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CHALLENGE

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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

September 10, 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 coffee and fellowship, Adult Education, Children's Choir and other activities and meetings. Join us in the Fellowship Hall.

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!

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENEKOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Voluntary in E major

Dorothy Fine
Jonas Blewitt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUMMER PHOTO SLIDESHOW

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We follow Christ,

Who says take up your cross.

We follow Christ,

Who bids us come and offer ourselves.

We follow Christ,

Who summons us to new life.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions (vs. 1,3,5)

NEW DIMENSIONS

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, as your followers

we are called to be people shaped by your life -

one that is so different than the everyday lifestyles we see today.

We confess how easy it is

to be drawn into patterns that do not bring us closer to you.

We need your constant help

to make our lives consistent with yours.

Renew us with your Spirit

so that our words and actions

bring you pleasure and not pain.

Make our lives true reflections of Jesus',

so that we live, love, and forgive

as graciously and compassionately as you did.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:

Those who are in Christ are a new creation;

the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

And so I declare to you, 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.

ANTHEM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

WITH ONE VOICE CHOIR

AND ADULT BELLS

Arr. Lloyd Larson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Beginners Bible

*Killian Fales Criscuolo
Lochlan Fales Criscuolo
Elijah Haas
Cora Kirby
Jack Mitchell
Eliza Mitchell
Lucca Mongillo
Erik Yuryev*

3rd Grade Bibles

*Lauren Ebert
Lexi Ebert
Delaney Keeler
Andrew Kirby
Annabelle McGettigan
Emily McGettigan
Isabelle Nickels
Jonah Oxley
Abigail Rotella
Zachary Rotella
Annika Yuryev*

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Worth It

Stephanie Templin Ashford

*HYMN NO. 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

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.

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Adagio

Dorothy Fine
Starling Goodwin
ed. by David Patrick

*SUNG RESPONSE HYMN NO. 726

The Summons (vs. 1,2)

KELVINGROVE

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jig Fugue

Dorothy Fine
Dietrich Buxtehude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 9/10	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	COMMON HOUR/COFFEE HOUR	Fellowship Hall
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Fellowship Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	12:15-1:15	COMMUNITY MEAL	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 – 8:00	TSM- Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

This Sunday's flowers were given in loving memory of Alma Pope by her son and daughter-in-law, Bucky and Barbara Pope.

RALLY DAY - September 10

Today we begin a new series for our fall season called The Challenge. Join us for fellowship at 10 am where we begin our Christian Education and youth ministry activities. Our children's choirs will begin on **September 17**.

PHOTOS FOR OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY Stop by our photo booth, smile for your photo and help us update our membership photos in CCB, our church directory. Also, take a look at our printed directory and please correct your information or make updates so that we have current information.

COMMUNITY MEAL Join us today, 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 in Fellowship Hall from 12:15 – 1:15 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

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.

NEW AT TMPC/ 567 MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY On **September 15** we are launching a brand new opportunity for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders to grow in their faith. 567 Middle School Ministry will meet on the third Friday of each month, from 5:30-7:00 pm. They'll join with the Kids Club folks for dinner, but then break off for their own games and discussion time. There will also be periodic service opportunities AND fun outings. More to come, so stay tuned!

TSM/High Schoolers (8th-12th Grades) High School youth group meets Sunday nights from 6-8 PM. We eat, play games, get to know each other, and dig into our faith. The three pillars of our ministry are: GROW - We discover who God is and who we are PLAY - We have "fun to be us" times SERVE - We care for our community and our world. Questions? Email Bill Stauffer (bstauffer@tmpc.org) or visit www.tmpc.org/youth.

NEW GROUP AT TMPC Alpha Omega (AO) is a new women's group that will focus on Book/Bible Studies, Fellowship and Mission. This group will meet primarily on Sundays during the Common Hour on **September 17**. More Dates TBD. Please join us for our first social event offsite: Charity Bunco on Friday, **September 15** at 7:00 pm. Email the office to sign up or if you have any questions contact Marci at capelm@comcast.net.

NEW MEN'S GROUP AT TMPC - MCA is a new men's group that stands for "Men of a Certain Age." These guys are neither old nor young. They will incorporate fellowship, study and service. Look for upcoming emails about Habitat work days and a new study starting **October 8** at 10:00 AM in the Youth Room.

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

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 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 program.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME George Brandenburg, Pat Castiglione, 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 8 - Sept 16: Vaughan Grundy, Erika Rotella, David Callans, Ron Wanat*

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.



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