

The Actual Possibility of

# GETTING ALONG

Finding Unity Through the Book of Ephesians

January 21, 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](http://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](http://www.tmpc.org) for more information, events, and on-line giving.

We are glad to share in your faith journey!

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

*Praeludium in D minor BWV 875*

Ariana Krasniqi DuPont

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie LaLonde

We each have a right to be here,  
a right not based on our righteousness  
but on God's free grace.

**O give thanks to our God who is good,  
whose saving love endures forever.**

Let those who are redeemed by God declare it,  
rescued from trouble and gathered from many lands;

**From the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

Because of God's transforming powers and actions,

**we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—  
and we offer God our thanks and praise.**

\*HYMN NO. 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Julie LaLonde

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.**

**Forgive us, Faithful God. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there is an open invitation and room enough for all. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Julie LaLonde

How much does God love us?  
Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,  
not to condemn us, but to save us.

**Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's  
good and precious grace, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God! 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

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Adult Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

**WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2: 8-10, 17-22

SERMON

Bailey Heckman  
MC KEE

\*HYMN NO. 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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

*Ständchen (Serenade)*

Ariana Krasniqi DuPont  
F. Schubert

\*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 (Ephesians 3:14-21)

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

*Gavotte from French Suite No.5 BWV 816*

Ariana Krasniqi DuPont  
J.S.Bach

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 1/21	<b>9:00</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 122-124
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>COMMON HOUR/COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	10:00	Property Committee Meeting	Basement Conf Rm
	10:00	AO Women’s Group	Conference Room
	10:00	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Rooms 122-125
	<b>6:00 – 8:00</b>	<b>TSM- Youth Group</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>

***This Sunday’s flowers are in loving memory of my husband Bernie Torda  
by Linda Torda.***

### JAZZ SUNDAY

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:ACT2@TMPC.org).

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

**VALENTINE'S DAY CARE PACKAGES** Help us to prepare a sweet surprise for our college students! You can bring goodies, baked goods, and healthy treats to church by **February 5** and

then join us to help package the goodies to mail on **February 9**. See the sign-up sheet on The Table of Well Wishing or drop off the items at the Church before February 5. Thanks for your support.

**SOUper BOWL OF CARING** Our Mission Team has set a goal of **6 canned food items per family** to help us reach a **goal of 750 cans** 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 – 11 (Super Bowl Sunday)** and place your donated cans along the wall in the back of Fellowship Hall. Contact Tim Sandford at [tsandford58@gmail.com](mailto:tsandford58@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Join us on Wednesday, **February 14** for a 6:00 pm Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall and a 7:00 pm Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

**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](mailto:apybobba@aol.com).*

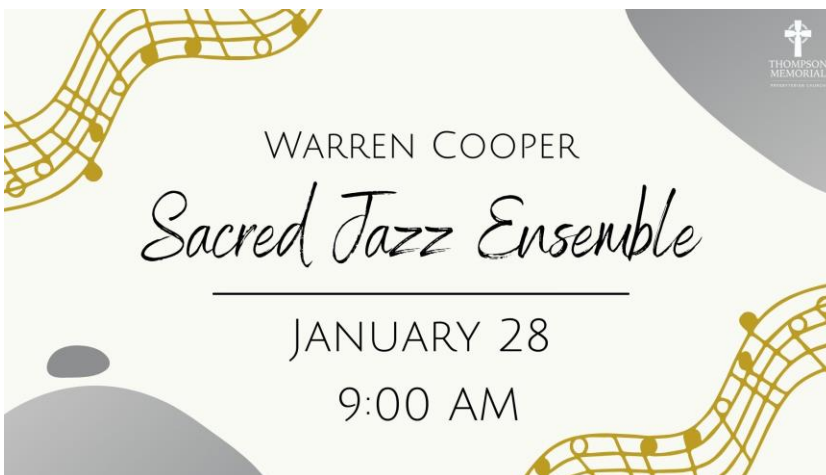
**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthday between *January 19 - January 26: Bjorn Gruenwald, Michael Ebert, Jane Mayrhofer, Tyler Nickels, McKenna Cliver, Morgan Cliver, Justin Brewer, Lorraine Foltz, Christian Ebert, Bruce Jennings*

**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](http://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](mailto:sandbar1535@gmail.com). See the sign up link in e-news or our website.

## ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

**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. 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](mailto:cgreen1030@comcast.net).



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Contemporary Music Director & Youth Director.....	Bill Stauffer
Organist/Accompanist .....	Ariana Krasniqi DuPont
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Sexton.....	James Daily
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