



August 9, 2026

WELCOME!!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us 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 seen 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 an 11:00 AM Contemporary service with praise music in the Gathering Hall. Our services are available through livestream on www.tmpc.org. Recordings can also be viewed here at any time. Please follow along and respond when the type is in **bold**. Stand, as you are able, when you see 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, after which they proceed to Sunday School. Be sure to register your child from 4 years old through 5th grade. If your child prefers to stay with you during worship, activity baskets with crayons and activity sheets are 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.

RESTROOMS

Please exit the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area and go up the stairs to the bathroom adjacent to the Community Room. There are also additional restrooms down the hallway past the Kids Ministry Rooms.

COMMON HOUR

TMPC has an hour between services that serves as a space for coffee and fellowship, Adult Education, Children's Choir, and other activities and meetings.

VISITOR BAGS

If you're visiting today, we'd love to share a gift bag with you that includes more information about TMPC. Feel free to ask an usher or pastor any questions. Visit www.tmpc.org for events, info, and e-giving. We're glad to be part of your faith journey!

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Ariana DuPont
Johann Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Sailer

There are moments when life places giants before us:
challenges that seem too large, burdens too heavy, and fears
too overwhelming.

**We gather today to remember that our hope has never
rested in our own strength.**

We worship the God who equips the unlikely, strengthens the
weak, and remains faithful in every generation.

**Come, let us worship the Lord, whose presence is
greater than every challenge we face.**

*HYMN NO. 275

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Steve Sailer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, too often we have looked at the giants before us instead of looking to you. Fear has shaped our decisions, worry has stolen our peace, and doubt has kept us from trusting your promises. We confess that we have relied on our own strength instead of your power, and measured what we cannot do instead of believing what you can do. Forgive us. Renew our faith. Give us courage to follow where you lead, confidence to trust your presence, and hearts that remember that the battle belongs to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news. God does not choose us because we are the strongest, the smartest, or the most qualified. God chooses us because of grace. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our fears no longer define us, and we are called again to walk by faith. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

GREATOREX

***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.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Steve Sailer

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Think on These Things

Men's Trio
Mark Burrows

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 17:1-7,12-15,41-45,48-49 (OT pg 260-262)

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

SILENT PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

Ach, wie flüchtig, ach, wie nichtig

Ariana DuPont
Georg Böhm

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Ariana DuPont
Johann G. Walther

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***~The altar flowers this Sunday are in gratitude for our Pastors,
Rev. Stephanie Templin Ashford and Rev. Bailey Heckman,
by Vaughan Grundy~***

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 8/9	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)	Kids Ministry Rooms
	10:00	COFFEE HOUR	Commons
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Gathering Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20–12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms

STAY CONNECTED WITH TMPC

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Our e-news gets sent out every Friday via email. We also send out additional reminders for important dates and events in the life of our church. It's a great way to stay in touch with all things Thompson Church!



SIGN UP FOR OUR DAILY TEXTS

At noon each day, we will send out a text message with a verse of scripture that connects to our sermon series and can offer you a word of faith in the middle of the day.



If you have issues connecting with TMPC, please contact the office at office@tmpc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE MOVIE NIGHT Bring the whole family for a fun-filled evening at FREE Family Movie Night on Saturday, August 15 at 6:00 PM in the Gathering Hall! We'll be showing the family-friendly movie *The Sheep Detectives* and serving pizza, popcorn, refreshments, and plenty of fun for all ages. Register for the event in the e-news or on our website at tmpc.org/events.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF On August 23rd at 3:00 PM, Youth Group will host a pool party with pizza, music, devotions at Pastor Stephanie's house. See the website for the location and for more information.

PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES WANTED This fall, Thompson Church is opening its very own Preschool! As the school year gets close, we are asking our members to see if they have some of the supplies we need in their storage rooms or basements. See the e-news for the supplies list as well as our Amazon Wishlist. Drop-offs are accepted in the Green Room in the Christian Ed Wing.

COFFEE HOUR Want to be a Coffee Host? Join our Hospitality Team! We'll train you on the equipment and setup, and pair you with an experienced host until you're comfortable. Sign up whenever it works for you—no pressure to serve regularly. See e-news for email information to learn more.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Sandy Barford, Ulla Heinicke, Michael Koh, Jane Mayrhofer, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Nancy Quanstrom, Kurt Thompson, Dick Vestal, Bern Volski, Arlene Whitticar, and George Wislar. *If you have someone to add to our prayer chain, please send your request to Alison Yearley at apybobba@aol.com*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY Christopher Campbell, Sean Kielty, Christian Mirande, Jim O'Donnell, Matt Peshek, and Will Schaub.

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *August 9th-16th*: *Annie Lo, Katie Lyons, George Salt, Colin Jenei, Annabelle Murphy, Marcia Koppes, Robert Donohoe, and James Fallon.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Alternating 2nd Fridays (Sept–May) September 11th 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, play games, and complete a service project. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT	Alternating 2nd Fridays (Oct–June) October 9th 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Drop your children off for THREE hours as they have fun with dinner, games, and a movie. This event is \$30.00 per child and helps support the Youth Group as an ongoing fundraiser. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
CATERPILLAR CORNER: GROWING WITH JESUS	Sundays (September thru June) Starting Sept. 13th 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM Orange Classroom	Caterpillar Corner: Growing with Jesus welcomes infants through age 4 to grow in faith through sensory play, expressive arts, Christian songs, and sensory experiences that nurture emotional, social, and developmental growth. <i>Led by Karlen Senseny</i>
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	Sundays at 10:00 AM (September thru June) Community Room	Rotating rehearsals for groups that lead music during worship about once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. <i>Led by Tricia Murphy</i>
THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP	Saturdays starting in September, 3x Monthly (Typically Off the 2nd Sunday) 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Lounge/Commons	Students grades 6-12th grade meet for dinner, bible study, games, and fellowship. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
Contact Zena Tredinnick-Kirby with any questions at dce@tmpec.org and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at music@tmpec.org		

SMALL GROUPS

ALPHA OMEGA	Sundays at 10:00 AM (starting September 20) Meeting Rm	AO gathers for either a book or Bible study, fellowship, and mission. <i>Led by Marci Capel</i>
NORMAL PEOPLE* BIBLE STUDY	Thursdays at 7:00 PM (starting in September) Commons	<i>*Skeptics, Sinners, Saints, and Everyone In-Between!</i> Join us in combining book and Bible study to help broaden our understanding of how to live and love like Jesus as everyday, normal people (see the definition of "normal" people). <i>Led by Susie Minno and Garrett Bostwick</i>
MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S MINISTRY	Mondays at 9:30 AM Community Room	Topics rotate between movie discussion, Bible study, faith and the news, and book studies. <i>Led by Sue Wert</i>
TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP	1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM Community Room	This group gathers for fellowship, book discussions, and time in prayer. <i>Led by Mike Wert</i>
SERMON TALKS	Thursdays at 9:30 AM Commons	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. <i>This group is led by the pastor who is giving the sermon on Sunday.</i>
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	Every 3rd Wednesday	You can leave non-perishable donations from 10:00 to 10:30 AM that day under the labeled table outside the Gathering Hall, or anytime during office hours before the event. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach</i>
TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)	Every 3rd or 5th Tuesday & 4th Thursday August 18th & 27th 9:45 AM -1:00 PM	Those who want to carpool meet at the TMPC parking lot at 9:15 AM. <i>Led by Chuck Green</i>
COMMUNITY MEAL	Every 2nd Sunday 12:15-1:15 PM	TMPC hosts a free meal open to everyone in our church family and the community. All of our meals feature a main dish, potluck sides, salads, and desserts. <i>Led by Melissa Michael</i>
FISHERMAN'S MARK	Every 1st Tuesday 8:30 AM Commons	Meets monthly at the church to put together 100 meals for Fisherman's Mark, and they are then delivered weekly to those who cannot get to the food pantry. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY MEAL	Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12:00 PM	We're looking for volunteers who can help the day of the meal or are willing to bring desserts for the meal for our neighbors in Lambertville, NJ. Our meals take place at the Lambertville Presbyterian Church at 31 N Union Street. <i>Led by Jeff Campbell</i>
<i>See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission</i>		