



February 18, 2024

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

## *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!

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

*Auf meinen lieben Gott*

Ariana DuPont

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we step into the wilderness of Lent, let us open our hearts to the journey of surrender and renewal.

**With every step, we seek to follow Jesus, laying down our burdens and lifting up our spirits.**

In this sacred season of reflection, we are called to examine our hearts, to repent, and to embrace God's transformative love.

**Together, we journey towards the cross, guided by God's light, sustained by grace, and united in faith.**

\*HYMN NO. 166

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLVIAN

CALL TO SURRENDER

PRAYER OF SURRENDER

*(During this time, release every thought from your mind without shame or guilt or fear)*

SUNG RESPONSE

*I Surrender All*

I SURRENDER

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him.  
In His presence daily live.*

*Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

## WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

### RESPONSE OF CONFESSION

**Lord we surrender to you: our fears, our failures and our distractions.  
We can do this because we trust in your mercy, your grace and your  
forgiveness. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.  
Sing a song of redemption!  
Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Kwame Geez  
Saxophonist*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE      Romans 12:14-21 (NT p. 163) and Matthew 16:21-28 (NT p. 18)

### SERMON

Stephanie Templin Ashford

### \*HYMN

By George Coles Stebbins

*Have Thine Own Way  
(see lyrics on next page)*

# Have Thine Own Way

Words by  
Adelaide Addison Pollard

Music by  
George Coles Stebbins

**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 48$        $A\flat/E\flat$        $E\flat$        $B\flat 7$

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the  
 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and  
 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound - ed and  
 4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

$E\flat$        $A\flat/E\flat$        $E\flat$        $E\flat 7$

3  
 Pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me aft - er Thy  
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just  
 wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er all pow - er, sure - ly is  
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall

$A\flat$        $E\flat/B\flat$        $B\flat 7$        $E\flat$

6  
 will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 now as in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

## 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

*Nocturne Op.55 No.1*

Ariana DuPont  
F. Chopin

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 710

*We Lift Our Voices*

OFFERING

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sarabande from French Suite No.5, BWV 816*

Ariana DuPont  
J.S. Bach

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**SUNDAY CALENDAR**

Sun 2/18	<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	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room/Rm 125
	10:00	<b>Property Committee</b>	<b>Basement Conf Rm</b>
	10:00	<b>AO Women’s Small Group</b>	<b>Conference Room</b>
	<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 122-124
	<b>6:00-8:00</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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](mailto:suewert@comcast.net)). There is no fee for this event.

**LENT SMALL GROUPS** Join us on Wednesdays during Lent: **February 21, 28, March 6, March 13 and March 20** for soup and bread supper at 6 pm and small groups at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Our Lenten study groups will use one of three books to guide their discussions and you can sign up [www.tmpc.org/lent](http://www.tmpc.org/lent) or in e-news.

**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](http://www.tmpc.org/events).

**CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING SESSION** Mark your calendar for **March 17** at 12:00 pm for the TMPC's Congregational Listening Session in the Fellowship Hall.

## **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 *February 16 - February 24*: *Melissa Callans, Andrew Walloff, Julia Eler, Sue Schaub, John Shepardson, Jack Ebert, Daniel Thompson*

**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; 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 to participate or if have any questions at [cgreen1030@comcast.net](mailto:cgreen1030@comcast.net) or sign up in e-news via the link.

**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. Our next meal assembly is **March 5** at 8:30 am.

**COMMUNITY MEAL** Our next community meal date is **March 10** in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 – 1:15 pm. See the sign up in e-news or [tmpc.org/community-meal](http://tmpc.org/community-meal). Bring a neighbor, friend, or family member and join us for this time of fellowship.

**LENT SCHEDULE-WEDNESDAYS**

*Small Groups: February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20  
6:00 pm Soup & Bread & 6:30 pm Small Group Gatherings in Fellowship Hall*



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