



March 3, 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!

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

**WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

PRELUDE

Wer weiss, wie nahe mir mein Ende BWV166

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

Let us come together with open hearts, ready to lay down our burdens before God in worship.

**In this sacred space, we surrender our fears, our doubts, and our need to control.**

Trusting in God's boundless love to guide us,

**We embrace the Spirit's presence within and among us.**

As we worship today, may we experience the peace that comes from letting go and living in faith.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 423

*Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God*

SARADAY

**WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE**

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.*

## 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

Gracious and Loving God,  
Despite our attempts to control others and place our ego before your instruction, you have shown us your mercy. You forgive us again and again. You show us a grace that calms us, covers us, and sustains us.

**Remind us that, in surrender, there is strength and in letting go, there is freedom. Help us to trust in your faithfulness for in you we are renewed, restored, and reborn.  
In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

## \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

*Forsaken*

Quartet  
by Dan Forrest

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bailey Heckman

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

## **WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19:14; Psalm 141:3;  
Ephesians 4:29-31; 2 Corinthians 10:1-5 (NT 184)

Stephanie Templin Ashford

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Melody in G*

Ariana DuPont  
W. Stickles

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 710

OFFERING

*We Lift Our Voices*

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;  
Lord, use our lives; they are yours; we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering; we are an offering.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 512

LOVE FEAST

*The Bread and The Wine Are Here*

**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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. O Lord, our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In the beginning you formed us and made us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you, chose our own way and refused to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still you call us your own. You sent prophets to call us back to you and then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for us, you sent your Son to be one of us, to redeem us and to heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful in every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

You are holy, O God and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us knowing joy and sorrow.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened the eyes of the blind and broke bread with outcasts and sinners. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life.

We celebrate his dying and rising and we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we surrender our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith

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

We surrender to you in this moment and we look to Jesus your son as we pray for those we love and care for, especially...

And we unite our voices in the holy prayer of 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 AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**God of grace and glory,  
In this holy meal, we have tasted the sweet surrender of our lives to Your loving care. Filled with hope and nourished by Your presence, we are reminded of the beauty of a life lived in total trust in You.**

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

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sweet dreams op.39 Nr.21*

Ariana DuPont  
P.Tschaikowsky

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**SUNDAY CALENDAR**

Sun 3/03	<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
	<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>TSM- Youth Group</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>

**INQUIRER'S LUNCH MEETING**

Today we host 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 , Sunday, **March 3 and March 24.**

## **LENT SCHEDULE-WEDNESDAYS**

*Small Groups: March 6, 13, 20  
6:00 pm Soup & Bread & 6:30 pm Small Groups in Fellowship Hall*

### **Centering Prayer Method**

Copies of the Centering Prayer Method are located on the Table of Well Wishing, feel free to take one home with you.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BIBLE 101** Join us for an adult bible class from **March 5-7** from 1:00-3:00 pm. This class is led by Rev. Kang-Yup Na, currently the Pastoral Ministries Manager at Ann's Choice Senior Living. Rev. Na is an ordained Presbyterian minister and earned an AB at Princeton University, an MDiv at Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D at Emory University. Rev. Na will lead us in dynamic and engaging discussions that will refresh and enhance our understanding of the Bible and will encourage our spiritual growth. A \$20.00 fee will be collected. For further information, please contact Kirsten Fleisher [kirstenmaki@yahoo.com](mailto:kirstenmaki@yahoo.com).

**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** Join us for a Congregational Listening Session! We want to hear from you and we encourage everyone to attend a church-wide gathering in Fellowship Hall where we will share what we've heard so far and then gain additional feedback in a series of small group breakouts. This is a "don't miss" event to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be heard. Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. We look forward to hearing from you on **March 17** at 12:00 pm for the TMPC's Congregational Listening Session in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in e-news.

**PHILADELPHIA CHURCH TOUR** Join a bus trip to tour two historic churches in Philadelphia on Thursday, **May 16**. We will tour **Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**, founded in 1794 and **Christ Church**, birthplace of the American Episcopal Church, was founded in 1695. Following our church tours, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at FREIDA, where their primary goal is to create genuine connections between people of all generations and all social, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Our bus leaves TMPC promptly at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m. Cost of the trip, including the bus, all tours, and lunch: \$125.00 To confirm your reservation, please submit the **Reservation Form (located on the ACT 2 Sign Up table)** along with your payment. Checks can be placed in Sue Wert's TMPC mailbox or mailed to: Sue Wert, 106 Muirfield Court, New Hope, PA 18938.



## **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 *March 1- March 8: Trish Chinoy, Bob Tomlinson, Colleen Koh, Gail Lex, Anita Campbell*

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS INQUIRY MEETING** Are you Interested in learning more about joining Thompson? On either Sunday, **March 3 or March 24** we will host an inquirer's lunch at 12:00 pm to talk about what it looks like to follow Jesus together in this place. Join us! Sign up by emailing Stephanie or the church office at [office@tmpc.org](mailto:office@tmpc.org) or see the link in e-news or [www.tmpc.org/events](http://www.tmpc.org/events).

## **ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**MEALS FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK** Our next meal for Fisherman's Mark will be on Tuesday, **March 5** 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.

**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.

**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 **March 20** from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Bring items in ahead of time. Thank you.

**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 times are **March 19 and March 28**. 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](mailto:cgreen1030@comcast.net).

## ***Holy Week***



**HOLY WEEK:** Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we walk through the Passion story of Jesus Christ.

**Maundy Thursday:** Join us for this experiential service that will include a simple meal followed by a time of worship focused on the Last Supper.

**Good Friday:** Plan to stay close to Jesus as we experience a service of Tenebrae.

**Easter Sunday:** Join us for a celebration of the Risen Lord

6:30 am: Sunrise service in the choir room

9:00 am: Worship with children and adult and bell choirs

10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt for all children, Special Easter coffee hour

11:00 am: Worship with our contemporary band in a service of praise

*Upcoming Events*

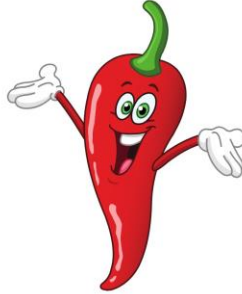
**New  
Date!**

**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](http://tmpc.org/events)  
or on the table  
of well-wishing

**EASTER COFFEE HOUR** Thompson's Membership Team is organizing our Easter Sunday Coffee Hour and we need your help! We need lots of homemade baked goods, fruit, and treats to share with the guests who will be worshipping with us on Easter. The Coffee Hour will take place at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church on Sunday, **March 31** from **10:00-11:00** in the **Christian Education Wing and Choir Room**. See the sign up in e-news.



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Contemporary Music Director & Youth Director .....	Bill Stauffer
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