



April 21, 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!

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 21, 2024

**WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

PRELUDE

*Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin*

Ariana DuPont  
J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeffrey Berry

We come today to worship the Risen Lord, even as we, like the eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

**Holy God, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.**

We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

**Holy God, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.**

We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

**Holy God, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.**

We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

**Holy God, immerse us in your love, here in this church, that by your spirit, we will be inspired to go and share the good news of the gospel with everyone we meet.**

\*HYMN NO. 301

TWO OAKS

*Let Us Build a House  
(v 1, 4, and 5)*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeffrey Berry

Holy God, you did not intend for us to live life alone. We need you and the community of the church. Forgive us when we try to go it alone,

**When we think we can handle life without and help,**

**When we forget to rely on one another and on you.**

**When we fail to see how our shared life is meant not only to nurture us here, but to extend out into the world.**

Help us obey your teachings to worship together as the church

**So that we can be strengthened to carry out your mission to love, serve and work for justice. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jeffrey Berry

Hear this Church: Your sins have been forgiven. Rejoice! But do not keep this act of grace as news for your own personal gratification alone. We, as God's people, stand in the gap for the world as representatives of God.

**In our forgiveness we are made ready to do God's will and to speak the Gospel good news of grace for a hurting world. Thanks be to God for this gift and for this call!**

\*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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amanda Pfannenstiel and Peter Heckman  
*Laudate Dominum* W.A. Mozart

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scarlett Joy Nickels

\*APOSTLES CREED

BAPTISMAL HYMN NO. 188

*Jesus Loves Me*

JESUS LOVES ME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

**WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:11-20 (NT pg 34)

SERMON

\*HYMN NO. 69

HERE I AM (Schutte)

*Here I Am, Lord*

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

*Sonata D minor K.141*

Ariana DuPont  
D. Scarlatti

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Bourrée from French Suite 5 in G BWV 816*

Ariana DuPont  
J.S. Bach

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **SUNDAY CALENDAR**

<b>Sun 4/21</b>	<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>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
	3:00	Opera Project	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 – 8:00	TSM- Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**APRIL IN PARIS: OPERA PROJECT** The Opera Project presents an afternoon of French delights on **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** at **3 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door. This concert is a benefit for TMPC.

**MATINEE CONCERT** Join us for a captivating Sunday matinee concert on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **2 pm** featuring the internationally acclaimed flutist Ginevra Petrucci, hailed as “one of the most interesting talents of her generation”. She will join our organist Ariana Dupont for a mesmerizing flute and piano program. Free admission

**PRESBYTERY MEETING VOLUNTEERS** TMPC is hosting a meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia on **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. We want to give everyone in the presbytery a warm welcome and we need your help! Please find the sign up to volunteer in the e-news.

**RUMMAGE SALE** The Spring Rummage Sale on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **9 am – 5 pm**, and **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **9 am – 12 pm**. We will be accepting clean, gently used clothing items in good or like new condition as well as small household items, small working electronics, and tools beginning April 1st (drop off in the Chapel). Please no large items. Proceeds benefit the Urban Promise Trenton Scholarship Fund and other local missions. See sign-up in the e-news and contact Tim Sandford with any questions.

**SERVE WEEKEND** Our Serve Weekend will be held on **May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**. Twice a year in May and November, TMPC members and the community join together in a weekend of service. Everyone signs up to complete service projects that help our neighbors in need by

partnering with local mission and service organizations. We look forward to seeing you there!

**NO FORMAL WORSHIP ON MAY 5<sup>th</sup>** There will be no formal worship services on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Instead, we encourage you to worship through service and sign up to participate in one or more of the service projects that will take place on Saturday and Sunday through our SERVE Weekend.

**NEW HOPE PRIDE PARADE** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** since Thompson will be in the New Hope Pride Parade for our third consecutive year! See the sign-ups in the e-news and contact Nancy Campbell at [Nmcmom16@aol.com](mailto:Nmcmom16@aol.com) with any questions. Follow-up information will be sent to all who sign up.

**SAVE THE DATE** Our Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** and our Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year will be on **August 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**. More information to follow as each event grows closer.

## ***CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE***

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME** George Brandenburg, Carol Carpenter, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gotto, Alex Green, Debbie Hart Nuzzo, Callie Hoffman, Luca, Pam Mills, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Rich, Tom Thatcher, Holly Tomkovitz, Bob Tomlinson, and Doris Wessner. *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 birthdays between *April 21-28: Jennifer Haubrich, Robbie Kay, Julia Lyons, Lawrence Beley, and Sandy Barford.*

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** Anyone can order altar flowers in general, “in memory of”, “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 **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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).

**FISHERMAN'S MARK** On **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am**, we will have our meal assembly for Fisherman's Mark. Please bring in your donations by Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you will be bringing the ingredients later, please let Susan Achenbach or Cheryl Boyle know. There will be more details to follow. Thank you! Please note we are still collecting free grocery store hams for future meals!

**COMMUNITY MEAL** Thank you for all that participated in our Community Meal this past Sunday! Our next Community Meal at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church is **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-1:15 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will need volunteers to help our coordinators with making and bringing homemade food items, setting up the Fellowship Hall after the service, and cleaning up after the meal. Invite your neighbors and family members to join us for this Open Table Community Meal at TMPC!

**TMPC FOOD DRIVE** Our local pantries are in need of items to stock their shelves for those in need. Your contributions are a blessing to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. Our next food drive is on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. You can leave donations from 10:00-10:30 am that day at our food pantry inside the church, or during office hours before that date. See the e-news for a list of needed items and for sign ups. Thank you!



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