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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

October 22, 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. 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

Voluntary in E Major

Dorothy Fine
Jonas Blewitt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steven Sailer

With grace, Jesus said:

“Give one coat away.”

With honesty, Jesus taught:

“Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.”

Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free, dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

In this hour of worship, let us release what binds us, so that we can respond to the generosity of our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
(Men’s Choir sing verse 1 then everyone joins in.)

DARWALL’S 148th

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steven Sailer

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

Steven Sailer

Hear this good news: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Amen! Through God's great gift we receive forgiveness and salvation.

*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

Go Down, Moses

MEN'S CHOIR
arr. Becki Slagle Mayo
and Dale Zarlenga

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NT p. 232) and Acts 16:6-26 (NT p. 135)

SERMON

Stephanie Templin Ashford

*HYMN NO. 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMMAN

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

Jeff Campbell

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Largamente

Dorothy Fine
Léon Böellmann

*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 were given in loving memory of
Doris Serlenga, by her daughter and son-in-law,
Barbara and Bucky Pope.***

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 10/22	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	Grief Share	Room 125
	10:00	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
	12:00-2:00	NEW MEMBERS INQUIRY MEETING/Lunch	Choir Room
	3:00-5:00	The Opera Project (All welcome, \$20 pp)	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 – 8:00	TSM- Youth Group	FH/Youth Room

THE OPERA PROJECT Join us today for a concert of arias, Broadway, duets, and art songs from 3 – 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20 pp at the door.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

DEDICATION/STEWARDSHIP 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 Our Fall Festival is on Sunday, **October 29** from 2:00 – 4:30 pm. Join us for pumpkin carving, trunk-or-treat, bounce house, bingo, live music, and food. 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/events.

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*. See link in e-news to RSVP.

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.

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.

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, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 with the volunteer luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Drop off clothing in good/nearly new condition and small household items. **Place all items in the Chapel.** (No electronics or large items of any kind.)

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 29, every two weeks** thereafter in the Conference Room at 10 am. For inquiries contact Marci at capelm@comcast.net.

CHICAGO MISSION TRIP Thompson Student Ministries High School Youth Group (8-12) are 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) for more info or to sign up.

ACT 2 SPEAKER EVENT “WHAT’S IT WORTH” On **Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall**, Mike Ivankovich, Author, Appraiser & Auctioneer will present his knowledge & expertise. There will be time to have an Antique/Collectible Appraised! Speaker Only (No fee) - just \$25.00 per appraisal.

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 (bstaufer@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.*

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthday between *October 20- October 28: Marie Wanat, James Revie, Stephen Miller*

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 Volunteers are needed for both services. Contact Sandy Barford, 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.

Q3 GIVING STATEMENTS The Q3 Giving Statements will be mailed out Thanksgiving week. Expect to see them in your mailbox soon afterwards.

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.

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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.

MEALS FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK Our next meal for Fisherman's Mark will be on **Note: New Date: Wednesday, November 8** at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by 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 sign up link in e-news and our website.

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 **November 15** from 10:00 to 10:30 am. You can bring items in ahead of time. The sign up is available in our e-news or www.tmpc.org/events.

NEW SMALL GROUP FORMING 21 Days That Can Change the Way You Pray
Prayer is a crucial aspect of the Christian life. Ray Stedman, beloved pastor and Bible teacher, says this: 'The purpose of prayer is not to inform God about our needs, but to conform us to His will. Prayer doesn't change God. Prayer changes us'. Prayer is the way we communicate and find intimacy with God; it is the way God works through us to bring His Kingdom to earth. Come join us as we learn more about true prayer -- the way Jesus prayed -- as we deepen our prayer lives and spend time in prayer together. We will be using the book 'Jesus; 21 Days That Can Change the Way You Pray' by Toby Lofton. Tuesday mornings at 9:15 am beginning **November 7**. Please sign up at the Table of Well Wishing.



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