

The Actual Possibility of

GETTING ALONG

Finding Unity Through the Book of Ephesians

January 14, 2024

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

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Dorothy Fine
William Hine

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Berry

We gather to worship God,
Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
To seek justice, share power,
and live together in love and equality;
**This God invites us to join the struggle for wholeness
and wellbeing for all,**
God's presence, grace, and love sustains us in our living.
**We gather to worship God, to whom all glory, honor
and praise are given.**

*HYMN NO. 346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Berry

Holy and merciful God, we confess our slowness to do good, our indifference to injustice and our halfhearted attempts to live like Jesus. Help us to name our sins, claim responsibility for our actions and to change our behavior. Move us to action with the compassion of your grace that we can live out your will on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jeff Berry

This is the truth of our faith:
God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives,
sight to the blind,
good news to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.

**We live as loved, forgiven and free people,
through the grace of God!
Hallelujah! 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

With One Voice Choir
Old Time Religion Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:8 (p. 866) and Ephesians 1:3-10 (p. 192)

SERMON

Stephanie Templin Ashford

*HYMN NO. 372

AZMON

O for a World

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

Andante

Dorothy Fine
Władysław Żeleński

*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.***

*CLOSING PRAYER

"Yes, Jesus"

by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**I want to be on your right side or your left side,
not for any selfish reason.**

**I want to be on your right or your best side,
not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition,
but I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth
and in commitment to others,
so we can make of this old world a new world.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Con Spirito

Dorothy Fine
Thomas Arne

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Today's flowers are in loving memory of Priscilla Donahue on the date of our wedding, January 14, 1968, from John Donahue.

SUNDAY CALENDAR – COMMUNITY MEAL TODAY

Sun 1/14	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
	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
	1:30 – 4:00	Set up for MLK Service Day	
	6:00 – 8:00	TSM- Youth Group	Youth Room
Mon 1/15	9:00 – 1:00	MLK Service Day Event	Fellowship Hall

MLK DAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Registration and Breakfast
 9:30 MLK Speaker Sean McFadden, Executive Director of Urban Promise Trenton
 10:00 Mad Beatz Drumline
 10:20 Special Musical Presentation
 10:40 Break, Transition Time
 11:00 Service Projects & Kids Story Time
 12:00 Panel Discussion & Wealth Gap Simulator

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Visit www.tmpc.org/mlk to sign up or for more information.

KIDS CLUB All elementary aged students are welcome to join us for the first Kid’s Club on Friday, **January 19** at 5:30 - 7:00 pm. We will meet in Fellowship hall to have dinner together and then students will have the opportunity to play games and do a service project together.

MOVIE NIGHT **Friday, January 26 from 6:00 PM** *The Pursuit of Happyness* an American biographical drama film starring Will Smith, as Chris Gardner, a homeless salesman. It is based on Gardner’s nearly one-year struggle being homeless. Dinner, various salads, and dessert will be served at 6:00 pm. There will be a discussion at the conclusion of the movie.

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

CHILI COOKOFF Sign up to participate in our Chili Cookoff at TMPC. Form a team, a theme, and bring it to compete to win at this year's Chili Cookoff on Saturday, **February 3** from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. See the sign up in e-news or www.tmpc.org/events.

AN EVENING WITH BOB EGAN Enjoy a fun evening with Bob Egan, a virtuoso pianist who is known in the area for making music and inviting others to join in. This Open Mic event, **February 9** at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall will include talented local singers for your enjoyment! Potluck dinner for your dining experience. For further information contact ACT2@TMPC.org.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING This year there are about 16.5 billion dollars will be spent on the Super Bowl. This number includes nachos, jerseys, travel to the games, decorations, souvenirs, parties and more. A billion dollars will be spent on beer during the game, according to Dr. Google! Each year, our church tries to shift our focus to helping and serving others. Our Mission Team has set a goal of **6 canned food items per family** to help us reach **a goal of 750 cans**, so we need help from the entire congregation! Please bring your cans in on Super-Bowl Sunday, **February 14**, to help fill the shelves of our partners at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) and Fisherman's Mark Food Pantry in Lambertville. **We are collecting cans from February 3 – 15** and place your donated cans along the wall in the back of Fellowship Hall. Contact Tim Sandford at tsandford58@gmail.com with any questions.

ANNUAL MEETING Mark your calendar for the 2023 Annual Meeting on **February 4, 2024**, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

FOCUS GROUPS Last week an all church email was sent out with information about upcoming focus groups. If you are in round one of the sessions, you will receive an email directly to you with sign up links. The entire congregation will be invited to listening sessions in the first quarter of this year.

2024 PER-CAPITA CONTRIBUTION Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to help defray the expenses associated with the Presbytery. TMPC's contribution this year is **\$32.00 per member**. An envelope intended for this contribution can be found in your annual offering box; if you e-Give, there is an "apportionment" category for this purpose.

PA STATE GRANT FUNDING TMPC received a security grant from the state of Pennsylvania to help offset the costs of security for our building. Cathy Sandford has agreed to manage the grant to determine what we qualify for and what funding we may receive.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME George Brandenburg, 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, Bob Tomlinson, Holly Tomkovitz, Doris Wessner, Doc Whitticar. *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 *January 12 - January 19: Susan Achenbach, Fred Wustholz, Tricia Murphy, Bjorn Gruenwald, Michael Ebert*

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. Our monthly food drive is on Wednesday, **January 17** 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) Each month, TMPC members and friends go to the facility in Trenton and assist with serving the mid-day meal 9:45 am -1:00 pm. In January, we will be going twice, on **Thursday January 25 and Tuesday, January 30**. Those who want to carpool will meet at TMPC parking lot to carpool at 9:15 am. Contact Chuck Green if interested in participating or have any questions at cgreen1030@comcast.net.

***Today is Dorothy Fine’s last day here at Thompson after nearly six years.
We wish her all the best in retirement!***



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link to our website, for upcoming events or
subscribe to our weekly e-news.



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