



The
MIRACLES
OF JESUS

September 3, 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

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 then go to Sunday School. Be sure to register your child of 4 years old through 5th grade. If your child prefers to stay with you in worship, there are activity baskets with crayons and activity sheets 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.

COMMON HOUR

TMPC has an hour between services that is a space for lemonade/coffee. Join us in the courtyard, weather permitting. On Sunday, September 17, we begin our Adult Education, Children's Choirs and other activities during 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

Allegro Moderato

Dorothy Fine
Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Templin Ashford

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeffrey Berry

Here, we gather to hear God's Word.

Here, we gather to experience the wonder of God's grace.

Let us give thanks to the Lord who provides so abundantly!

Together, let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeffrey Berry

Almighty God, You created the heavens and the earth, and yet we doubt Your goodness. We see war and poverty, despair, and oppression, and the great horrors the works of our hands have done. Yet You created us in Your image, and You have given us good works to do. Help us to undo the wrong in the world, to tear down the walls, and instead to be works of restoration, to restore the goodness of Your creative work. In the name of Christ, who continues to do good works in us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeffrey Berry

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness, the one in whom we put all our trust, hope, and faith.

Know that you are forgiven. You are a new creation in Christ.

Go and do the work God has given you to do, to love one another, and care for each other.

*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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK

Bailey Heckman

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 6: 1-15

Rev. Dawn Alpaugh

SERMON

Blessing the Fragments

MIRACLES REFLECTION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Adagio

Dorothy Fine
Alexandre Guilmant

*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 join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little things we can see, that our eyes may be opened to the great possibilities we had not imagined. May our efforts be multiplied by your grace so there is more than enough for all – more comfort in sorrow, more relief from pain, more strength for our weakness, more joy for our apathy. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 526

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One Bread, One Body

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD JESUS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

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.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. Your Son Jesus came as a servant to wash away our pride and feed us with the bread of life. We praise you for inviting us to serve one another with humble hearts, to forgive one another as we have been forgiven, and to feast at his table as members of one household.

Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, 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. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us. By your Spirit draw us together into one body as we unite our voices praying together....

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

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all have been served.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Presto

Dorothy Fine
Jonas Blewitt
ed. by David Patrick

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

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| Sun 9/03 | 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 | LEMONADE ON THE LAWN | Courtyard |

RALLY DAY - September 10

RALLY DAY We begin a new series on **September 10** as our kickoff for Rally Day where we will take new photos for our Directory/Membership, Bible Presentation, begin our Christian Education and youth ministry activities. However, our children’s choirs will begin on **September 17**.

PHOTOS FOR OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY Our goal is to update our membership photos in CCB, our church directory. Come camera ready on **September 10**. We'll take photos of individuals, couples, children and families. We will update the directory accordingly. So bring your smiles on Rally Day!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENT MEETING On **September 17** at 10 am in Room 125. All parents and grandparents are invited to join Pastor Bailey for a brief parent meeting. We'll look at the Sunday School curriculum, share upcoming events, and more. During the meeting, kids are welcome to attend children’s choir practice in the music room or play in the nursery or PrayGround.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

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.

KIDS CLUB Join us for a fun night in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:00 pm on Friday, **September 15**. 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.

JAZZ & JOE The Deacons of TMPC are pleased to present an afternoon of Jazz & Joe in Fellowship Hall on **September 24** from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Come and hear these talented musicians and enjoy a cup of coffee, a snack and good company. There is no charge although we will have a basket for donations and pick a mission for the proceeds.

TRIVIA NIGHT at TMPC Bring your friends and your brainpower for an unforgettable night of TRIVIA at TMPC on Saturday, **September 30** at 6:30 pm! Compete for prizes, have some fun and show off your smarts! SNACKS, PRIZES, & FUN! To sign up see the link in e-news or website.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS Please email a confirmation of your college student or gap year student with the name and a new/updated address by **October 2** to Judy Cronise at jcronise@comcast.net. We want to let them know they are prayed for and loved by TMPC's church family by sending out care packages. Also, let me know if we should remove a recent graduate from our list. See our link to our care package Amazon Wish list in e-news.

FALL FEST Save the date for our Fall Festival on Sunday, **October 29** from 2:00 – 4:30 pm. We will have fun activities for all ages!

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY MEAL Our next community meal date is **September 10** in Fellowship Hall from 12:15 – 1:15 pm. See the sign up in e-news or www.tmpc.org/communitymeal. We are serving up Taco Salads and other delicious sides and desserts. Grab a neighbor, friend, or family member and join us for this fun meal.

TMPC FOOD DRIVE Your contributions are a blessing to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. Our monthly food drive is on **September 20** 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.

MEALS FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK "Great news! We have decided to transition our monthly meal donations from Caring For Friends to Fisherman's Mark effective October 2023! We have served Caring For Friends faithfully for 28 years and we THANK YOU ALL for supporting this great

mission. As the church continues to enhance our community focus, we are transitioning our monthly meals program to a more local establishment and Fisherman's Mark is happy to have us. The first meal preparation will be on Tuesday, **October 3** at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Watch for the sign-up genius to donate food items and to help prepare the meal. We look forward to your future support of this new exciting program.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME George Brandenburg, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, 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 *Sept 2 - Sept 9: Jaimie Salt, Marie Wustholz, Doris Wessner*

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.



Scan here for one time giving,
link to our website, for upcoming events or
subscribe to our weekly e-news.



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