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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

November 12, 2023

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

Hebrews 12:2

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Praeludium in C Sharp Major

Dorothy Fine
J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Templin Ashford

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jaimie Salt

We gather today in the name of the one who came to serve, not to be served.

We come to worship the one who calls us to follow in his footsteps.

We come to be reminded of the ways we can serve our neighbors and our world.

We come to be inspired to live out our faith in acts of service and justice.

We come to be challenged to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We come to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God together.

*HYMN NO. 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jaimie Salt

Holy one, we confess that we have not always served with the right heart. We have been more concerned with our own comfort than the needs of others. We have been more interested in our own agendas than the work of your kingdom. We have been more focused on our own success than the well-being of those around us. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to serve with humility, compassion, and love. May our service be a reflection of your grace and mercy in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jaimie Salt

Friends, we are being pursued by goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.
Try as we might, we can't outrun it. God's goodness and mercy prevails.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cantus Invenilis

ADULT BELL CHOIR
arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bailey Heckman

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:23-24 and John 13:1-17 Stephanie Templin Ashford

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2

Dorothy Fine
Johannes Brahms

*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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 523

BICENTENNIAL

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD JESUS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and a second birth in your Spirit.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

You claimed us as your beloved children and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power.

From worlds apart, you gathered us together.

When we go astray, you welcome us home.

Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

O God, today you have called us together to be the church. Unite us now at your table, and in one loaf and a common cup, make us one in Christ Jesus. Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Together, aware of our brothers and sisters in need of food, justice, healing, and mercy, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all have been served.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

**JOIN US FOR A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR THE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

***This Sunday's flowers are in honor of the
TMPC Tuesday Morning Men's Group.***

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 10/12	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	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	Sanctuary
	10:00	COMMON HOUR/COFFEE HOUR	Fellowship Hall
	10:00	Grief Share	Room 125
	10:00	AO Small Group Meeting	Conference Room
	10:00	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room
	10:00	Property Committee Meeting	Chapel
	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
	12:15 – 1:15	COMMUNITY MEAL	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 – 8:00	TSM- Youth Group	Youth Room/FH

Thank you to everyone who helped volunteer to make the Fall Festival, the Rummage Sale and Serve Weekend a success for TMPC! Your dedication and lively and spirited support is amazing!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

KIDS CLUB & 567 MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY Join us for a fun night in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:00 pm on Friday, **November 17**. 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 www.tmpc.org/events

SNOWBALL BINGO TMPC's Act 2, invites all active, older adults and their friends to join us on Thursday, **December 1** at 1:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Dinner/Bingo cards/Prizes. See sign up link in e-news or on our tmpc.org/events. See you there!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL On Sunday, December 17, we will celebrate our worship with one service featuring our children who will perform our annual Christmas Musical: 'Silent Night - The Birth of a Carol' at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall on December 17 lead by our Music Directory, Tricia Murphy. If you have any questions contact Tricia at music@tmpc.org.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME George Brandenburg, Pat Castiglione, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Laurel Krauss, Pam Mills, Josh Nemzoff, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Jim Revie, 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 *November 11 - November 17*: *Julia Lalonde, Mike Murray, Christene Garafola, Riley Kay, Kamala Amblavana*

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

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.

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) TMPC will be going to TASK on Tuesday **November 28 & 30**. 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. Email Chuck Green for more information.

MEALS FOR FISHERMAN’S MARK Our next meal for Fisherman’s Mark will be on **Tuesday, December 7** 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.

SMALL GROUPS tmpc.org/smallgroups

AO WOMEN’S GROUP AT TMPC Alpha Omega (AO), a women's group that will focus on Book/Bible Studies, Fellowship and Mission. This group will meet on Sundays during the Common Hour on **November 12, (every two weeks)** 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 in the Youth Room in the basement of church. For more information contact davecane9@gmail.com.

GRIEF SHARE The Grief Share bereavement support group. 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.



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