



December 17, 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

Concerto in F: Allegro

Dorothy Fine
Antonio Vivaldi

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)

Madelyn: During the season of Advent we light the candles on our Advent Wreath one by one. Each candle represents a gift from God to us. The first two purple candles represent hope and peace. (the hope and peace candles are lit.)

Lexi: Today we light the third candle which is pink and represents joy. This is not just any joy, but the spirit of joy that comes from God and brings light into our lives. (the joy candle is lit)

Emma K: This is also known as the Shepherd Candle to remind us of the great joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ's birth from the angels.

Lauren: We hope the light of these candles reminds you of all the good gifts we've received from God. We hope the joy you receive today fills your hearts and spills over into the lives of everyone you meet.

Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us. Let your voices rise up as a gift to God! Praise be to the God of Joy! Hallelujah and Amen!

SONG

We Lift the Light (A sung response.)

***We lift the light of joy, O God.
Your praise is our delight!
Your blessings flow that all may know.
Unbounded joy in Christ.
Your blessings flow that all may know.
Unbounded joy in Christ.***

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN (SEE SCREEN FOR LYRICS)

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have called us to be children of light, and we want to be, but sometimes we hide the light you've given us. We try to be loving and care for others, but too often we love ourselves most and only take care of our own needs. We try to be honest in all things, but sometimes we twist the truth to get our way. Forgive us, God. Help us find joy in doing what you ask and walking in your ways, bringing glory to your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Izzy: Psalm 32 says, "Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy."

Charlotte: We can be glad because we know that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. And in Jesus we find joy!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

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***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

Emerson

In God we receive the gifts of peace and joy; so let's share that peace and joy with one another by greeting each other with a handshake or a hug saying, "The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-20

TMPC KIDS

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

A Silent Night

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ben & Oliver

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.

*HYMN OF NO. 152

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

CALL TO OFFERING

Campbell

OFFERTORY

Praeludium in E, BWV 854

Dorothy Fine
J. S. Bach

*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

Andrew

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDAR

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 Worship Services

January 15 – MLK DAY OF SERVICE 9 am – 1 pm

January 21 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services

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

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CAST MEMBERS

Herr Fraz Gruber - Emerson Robbins
Pastor Mohr - Campbell Moy
Hilda - Charlotte Osbeck
Karl - Isabelle Nickels
Hickory - Annabelle McGettigan
Dickory - Emily McGettigan
Dock - Annalise Heckman
Narrator One: Madelyn Jefferson
Narrator Two: Emma Kasprow
Narrator Three: Andrew Kirby

Singers: Lexi Ebert, Lauren Ebert, Emma Nickels, Cora Kirby, Anita Kielty, Wyatt Osbeck, Sawyer Jefferson, Olly Thomas, Bennett Heckman

Bells: Ben Kasprow and Oliver Ozias

Director: Tricia Murphy
Bell Director/Set/Costumes: Amy Brewer

Join us for a festive coffee hour following the service or for some of these great upcoming events.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TMPC

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. If you would like more information, or sign up, or help, please see www.tmpc.org/mlk. 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, 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 15 - December 23*: *Nancylee Moore, Liz Kelly, Rick Griffith, Jackie Robbins*

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 **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



WARREN COOPER

Sacred Jazz Ensemble

JANUARY 28

9:00 AM



MLK DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 15, 2024
9:00 AM-1:00 PM



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 link to our website, for upcoming events or
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