



August 23, 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!

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ariana DuPont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Berry

Come, let us worship the God who calls us together.

**We come with all that we carry; the joys, the
questions, the struggles, and the hopes.**

Come, let us worship the God who knows us completely and
loves us still.

**We come trusting that we do not have to hide or
pretend in God's presence.**

Come, let us worship the God who is faithful in every season.

We come ready to hear God's word and to be changed by
God's grace.

Let us worship God together.

*HYMN NO. 286

TRENTHAM

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeff Berry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always see clearly. Sometimes we are quick to notice the faults of others and slow to recognize our own. Sometimes we allow pride or selfishness to shape our choices. Sometimes we convince ourselves that what we want is more important than what is right. Forgive us, O God, for the ways we have hurt others or wandered from the people you have called us to be. Help us to recognize where we need to change and to trust that your grace is greater than our failures. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The psalmist reminds us that, “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him...” Friends, God does not turn away from us when we fall short. God meets us with mercy and gives us the grace to begin again.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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

Jeff Berry

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

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ariana DuPont

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***~The altar flowers this Sunday are in honor of all the volunteers
at TMPC by Vaughan Grundy~***

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 8/23	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

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF TODAY at 3:00 PM, Youth Group will host a pool party with pizza, music, and 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! We've put together an Amazon wishlist with some of the supplies our teachers and students will need- from glue and erasers to other classroom essentials. There are still about \$250 worth of supplies on the list, so if you'd like to help stock our new preschool, simply scan the QR code to view the wishlist. Drop-offs are accepted in the Green Room in the Christian Ed Wing.



KICKOFF SUNDAY Save the date for **Sunday, September 13th** at 12 PM for our Kickoff Sunday! We'll serve lunch and have tailgate games as a "welcome back" from summer! See e-news or website for more information and a sign-up to volunteer.

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE 6th-12th graders are invited to join the Youth Group for Community Service at Gravity Hill Farm in Titusville NJ on Saturday, **September 26th from 9 AM-12 PM**! Find the sign-up in the e-news or on the website.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE The Rummage Sale is coming back! The sale will take place on October 9th and 10th, with donations accepted **starting on September 15th**. Donations will be accepted weekdays from 10 AM to 2 PM and on Sundays during worship in the trailer in the upper parking lot. Proceeds raised go to UrbanPromise Trenton.

YOUNG FAMILIES GET TOGETHER Join us for a social afternoon of playtime and fellowship for families with kiddos 5 and under on **Sunday, October 11th at 3:00 PM**. Please RSVP at tmpc.org/events to find the event location and additional details.

FALL FEST & SERVE WEEKEND SAVE THE DATE! Fall Fest will be held on **Sunday, October 25th** and SERVE Weekend will be **Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st**. More details to follow as the dates approach, but mark your calendars for now!

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, Susan Nemzoff, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Kurt Thompson, Dick Vestal, and Arlene Whitticar. *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 23rd-30th*: *Heather Brewer, Joann Alberts, Kevin Rampe, Pam Souder, Tom Thatcher, Mike Wert, Kevin Brewer, Susie Minno, and Judy Cronise.*

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@tmpe.org and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at music@tmpe.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>
SUNDAY DINNER BIBLE STUDY	Sundays monthly at 3:00 PM (August 30) Commons	Sunday evenings monthly we will join together for a dinner and spiritual food for thought in the Commons. <i>Led by Louis Marut</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 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>
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission		