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INVITATION

THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

December 10, 2023

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

Hebrews 12:2

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ADULT BELL CHOIR
arr. Cathy Moglebust

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Templin Ashford

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (PEACE)

The Ebert Family

Today we light this candle to remember that God's dream is a world at peace. When war is raging in our world and in our minds, God invites us to be at peace. We can be at peace when we forgive our enemies, when we trust that God is in control, and when we put down our literal and figurative weapons. We remember today Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the one after whom we model our lives. We light this Advent candle (light the first and second purple candle), and we pray:

**Come Lord Jesus! Open our lives to the Peace which you bring;
let us turn to you, and be ready. Amen.**

MUSIC

We Lift the Light of Hope (A sung response.)

***We lift the light of peace, O God,
The Lord of truth and right.
In Your domain let justice reign
And bring us peace in Christ.
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And bring us peace in Christ.***

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1-4)

VENI EMMANUEL

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Berry

God of Peace,

Your prophets compel us to dream of a day when violence ends: when the wolf lives with the lamb, the cow and the bear graze together. But we scoff at that dream and treat such notions as a fantasy too ridiculous to be realistic. Forgive us, God, for our lack of moral imagination. Help us to bear fruit worthy of repentance - fruits that feed your creation with the peace you created it to embody. Give us the courage to silence the voices of fear within our hearts and to listen to your steadfast voice of peace and justice. This we pray in your merciful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeff Berry

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:
There is nothing - not one thing - that can separate us from God's love: not our fear, not our cowardice, not even our stubbornness.
For nothing is as great as the mercy that is found in our loving God.
In the name of the Resurrected Christ,
I declare to you that our sins 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.

ANTHEM

Advent Carol

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
arr. Carol by Beth Kenreich

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bailey Heckman

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:6-9 (OT p. 640)
Matthew 1:18-25 (NT p. 2)

Stephanie Templin Ashford

SERMON

*HYMN OF NO. 753

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (vs. 1, 2)

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.

SONG

Nothing Can Trouble

NADA TE TURBE

(1 x Peter Heckman and then All Sing)

Nothing Can Trouble

Nada te turbe

1

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

2

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le ful - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let There be Peace on Earth

Dorothy Fine
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

*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

Fantasia

Dorothy Fine
G. P. Telemann

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 12/10	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
	10:00	AO Women’s Group	Conference 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	Fellowship Hall

Join us today for Community Meal and Christmas Caroling in New Hope!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN NEW HOPE Join members and friends of TMPC 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. ***If we have inclement weather on December 10 (rain, wind, etc.), we will cancel this event.***

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Generator/Electrical Work Wiring for the installation of the generator will take place on Monday, **December 11**, therefore the power will be shut off starting at 2 pm to begin their work that may continue on Tuesday, **December 12** after 2 pm as well. The offices and building will be closed after 2 pm on Monday and Tuesday.

DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDAR

December 10 – Community Meal & Christmas Caroling in New Hope (good weather a must)
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 – 9 am & 11 am Services
January 15 – Monday, 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

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT Drop off your kids and enjoy some time to yourself! On **December 15** from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. We will provide dinner, games, Christmas activities, and more. Have your kids come for the whole time or drop off and pick up at any point during the event. Don’t forget to wear your favorite Christmas Jammies! Click on the link to RSVP in e-news or on the website tmpc.org/kids and please let us know if your child has any dietary restrictions or allergies.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL On Sunday, **December 17**, 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 Director, Tricia Murphy.

ACT 2 LUNCH & LEARN Come and meet Rich Timmons who will share his coffee table book featuring 67 paintings telling the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Salad Bar Lunch \$10.00. Books will be available for purchase on Wednesday, **January 10**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE Join us on Monday, **January 15** from 9 am – 1 pm 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.

JAZZ SUNDAY Join us on **January 28** at 9:00 am for one worship service with the Warren Cooper Sacred Jazz Ensemble. More information to follow.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME George Brandenburg, Pat Castiglione, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Pam Mills, Josh Nemzoff, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Jim and Susan Revie, Tom Thatcher, Holly Tomkovitz, 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 *December 8 – December 18*: Aaron Hafner, Bob Stoner, Margi Hurst, Nancy Murray, James Daily, Melissa Bottelier, Jeffrey Berry, Lynn Stoner

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

CHRISTMAS GIFT "RED" BAGS FOR URBAN PROMISE TRENTON In support of Urban Promise Trenton, please take a Christmas Gift Bag from the Table of Well Wishing. See list of items to purchase and return the filled bag to the Table of Well Wishing by **December 18**. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Mantz at njmojas@gmail.com.

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.

SPECIAL GIFT GIVING AT TASK TMPC will be going to TASK on **December 15** to give out “warm winter” gifts to those served at the facility in Trenton from 9:45 am -1:00 pm and meet at TMPC parking lot to carpool at 9:15 am. Email Chuck Green for more information. See sign up in e-news.

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) TMPC will be going to TASK on **December 19 & 28** to serve the meals at the facility in Trenton from 9:45 am -1:00 pm. Meet at TMPC parking lot to carpool at 9:15 am. Email Chuck Green for more information. See sign up in e-news.

MEALS FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK Our next meal for Fisherman's Mark will be on Tuesday, **January 9** 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.

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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