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CHALLENGE

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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

October 29, 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

Was, Gott dict, das ist Wohlgetan

Dorothy Fine
Johann Krebs

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the Lord our God, who is compassionate and a gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness.

We praise God for his generous gifts of love and mercy.

We come before God with thanksgiving, for God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

We offer to God in worship our lives as a living sacrifice, for he has enriched us in every way, so that we can be generous on every occasion and through our generosity, bring glory to God.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth, for God is the source of all things and to God be the glory today and evermore.

*HYMN (Back of Hymnal) *Called by God we Gather (vs. 1,2 4)*
(Choir sings verse 2)

NEW HOPE

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we struggle to live as generous people. We hold tight to what you have given us and have placed our own needs and comforts above those of our neighbor. We hesitate to offer our time. We pile up our treasures and we are still learning how to share. Forgive us, O God, and renew us by Your grace. Help us to remember Your generosity toward us in Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us on the cross. Teach us to be generous as You are generous, and to glorify You with our lives. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

Sun Don't Set in the Mornin'

With One Voice Choir
by Becki Slagle Mayo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lyn Bride
Mark, Allison and Ella Dudick
Bruce Jennings
Luke, Zena, Cora and Andrew Kirby
Christian Mirande
Michelle Baker, Paul, Lucca and Theo Monglio
Susan Nemzoff
Courtney Ripp
Laura and Ted Todd

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 11:24-25 (OT p.593) and 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (NT p. 182)

SERMON

Stephanie Templin Ashford

*HYMN NO. 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

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.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

During this time, please bring your pledge, prayer card and offering forward. We will join in song when everyone returns to their seat.

*STEWARDSHIP HYMN NO. 710 *We Lift Our Voices* OFFERING

We Lift Our Voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, us our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Con Spirito* Dorothy Fine/Thomas Arne

*Please stand in body or spirit.

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 10/29	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	AO Women's Groups	Conference Room
	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
2:00-4:30	FALL FEST/BINGO	Outside & FH	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

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.)

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. For more info www.tmpc.org/serve-weekend.

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 (bstauffer@tmpc.org) for more info or to sign up.

MOVIE NIGHT On Friday, **November 10** at 6:00 PM ACT 2 will host the movie, ***The Founder***, The story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonald's, into the biggest restaurant business in the world, with a combination of ambition, persistence, and ruthlessness. Dinner, various salads, and dessert will be served at 6:00 pm. There will be a discussion at the conclusion of the movie.

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.

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 27- November 11*: James Revie, Stephen Miller, Andrea Sagolla, Chris Koeppen, Carol Carpenter, Maric Capel, Bruce Repasy, Stephanie Templin Ashford, Julia Lalonde

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 Would you like to serve by greeting people in worship? Contact Sandy Barford, sandbar1535@gmail.com. See the sign up link in e-news or our website.

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

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) TMPC will be going to TASK on **October 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 on our website.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE On Thursday, **November 9** from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. For information or to schedule an appointment: go on-line and sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and enter: TMPC or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

COMMUNITY MEAL Our next Community Meal will be on Sunday, **November 12** at 12:15, following our Contemporary Worship service in Fellowship Hall. We are serving chicken pot pie (a vegetarian version as well), mashed potatoes and green beans, and delicious desserts! The meal is free to all who attend! If you would like more information or to sign up to help with a meal, go to CommunityMeal.org.

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.

SMALL GROUPS tmpc.org/smallgroups

NEW SMALL GROUP FORMING 21 Days That Can Change the Way You Pray (Book by Toby Lofton) Prayer is a crucial aspect of the Christian life. 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. Tuesday mornings at 9:15 am beginning **November 7**. Please sign up at the Table of Well Wishing or contact Susan via email susannemzoff@gmail.com for more information.

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 & November 12, every two weeks** thereafter in the Conference Room at 10 am. For inquiries contact Marci at capelm@comcast.net.

MOCA MEN'S GROUP MOCA 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. We meet on **Wednesdays at 7:30-9:00pm (actual dates to be determined)** in the Youth Room in the basement of church by stairwell near the Sanctuary. For more information contact davecane9@gmail.com.

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.

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.

JOIN US FOR FALL FEST TODAY FROM 2:00 – 4:30 PM.



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



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