

The Actual Possibility of

GETTING ALONG

Finding Unity Through the Book of Ephesians

February 4, 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

O Welt, sieh hier dein Leben

Ariana DuPont
J.S.Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Templin Ashford

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Sailer

Our lives are bound together through the One who called us into being.

We are no longer strangers, but members of the household of God.

Jesus Christ has broken down the dividing wall,

for Christ is our peace.

We are being built together into a dwelling place for God.

Come, Holy One, and dwell with us!

*HYMN NO. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steve Sailer

Holy God, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging the ways we have fallen short of Your vision of unity. We confess that, at times, we have turned away from each other, allowing differences to divide us and letting misunderstandings come between us. Lord, we admit that there have been moments when our actions and words have not reflected the love and grace You call us to embody. Forgive us.

Teach us the joy of putting others before ourselves, the strength found in supporting one another, and the harmony that comes from living in Your love.

Help us to embrace our differences, not as barriers, but as opportunities to learn, grow, and reflect the fullness of Your creation. As we journey together in faith, guide us to be a community that is a beacon of hope and a testament to the reconciling power of Your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Steve Sailer

In Christ, we are offered grace that knows no bounds, forgiveness that reaches the depths of our transgressions, and a love that bridges every divide.

Let us remember that we are one body, bound together not by our perfection, but by the perfect love of Christ. Thanks be to God that in him, every barrier is broken down, every division is healed, and every heart is united.

*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

All Things New

With One Voice Choir
by Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bailey Heckman

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-16, 21-24 (NT p. 194) Stephanie Templin Ashford

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Von fremden Ländern und Menschen

Ariana DuPont
R.Schumann

*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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 530

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One Bread, One Body

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD JESUS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of Creation, from the moment You spoke life into existence, you have been to gathering all things into harmony.

In the call of Abraham, You began to form a people. Through the exodus, You united them under Your covenant. In the words of the prophets, You called for justice and reconciliation. You brought the Egyptians out of slavery, Jonah back from the whale and you called Daniel out of the lion's den. You have been calling us to be your people for all time. We praise you for this invitation and we sing to your glory with the choirs of angels, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the fullness of time, You sent Jesus, Your Son, to break down the barrier in the temple. Jesus lived among us and taught us the way of love and unity. On the cross, He showed us that love knows no bounds and he reconciled us to You, turning even death into a means of grace. In His resurrection, He opened the way to eternal life, not just for some, but for all who believe in Him. Today, we remember and proclaim the mystery of faith:

As we remember the boundless love of your acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as gifts in gratitude, our lives as holy sacrifices, stars twinkling with the brilliance of Christ's light, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, we praise You for Your unending love and mercy, and for the grace we receive from Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we gather at this table, we remember how He broke down the walls, calls us into one family, one body in Him.

We thank You for this bread and cup, symbols of Your love and our unity in Christ. Just as many grains come together to form one bread, and many grapes are blended to make one cup, so may we, Your church, be united in Christ.

As we gather, Lord, allow your powerful spirit to bind up the brokenhearted and heal the sick. Especially today, we pray for:

And we lift all of these prayers to you, our Savior, together, saying:

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.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. May we, who partake of this holy meal, be united in Him, strengthened to serve the world in His name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Eat the bread as you are served – Hold the cup until all have been served)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Invention 4 in D Minor, BWV 775

Ariana DuPont
J.S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

This Sunday's flowers are in honor of Virginia Dimino, my mother for her birthday which was January 28th by Jo Ann Alberts.

Keep our Youth Group in your prayers as they return from the ZETEO RETREAT.

*Join us for the Annual Meeting at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.
Printed copies of the Annual Report for 2023 will be available for review.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 2/04	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	ANNUAL MEETING	Fellowship Hall
	10:00	COMMON HOUR/COFFEE HOUR	Fellowship Hall
	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

INQUIRER'S LUNCH MEETING

A time for inquiring visitors/frequent attenders to share in fellowship with TMPC elders and pastors to learn more about TMPC from 12:00 - 2:00 pm on either Sunday, **February 18** or **March 3**. See e-news or website to RSVP for either date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE Donate Blood and Save a Life! The blood drive will take place in the fellowship hall on Monday, **February 5** from 2:00 - 7:00 pm. For information or to schedule an appointment: call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.Redcrossblood.org Enter: TMPC

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 – 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall will include talented local singers for your enjoyment and a potluck dinner for your dining experience. For further information contact ACT2@TMPC.org.

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**. Please bring your cans in on Super-Bowl Sunday, **February 11**, 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** and place your donated cans along the wall in the back of Fellowship Hall. Contact Tim Sandford at 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. Lent Small groups sign ups coming soon.

BINGO AT TMPC Join us for a fun day of Bingo on **February 15** from 1-3 pm. Mark your calendars! You can RSVP by contacting us at Act2@TMPC.org or just sign up at the Table of Well Wishing.

CATH LAB TOUR Celebrate heart health month and meet esteemed cardiologists Dr. Ronald Fields and Dr. Vincent Figueredo at St. Mary Heart and Vascular Center. We will visit St. Mary Medical Center on Tuesday, **February 20** at 6:30 pm. **They will share the latest breakthroughs and strategies in combating coronary artery disease and Dr. Fields will conduct a special behind-the-scenes tour during our visit.** Dr. Figueredo is the author of *"The Curious History of the Heart: A Cultural and Scientific Journey."* Spaces are limited so please sign up on the ACT 2 table, Sign Up Genius, or by contacting Sue Wert (suewert@comcast.net). There is no fee for this event.

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, **March 16** from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. See the sign up in e-news or www.tmpc.org/events.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME George Brandenburg, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Vaughan Grundy, Pam Mills, Josh Nemzoff, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, 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 *February 2 - February 9: Clint Gardner, Danielle Oxley, Sarah Yearley, John Donahue, Steve Sailer, Ryan Wanat, Jim O'Donnell, James O'Donnell*

COFFEE HOUR Join us for a time of refreshments from 10:00-11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee Hours provide a space and time for conversation between members and an opportunity to reach out and greet new guests. The Membership Team is searching for new people who share the spiritual gift of hospitality. Those with this gift have a natural inclination to warmly welcome and care for others. If you feel called to share your gift with others, please consider volunteering to host a coffee hour! Visit www.tmpc.org/sign-ups or email candism1@aol.com or see the sign up in e-news.

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.

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.

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CEMETERY CLEAN UP & PIZZA Please join us on Saturday, **February 10** at 10 am, to help enhance our beautiful cemetery. You will be assisting in the removal of Christmas decorations that have adorned many of our grave sites and some other general clean up. Bring a pair of gloves, get a little exercise, enjoy some fresh air, and honor those that rest in our cemetery. A note to all that have placed decorations on grave sites. If you would like to retain your decorations, please pick them up prior to 2/10/24. Thank you. We will meet in the upper church parking lot. The cemetery committee will be serving pizza and good conversation at noon in the Conference Room.

COMMUNITY MEAL Our next community meal date is **February 11** in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 – 1:15 pm. See the sign up in e-news or tmpc.org/community-meal. Bring a neighbor, friend, or family member and join us for this time of fellowship.

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; our next time is on **February 20 & 29**. Those who want to carpool meet at TMPC parking lot at 9:15 am. Contact Chuck Green if interested in participating or have any questions at cgreen1030@comcast.net.

TMPC FOOD DRIVE Your contributions are a blessing to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. Food pantry supplies are low, we need your donations now more than ever! Our monthly food drive is on **February 21** from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Bring items in ahead of time. Thank you.

SOUP MONTH FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK **February is Soup Month!** Stop by and pick up the soup containers and instructions and make your favorite soup to share, supplies are available in the box under the Table of Well Wishing.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



February 14

6:00 pm - Soup and Bread Supper

7:00 pm - Worship Service



LENT SCHEDULE-WEDNESDAYS

*Ash Wednesday, February 14: 6:00 pm Soup & Bread
and 7 pm Worship in the Sanctuary*

*Small Groups: February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20
6:00 pm Soup & Bread & 6:45 pm Small Groups in Fellowship Hall*



Scan here for one time giving,
link to our website, for upcoming events or
subscribe to our weekly e-news.



Venmo to: @give2mpc
This will be treated like a cash donation
unless we can easily match your venmo
name with a name in our donation database.

New
Date!

THOMPSON'S CHILI COOK-OFF

Will you EAT? or COMPETE?

Sat March 16th
5:30-7:00

Vote with your dollars -
proceeds benefit
Trenton Area Soup Kitchen



Sign your team up!

tmpc.org/events
or on the table
of well-wishing



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Music Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Music Director & Youth Director.....	Bill Stauffer
Organist/Accompanist	Ariana DuPont
Accounting.....	Laura Kandziolka
Sexton.....	James Daily
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Christine Rampe