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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING  
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

September 24, 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

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](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

*Voluntary in B flat: Moderato*

Dorothy Fine  
Jonathan Battishill

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anita Campbell

God said, "Let there be light."

**And there was light.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**And the light shone in the darkness.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**And the light shall not be overcome.**

May this first day of the week . . .

**Be only one of many days in which we sing your praises,  
shine your light, and worship you.**

\*HYMN NO. 401

*Here in This Place*

GATHER

**WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Anita Campbell

**Forgive us, Lord, for our indifference to the suffering of others, for neglecting the hungry and the oppressed. We have at times turned a blind eye to injustice and turned our hearts away from those in need. Like salt that has lost its flavor, we have become complacent in our faith.**

**Yet, Lord, we acknowledge that you have called us to a higher purpose. You have called us to be the salt of the earth, preserving your truth and righteousness in a world that often drifts away from you. You have called us to be the light of the world, shining your love and compassion in the darkness of our world.**

**Help us, O Lord, to live out this calling with sincerity and devotion. Grant us the strength and courage to be the agents of your healing and reconciliation in a broken world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Anita Campbell

Friends, lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.

**The light of God shines through the darkness.**

**Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.**

\*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

*Gentle Shepherd*

QUARTET  
by Molly Ljames

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

**WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 58:1-10 (OT p. 688) and Matthew 5:13-16 (NT p. 4)

SERMON                      Influence                      Bailey Heckman

\*HYMN NO. 753      *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*      PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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

*Offrande: Andante con moto*

Dorothy Fine  
Flor Peters

***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

*Gavotte*

Dorothy Fine  
Samuel Wesley

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**SUNDAY CALENDAR**

<b>Sun 9/24</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	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 122-124
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>COMMON HOUR/COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	10:00	<b>Choir Rehearsals</b>	<b>Choir Room</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	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Rooms 122-125
	<b>4:00 – 6:00p</b>	<b>Jazz &amp; Joe</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>6:00 – 8:00</b>	<b>TSM- Youth Group</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	

**Join us later today!** The Deacons of TMPC are pleased to present an afternoon of Jazz & Joe in Fellowship Hall 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC**

**NEW WOMEN’S 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. More Dates TBD. If you have any questions contact Marci at [capelm@comcast.net](mailto:capelm@comcast.net).

**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.

**SHADY BROOK FARMS** All ages are invited to join us at Shady Brook Farms on **October 1** from 2-4 pm, \$20 per person to enter the farm, however, we have a picnic area on reserve for our group including picnic tables and fire pit. Sign up at [tmpc.org/events](http://tmpc.org/events).

**GRIEF SHARE** Beginning **October 1**, the Grief Share bereavement support group will begin a new 13 week session. This group is for anyone wrestling with the loss of a loved one, no matter how long ago the loss occurred. This supportive experience helps you to walk through the grieving process with other supportive people. The class will meet Sundays at 10:00 am in Room 125.

**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](mailto: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.

**A NEW MEN'S GROUP IS FORMING AT TMPC** An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, **October 8** at 10am in the Youth Room in the basement of church by stairwell near the Sanctuary. Some of the plans include: **Meet & Greet:** to kick things off, we'll be hosting a social event at a local venue this fall for members to get to know each other better and just unwind. **Bible study:** we will be sharing a great book that we will be reading and discussing. **Mission work:** plans are to get members involved at upcoming TASK and Habitat for Humanity events in the upcoming months for some great service and even greater fellowship.

**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! We have sign ups to volunteer at the Table of Well Wishing and in e-news. To see more details check out [www.tmpc.org](http://www.tmpc.org).

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR** In December we will have 3 rehearsals on **December 5, 12, 19** from 7:00-8:00 pm for our Christmas Eve performance on December 24 at 7:30 pm. Everyone will receive sheet music plus pre-recorded learning tracks with their part predominant, to help make the process move along.

### ***ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES***

**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 "2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, or to donate funds to cover the increased costs of the main dish. 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 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 Raiké, 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 [apymbobba@aol.com](mailto:apymbobba@aol.com).*

**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthday between *Sept 22 - Sept 30: Jane Burger, David Cane, Gregg Osbeck, Cheryl Boyle, Andrew Hafner, Lauren Delehey*

**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.

**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. Our next meeting is **October 6**. 567 Middle School Ministry will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month from 5:30-7:00 pm. They'll join with the Kids Club folks for dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month, but then break off for their own games and discussion time. There will also be periodic service opportunities AND fun outings. For more information email [567@tmpc.org](mailto:567@tmpc.org).

**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](mailto:bstauffer@tmpc.org)) or visit [www.tmpc.org/youth](http://www.tmpc.org/youth).

## WORLD COMMUNION

Join us on **October 1st** for our annual World Communion Celebration. Our country of focus is South Africa and we will hear the perspective of Dr. Dirk Smit from Princeton Seminary. Dr. Smit was instrumental in the church's response to Apartheid and was one of the primary authors of the PCUSA's newest confession -- The Belhar Confession. Dr. Smit will share some of his story at both worship services.

*"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the author who initiates and perfects our faith."*

Hebrews 12:2



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