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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

September 17, 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!

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Allegro

Dorothy Fine
Flor Peters

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Beattitudes)

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
the downtrodden and despairing.**

They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are those who mourn,
who are grieving.**

They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are the ones who seek
justice and righteousness.**

They will find it in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are we when we love our neighbors
and seek their needs.**

We will live in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others
in God's name.**

Let us worship together, serving one another
and serving our Mighty God. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 321

The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1,2,5)

AURELIA

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we find ourselves full so often. We live lives with full bellies and full schedules and full closets. Is it possible to hunger when we are so full? Remind us, Lord that when we empty ourselves we can once again remember our deep hunger for you. Forgive us and help us to long for the fullness of your grace and mercy and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Philippians 2:6-8)

Hear the good news:

“Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and became obedient to the point of death—

Through his obedience, we are therefore freed from whatever sin entangles us. Friends, your sins 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

Bound for Glory

WITH ONE VOICE CHOIR
by Douglas E. Wagner

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 21:21 (OT p. 603) and
Luke 4:14-21 (NT p.61), Matthew 5:6 (NT p.4)

SERMON

Stuffed

Stephanie Templin Ashford

*HYMN NO. 172

Blest Are They (vs.1-4)

BLEST ARE THEY

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

Adagio

Dorothy Fine
John Bennett
ed. by C. H. Trevor

*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 C: Allegro

Dorothy Fine
John Stanley
ed. by Denis Vaughan

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Sunday's Flowers

***This Sunday's Flowers are in honor of
Chris and Katie Eler and Fred and Jen Haubrich
on their wedding anniversaries from Diane Eler.***

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 9/17	9:00	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Room 122-124
	10:00	COMMON HOUR/COFFEE HOUR	Fellowship Hall
	10:00	Property Committee Meeting	Chapel
	10:00	AO Small Group Meeting	Conference Room
	10:00	Parent’s CE Meeting	Room 125
	10:00	Children’s Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Fellowship Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Rooms 122-125
	6:00 – 8:00	TSM- Youth Group	Fellowship Hall/YR

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

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. Email Marci 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 icronise@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.

NEW MEMBERS INQUIRY MEETING A time for inquiring visitors/frequent attenders to share in fellowship with TMPC elders and pastors to learn more about TMPC in the Choir Room from 12:00 - 2:00 pm on either Sunday, **October 15 or October 22**. Please click on the link in e-news to RSVP to either meeting date.

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.

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) TMPC will be going to TASK on **September 28**. 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.

MEALS FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK The first meal preparation for Fisherman's Mark will be on Tuesday, **October 3**, at 8:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please help us get started by signing up, using the Signup Genius, to donate food items, to help prepare the meal, and to donate funds to cover the increased costs of the main dish. We thank you and look forward to helping local homebound seniors in need. See the link in e-news and our website.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Thompson is partnering Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County as a part of the Faith Build program. The Mission Committee has allocated funds to this new partnership and the next opportunity to join the build is on **November 4**. Sign up early for a spot to volunteer for a time 8:30 am-12:00 pm and by using our [unique link](#) in e-news.

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 15 - Sept 23: David Callans, Ron Wanat, Riley Smith, Sandi Baker, Amy Perry, Lenore Bowne, Samantha Buongervino, Jane Burger, David Cane*

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.

NEW AT TMPC/ 567 MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY 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.

"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the author who initiates and perfects our faith."
Hebrews 12:2



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Music Director.....	Patricia Murphy
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Organist/Accompanist	Dorothy Fine
Sexton.....	Alec Seltzer
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