



THOMPSON  
MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# TIDINGS

Spring 2024 Edition



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## Holy Week & Easter

### Palm Sunday

*Traditional & Contemporary Worship Service,  
March 24th*

This year, Thompson Memorial had an *incredible* turn out for all of our Holy Week events, thanks to all of you! From our youth at the 9 am traditional worship service to members during the 11 am service, we all waved palms on Palm Sunday to greet and honor Jesus Christ as he entered the city of Jerusalem.



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# Holy Week & Easter

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## Maundy Thursday

*Dinner & Contemporary Worship Service,  
March 28th*



Our Maundy Thursday service this year featured a dinner to commemorate the Last Supper of Christ and His Disciples, as well as a contemporary style worship service.

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## Good Friday

*Tenebrae-style Traditional Worship Service,  
March 29th*



THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, meaning “darkness” or “shadows”, has been observed by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship services during Holy Week. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his paths, and the power of silence and darkness suggest the drama of this momentous day.

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# Holy Week & Easter

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## Easter Sunday

*Sunday, March 31st*

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

TMPC was filled with joy and worship as we celebrated the Risen Lord together.

We worshipped from sunrise into the afternoon, with lots of activities in between.

Our coffee hour was enhanced and filled with life as we gathered together in Christian fellowship, and who can forget the Easter Egg Hunt!

From sunrise to coffee hour, we felt the love of Christ together in faith and community.



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# Chili Cookoff

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Saturday March 16, 5:30-6:00 pm



After a four-year hiatus, the TMPC Chili Cook-off was a hot success with 9 teams competing. There were creative themes for the teams that included costumes and props. Awards were given for best theme/costume, best side-dish, spiciest chili, most unique. Attendees voted with their dollars for their favorite chili.

The top award, the Golden Pot, went to the Alpha-Omega "Chicks". "Spring into Chili" took the Silver Ladle. The event raised over \$1100 for TASK where the funds will go to purchase 3 KitchenAid countertop mixers and a pasta maker. The equipment will be used in the preparation of meals as well as for the instruction of culinary students trained by TASK.



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# Upcoming Events

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## SERVE Weekend

*Saturday, May 4th & Sunday, May 5th*

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Twice a year in May and November, TMPC members and the community join together for two full days to serve the community. Everyone signs up to complete various service projects that help our neighbors in need by partnering with local mission and service organizations.

Sign up now at  
[www.tmpc.org/events](http://www.tmpc.org/events)



## New Hope Pride Parade

*Saturday May 18th, 9:45 am - 12:30 pm*

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Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18th since Thompson will be in the New Hope Pride Parade for our third consecutive year! We are getting bigger and better! We will be handing out water bottles and TMPC invitation packets to show we Welcome ALL to Thompson.



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# Church Picnic

*Sunday June 2nd, 11:30 am*

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Join us for our churchwide picnic! Our picnic will be held at Pat Livezey Park in New Hope, PA on Sunday, June 2nd. Join or spectate the kick-ball game, eat delicious food, and so much more!



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# Upcoming Events (cont'd)

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# Summer Holiday Worship Services

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A reminder that we will only be holding one worship service at 9 am on the following holiday weekends:

Sunday, May 26th  
Sunday, July 7th  
Sunday, September 1st  
9 am worship ONLY

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# Act 2 Bingo

*Friday June 14th, 5:30 pm*



ACT 2 is hosting a dinner and bingo night!

It's an evening of fun, food, and fantastic prizes. Whether you are a seasoned Bingo pro or a newcomer, there is something for everyone.

We can't wait to see you there for a night of excitement and good company!

# Youth Ministry & Kids

# Vacation Bible School

Monday August 12th thru Friday, August 16th

9 am - 12 pm



This is a FREE camp for children from 3 years old through those who have completed 5th grade are invited to join us for games, music, storytelling, & crafts! At VBS, kids have fun as they explore the Bible, make new friends, sing songs, and learn how Jesus works through them in their everyday lives.

## Play with Purpose

Monday August 12th thru Friday, August 16th

1 pm - 3 pm

NEW THIS YEAR, we will be hosting an additional event for Rising 1st thru 6th graders called Play with Purpose, held right after camp, August 12th thru the 16th, from 1 - 3 pm.



## Chicago Mission Trip

Saturday, July 13th thru Saturday, July 20th



Partnering with Sunshine Gospel Ministries to experience and build their strength in service, renew their faith, serve people in need and give hope for their future by our acts of service. Highschoolers will leave Saturday, July 13th at 6 am and arrive back to TMPC on Saturday, July 20th at 6 pm. More details to follow as the event grows closer!



# Pastor Bailey's Sabbatical

# Office Updates

Have you ever heard your computer making a whirring sound? It typically makes that sound because it's trying to process too much information and you need to shut down some programs, close some tabs, or restart the computer altogether. My mind sometimes feels like a whirring computer with too many tabs open and I'm looking forward to disconnecting from the regular rhythms of day-to-day ministry and reconnecting with God through worship at Montreat Camp and Conference Center, through prayer at Holy Cross Monastery, through creativity in art lessons, and through nature at the beach and in my own backyard. **I will be on Sabbatical from June 9th thru August 5th.** -Pastor Bailey



## New Staff

We welcomed Julie Perri as our new Administrative Assistant in March. She will be responsible for most of our front office functions. She loves gaming, Philly sports, and Ralphie, her Shih Tzu!



We welcomed Amanda White as our new Business Administrator in April. She will be responsible for our business necessities. She enjoys playing the cello, roller derby, and spending time with her cat Ginny!



## Staff

Senior Pastor (Sabbath: Friday)  
Associate Pastor (Sabbath: Friday)  
Administrative Assistant  
Director of Music  
Contemporary Music Director  
Organist/Accompanist  
Business Administrator  
Sexton

Stephanie Templin Ashford  
Bailey Pruner Heckman  
Julie Perri  
Patricia Murphy  
Bill Stauffer  
Ariana DuPont  
Amanda White  
James Daily



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