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CHALLENGE

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THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

November 26, 2023

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

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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

Andante in F Major

Dorothy Fine
John Stanley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, open your hearts to the Lord!

We are grateful to be here, remembering all that Christ has done for us.

Friends and family – all are welcome in the house of the Lord.

Those who are new to our church and those who've been here a long time, the old, the young, we all join together.

Christ meets us here; he breaks the bread of salvation for us.

He embraces us with his transforming and forgiving love.

Dear friends, let us rejoice in God's love.

O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion with joy and praise. Let us worship God together.

*HYMN NO. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
(Amanda 1st verse, Choir 2nd)

KINGSFOLD

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in the newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

*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

ADULT CHOIR

Non Nobis Domine

Arr. By Victor C. Johnson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46 (NT p. 28)

SERMON

Bailey Heckman

*HYMN NO. 727

THE SERVANT SONG

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Andantino

Dorothy Fine
G. A. Merkel

*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

Voluntary in A minor

Dorothy Fine
Maurice Greene, ed. by David Patrick

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 11/26	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 Small Group Meeting	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
	12:15-4:45	The Welcome Church	Kitchen/Philly
	6:00 – 8:00	NO TSM/Youth Group	Cancelled

DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDAR

December 3 – First Sunday of Advent with Advent Invitation Station & Communion

December 10 – Community Meal & Christmas Caroling in New Hope

December 17 – Children’s Christmas Musical – 10 am Worship Service Only in Fellowship Hall

December 24 – 9 am & (4)Christmas Eve Services (see schedule for all Worship Services)

December 25 – Christmas Day Brunch at 11 am in Fellowship Hall

December 31 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services

January 7 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services - Epiphany and Communion

January 14 – Services & January 15 – MLK DAY OF SERVICE 9 am – 1 pm

January 28 – Jazz Worship Service - 9 am Worship Service Only in Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

SNOWBALL BINGO TMPC’s Act 2, invites all active, older adults and their friends to join us on Friday, **December 1** at 5:30-9:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Dinner/Bingo cards/Prizes. See sign up link in e-news or on our tmpc.org/events. See you there!

INVITATION STATION On Sunday, **December 3** at 10 am in Fellowship Hall Join us to write cards to invite our friends and neighbors to celebrate Christmas with us. Cards and stamps provided.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN NEW HOPE Join members and friends of TMPC on **December 10** at **4:30 pm** to sing Christmas Carols around New Hope. Our first stop will be the bed and breakfast, the lighted tree at the Logan Inn, a stop near Havanna’s and back to the Italian Cucina. We will **assemble at 4:30 pm** at the Begley Carlin lot, 123 West Bridge Street (free parking for 20 cars with additional parking at the high school). Help bring good cheer to all.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL On Sunday, **December 17** at 10 am only, we will celebrate our worship with one service at 10 am featuring our children who will perform/lead our annual Christmas Musical: ‘Silent Night - The Birth of a Carol’ in Fellowship Hall lead by our Music Directory, Tricia Murphy.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE Save the date for **January 15, 2024** from 9 am – 1 pm. Join us on Monday, **January 15** for a day of service, music and learning. Sean McFadden, the new director of Urban Promise will be our keynote speaker. The team would like to purchase t-shirts for our participants. If you would like to help defray that expense let Melissa Mantz or Pastor Stephanie know.

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 and Susan 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 24 - December 2*: *Doug Greene, Richard Wustholz, Terry Bray, Barbara Stelling, Peter Heckman, Becki Malamis, Beth Thompson, Ron Cronise, Ed Burger, Christine Rampe, Melissa Michael, Barbara Pope, Bob Sagolla, Laura Kaspro, Monica O'Donnell*

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.

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

TMPC FOOD DRIVE Your contributions are a blessing to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. **WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS NOW MORE THAN EVER!** Our monthly food drive is on **December 20** 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 **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 5** 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.

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.



Christmas Eve Worship

9:00 AM THE BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS

(SPECIAL DRAMATIC STORYTELLING EVENT) - SANCTUARY

3:30 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

(POP-UP PAGEANT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS) - FELLOWSHIP HALL

6:00 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

(CONTEMPORARY CHOIR AND MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE) - FELLOWSHIP HALL

7:00 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

(LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH CANDLELIGHT) - SANCTUARY

9:30 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

(COMMUNION, CANDLELIGHT AND THE RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS) - SANCTUARY



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