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CHALLENGE

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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING  
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

October 15, 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!

20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENECAST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

*I'm Gonna Sing*

KIDS CHOIR  
Arr. By Audrey Snyder

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Lalonde

As early followers of Jesus gathered for fellowship and worship,  
praying and singing and reading the scriptures,

**so we gather this morning.**

The early followers sought to be of one heart and soul.

**They shared everything–**

everything they owned,

**everything they had.**

God's grace was at work in them,

**powerfully at work within them all.**

There was not a needy person in their community.

**May it be so for us as well. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Julie Lalonde

**Gracious God, we struggle to give to others, when you have so generously given to us. We look for our maximum benefit and minimum sacrifice. We have forgotten where every good gift comes from – you. Holy Spirit, shape our hearts to have a posture of gratitude and open our hands to give, that others might see your generous grace and love.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Julie Lalonde

Psalm 70:4 says: "Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.  
Let those who love your salvation say evermore:  
**'God is great!'**"

Sisters and brothers, Jesus grants us forgiveness, love, and salvation.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*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

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

ADULT BELL CHOIR  
Arr.by Sandra Eithun

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

**WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE      Philippians 2:1-4 (NT p. 197) and Acts 2:36-47 (NT p. 119)

SERMON

Stephanie Templin Ashford

\*HYMN NO. 306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (vs. 1-4)

DENNIS

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.**

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Adagio*

Dorothy Fine  
George Green

\*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

*Presto*

Dorothy Fine  
Benedetto Marcello

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**SUNDAY CALENDAR**

|                  |                   |   |                        |
|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| <b>Sun 10/15</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             | Grief Share                                   | Room 125               |
|                  | 10:00             | Choir Rehearsals                              | Choir Room             |
|                  | 10:00             | Property Committee Meeting                    | Youth Room             |
|                  | 10:00             | AO Women’s Group                              | 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>12:00-2:00</b> | <b>NEW MEMBERS INQUIRY MEETING/Lunch</b>      | <b>Conference Room</b> |
|                  | All Day           | TSM- Youth Group- NYC Scavenger Hunt          | NYC                    |

## **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).

**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.

**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.

**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 Sunday, **October 22**. Please click on the link in e-news to RSVP.

**MCA MEN'S GROUP** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, **October 18** at 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Youth Room in the basement of church by stairwell near the Sanctuary. Some of the plans for the "Men of a Certain Age" will include: outings, Bible study, and mission work. This group is to help create service opportunities and fellowship.

**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! Sign up at [tmpc.org/kids](http://tmpc.org/kids).

**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. 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 at the door.

**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.

**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.

**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/fall-fest](http://www.tmpc.org/fall-fest).

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP** From July 13-20, 2024, Thompson High School Students will be in Chicago, Illinois for a week of work alongside Sunshine Gospel Ministries as they seek “the renewal of the city through ministries of discipleship, mercy, and justice.” Cost of the trip is \$425 per person and is open to all students who have completed 8<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Go to [tmpc.org/youth](http://tmpc.org/youth) to sign up, or email [bstauffer@tmpc.org](mailto:bstauffer@tmpc.org) for more info.

**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.)

**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 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).

**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!!!

## **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 13- Oct 21: Candis Mirande, Patti A Davis, Neal Hafner, Sue Wert, Janice Slack, Linda Torda*

**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** 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.

**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).

## **ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**TMPC FOOD DRIVE** Your contributions are a blessing to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. Food pantry supplies are low, we need your donations now more than ever! Our monthly food drive is on **October 18** 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](http://www.tmpc.org/events).

**TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)** TMPC will be going to TASK on **October 26 & 31**. 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 one Tuesday and 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.

**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.

**MEALS FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK** The first meal preparation for Fisherman's Mark will be on Tuesday, **November 8** at 8:30 am 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.



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



Venmo to: @give2tmpc  
This will be treated like a cash donation  
unless we can easily match your venmo  
name with a name in our donation database.



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