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CHALLENGE

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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING  
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

October 8, 2023

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

Hebrews 12:2

## *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

*Andante*

Dorothy Fine  
Philip Hayes,  
ed. by C. H. Trevor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

All that we are is a gift from God.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

All that we have is a gift from God.

**The world, and those who live in it.**

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

**For God has poured out more blessings than we can comprehend.**

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

**And learn again to live generous lives.**

\*HYMN NO. 716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of All Grace, all that we are, all that we have, and all that we will become is a gift from You.

**Forgive us when we forget this and assume that time and talent are made by us. Forgive us when we pridefully count our earnings, rather than delighting in Your gifts.**

Remind us of the high calling you have given us:

**to be the stewards of Your abundance, caretakers of all that You have entrusted to us.**

Make us faithful with little, and also with much, that we may give ourselves as You did, wholly and completely, even unto the cross.

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Persistently, patiently, lovingly,  
God pours out grace and joy into our lives,  
healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.  
Loved, we are sent to love;  
Forgiven, we are freed to forgive;  
Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*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

*God Be In My Head*

Women's Choir  
by Andrea Ramsey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

**WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8 (NT p. 106)

SERMON

Downward mobility

Stephanie Templin Ashford

\*HYMN NO. 700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (vs. 1,2, 4)*

I'M GONNA LIVE

(Women's Choir sing verse 3)

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.**

CHALLENGE AND BLESSINGS OF GENEROSITY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Andante*

Dorothy Fine  
Władysław Żeleński

\*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

*Gavotte*

Dorothy Fine  
Matthew Camidge

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

***This Sunday's flowers are in honor of our beloved friends by Trish Chinoy.***

**SUNDAY CALENDAR**

Sun 10/8	<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	Grief Share	Room 125
	10:00	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room
	10:00	New Men's MCA Group	Youth Room
	10:00	Property Committee Meeting	Conference Room
	<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>12:15-1:15</b>	<b>COMMUNITY MEAL</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>6:00 – 8:00</b>	<b>TSM- Youth Group</b>	<b>FH/Youth Room</b>

## **TODAY – JOIN US**

**GRIEF SHARE** The Grief Share bereavement support group has begun a new 13 week session. This supportive experience helps you to walk through the grieving process with other supportive people no matter how long ago the loss occurred. The class meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Room 125.

**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, sign up for a social event at a local venue 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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC**

**AO 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 on Sundays during the Common Hour on **October 15, 29, every two weeks** thereafter in the Conference Room at 10 am. For inquiries contact Marci at [capelm@comcast.net](mailto:capelm@comcast.net).

**OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS** We are collecting the care package contents until **October 16**. We want to let them know they are prayed for and loved by TMPC's church family by sending out care packages. See our link to our care package Amazon Wish list in e-news.

**BINGO** TMPC's Act 2, invites all active, older adults and their friends to join us on Thursday, **October 12** at 1:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Bingo cards and snacks will be provided. See sign up link in e-news or on our [tmpc.org/events](http://tmpc.org/events). See you there!

**NYC SCAVENGER HUNT** On Sunday, **October 15**, our 8th-12th graders are spending the day criss-crossing Manhattan on an incredible scavenger hunt. Multiple teams, prizes, food, and great times together. Cost is \$50 - go to [tmpc.org/youth](http://tmpc.org/youth) to sign up today!

**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 and enjoy lunch 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 for either meeting date.

**KIDS CLUB** Join us for a fun night in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:00 pm on Friday, **October 20**. We will have dinner with our friends from 567 Middle School Ministry group, make a craft or a service project and play games. We hope to see you there!

**NEW AT TMPC/ 567 MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY** Our next meeting is **October 20**. 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. For more information email [567@tmpc.org](mailto:567@tmpc.org).

**THE OPERA PROJECT** Join us for a concert of arias, Broadway, duets, and art songs on Sunday, **October 22** at 3 – 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20 pp.

**AUTHOR/SPEAKER EVENT** Robert Wittman, Author of Priceless and The Devil's Diary will speak on Wednesday, **October 25** from **6 - 8 pm** in Fellowship Hall. He is a highly decorated former Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent with special training in art, antiques, jewelry and gem identification and cultural property crime investigations. Doors open at 6 pm and presentation begins promptly at 6:30 pm. A question and answer session will follow. Light refreshments will be available. Tickets: \$20 pp.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Join us at 9:00 am **October 28** in Fellowship Hall. Join the men of Thompson for breakfast delights by Rick Schaub. Speaker Timothy Jones is a Visiting Scholar at Princeton Theological Seminary. The focus of his teaching and writing has been concerned prayer and practices of a growing spiritual life, with a calling to make the difficult and daunting in prayer seem inviting in daily ways. *You can find his blogs at [revtimothyjones.com](http://revtimothyjones.com).* See link in e-news to RSVP.

**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).

**CHICAGO MISSION TRIP** Thompson Student Ministries High School Youth Group (8-12) is heading to Chicago from **July 13-20** to work with Sunshine Gospel Ministries to help bring renewal to the city. Cost is \$425 per person, and \$100 deposits/registrations are due **November 1**. Contact Bill Stauffer ([bstauffer@tmpc.org](mailto:bstauffer@tmpc.org)) for more info or to sign up.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE** The Rummage Sale is set for **November 2 – 3** (Thursday 9-5 pm and Friday 9 - 12 pm). The sort days will be Tuesday and Wednesday, October 31 and November 1 with the volunteer luncheon on Tuesday, October 31. We are now accepting clean gently used clothing in good/nearly new condition and small household items. **Place all items in the Chapel.** (No electronics or large items of any kind.)

**LASER TAG** Join TMPC High School Youth Group (8-12) on Sunday, **November 5** from 6-8 PM for some major laser tag action at Ultrazone in Bensalem, PA. Cost \$30 for unlimited games. Contact Bill Stauffer ([bstauffer@tmpc.org](mailto:bstauffer@tmpc.org)) for more info or to sign up. Pew-Pew-Pew!!!

**SERVE WEEKEND** **On November 4-5**, TMPC members and the community join together in a weekend of service. Signs up can be found in e-news and [tmpc.org](http://tmpc.org) for service projects that help our neighbors in need by partnering with local mission and service organizations. We look forward to seeing you there. Also, see our Amazon wish list in e-news and our [www.tmpc.org/serve-weekend](http://www.tmpc.org/serve-weekend).

**DEDICATION SUNDAY** On Sunday, **October 29** we celebrate our renewal of our commitment by pledging our time, financial support, and talent to serve God in our everyday lives by our commitment to Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church. [On-line pledges](#) can be made via link in e-news and website.

## **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](mailto:apybobba@aol.com).*

**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthday between *Oct 6 - Oct 14: Heather Kouveras, Arlene Dooley, Melissa Mantz, William Rampe, Linda Landis, Kerry Nickels, Candis Mirande, Patti A Davis*

**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.

**PLEDGE CARDS AND STEWARDSHIP LETTERS** Congregational letters were mailed out on Friday, September 29 to our TMPC members with our stewardship letter and pledge card enclosed. You should receive it in the mail this week. You do not need to be a member to pledge and we have additional cards available in the church at the Table of Well Wishing or feel free to ask a deacon.

**WAYS TO BE A PART OF OUR CHALLENGE 122** Sign up for Daily Text Messages and fill out CHALLENGE CARD (to be mailed back to you in 122 days). Get a challenge bracelet to remind you of Hebrews 12:2 throughout your day. Fill out a challenge and blessing note on the board in the hallway. You can sign up for texts and fill out a card at [www.tmpc.org/challenge122](http://www.tmpc.org/challenge122).



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