Got This" as a perfect reminder for our students as they begin a new year that God goes with them and supports them every step of the way.

BLOOD DRIVE AT TMPC Be sure to sign up! Blood supplies are low! The Red Cross will host a blood drive on **September 8**. NOTE NEW TIME from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. For information or to go on-line to schedule an appointment and sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and enter: TMPC or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

TMPC MOVIE NIGHT Act 2's next Movie Night will be on Saturday, **September 9** at 6:00 pm. *Worth* is a 2020 biographical film starring Michael Keaton, Stanley Tucci, and Meg Ryan. The film depicts Kenneth Feinburg's handling of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. For Dinner: Baked lasagna rolls, various salads, and dessert will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by viewing of the movie. There will be a discussion at the conclusion of the movie.

RALLY DAY Our fall program of Christian Education along with our children's choirs and youth ministry activities begin on **September 10**.

BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY On **September 10** at both services our Christian education students will receive their bibles.

FALL FEST Save the date for our Fall Festival on Sunday, **October 29**.

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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 them in our freezer. Thank you to everyone who gives generously to this outreach.

TASK TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN 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. In August, we will be going twice, on Thursday, **August 24** and Thursday, **August 31**. Those who want to carpool will meet at TMPC parking lot to carpool at 9:15 am. Contact Chuck Green if interested in participating or have any questions at cgreen1030@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY MEAL Our next community meal date is **September 10** in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 – 1:15 pm. See the sign up in e-news or www.tmpc.org/communitymeal.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME George Brandenberg, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Betty Hart, Laurel Krauss, Pam Mills, Lisa Palise, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Tom Thatcher, Bob Tomlinson, 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.*

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthday between *Aug 18 – Aug 25: Joan Paslo, Colin Jenei, Kimberly Pickett, Marcia Koppes, Robert Donohoe, Heidi Biermann, Manning Smith, Susan Miller, Rick Griffith*

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. 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. 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.**



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