



September 6, 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!

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Marjorie Apple

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fran Volski

Come, let us turn our hearts toward God, who calls us out of the noise and busyness of our lives.

**We come to worship, to listen, and to remember
whose we are.**

Come, let us set aside for a moment the things that demand our attention.

**We come to make room for God's presence
among us.**

For God is with us in our work and in our rest, in our doing and in our being.

**Let us worship the God who gives us life and calls us
to live it fully.**

*HYMN NO. 393

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
O Day of Rest and Gladness

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fran Volski

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have created us for a relationship with you, yet we so easily lose our connection with you. We fill our lives with good and important things, but sometimes leave little room for you. We rely on ourselves, forget your presence, and fail to listen when you call us back. Forgive us, O God. Draw us close again. Teach us to notice your presence, to listen for your voice, and to trust that we are never so far from you that your grace cannot find us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: even when the busyness of life pulls our attention away from God, God does not turn away from us. God continues to draw near and calls us back into relationship.

In Jesus Christ, we are met with grace. We are forgiven, and we are free to begin again, knowing that God's love has never let us go.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. 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

Fran Volski

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN NO. 182

KINGSFOLD

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:8-11 (OT pg 66)

Luke 10:38-42 (NT pg 72)

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Marjorie Apple

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 504

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We Come as Guests Invited

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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, eternal God, our Creator. You spoke light into darkness and brought order out of chaos. You formed us in your image and called us very good. Throughout the generations, you have spoken words of truth, mercy, and life, calling your people back to yourself whenever they wandered from your ways.

When we listened to voices that led us astray, you did not abandon us. Through the law and the prophets, through psalms and promises, you taught your people what is good and called them to walk in your paths. Again and again, you reminded them that they belonged to you.

And so, with your people in every time and place, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your living Word. In him, your truth took on flesh and dwelt among us. When the world offered fear, he taught trust. When others sought power, he chose humility. When faced with temptation, he remained faithful to your will. Through his life, death, and resurrection, he broke the power of sin and reconciled us to you.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, that our lives may bear witness to your goodness, mercy, and peace until Christ comes again.

In a world filled with noise and distraction, we bring our prayers to you, knowing that you hear us when we pray. Today we lift up all the people, places, and situations that sit in our hearts... And we gather all of our prayers up in your name as we pray together the words you taught us, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all have been served. Our cups are filled with grape juice, and we also have gluten-free crackers in the center.)

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Marjorie Apple

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

~The altar flowers this Sunday are in honor of the wedding anniversary of Jeanne and Vaughan Grundy~

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 9/6	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

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

KICKOFF SUNDAY On Sunday, **September 13th** at 12 PM, join us here at TMPC for tailgate games and tailgate food as we welcome everyone back from summer and kick off another church year together! We hope to see you there!

THE MOM SQUAD Moms of all ages are invited to join *The Mom Squad*! Come to our kickoff on **September 15 from 6:30–8:30 PM** in The Commons for an introduction and fun get-to-know-you evening; bring your favorite dessert. Each month, we'll gather for fellowship and fun outings like coffee shop talks, canal walks, service adventures, and more! Contact Tracey Jefferson: Traceyj7006@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION CLASS INFO MEETING Are you in 6th–12th grade and interested in exploring what it means to follow Jesus and be part of the church? We're beginning a new Confirmation Class and invite youth and their parents to an informational meeting on **Sunday, September 20th at 10 AM** in the Lounge during the Common Hour. We will discuss what topics we will cover, go over the class schedule, and answer any questions you might have.

THE CHER SHOW Save the date for **Saturday, September 26th at 3 PM** for an afternoon of fellowship with **ACT 2**! Enjoy *The Cher Show* at Music Mountain Theatre, followed by dinner at TMPC. Sign up by September 2 at the ACT 2 table outside The Gathering Hall or contact Cheryl Boyle at cboyle8991@aol.com.

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 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!

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 *September 6th-13th*: *Vaughan Grundy and Erika Rotella*.

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, learn about Jesus, 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	Sundays starting September 20th, 3x Monthly (Off the 2nd Sunday) 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Lounge/Commons	Students grades 6-12th grade meet for dinner, bible study, devotion, 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>
ACT 2	See Act 2 table for full list of events	ACT 2 is for those in their "second act" of life whatever that age is, offering fun events, fellowship, and opportunities to build Christ-centered friendships. <i>Led by: Kirsten Fleisher</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 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>
ART HISTORY	Third Tuesday of every month (starting in October) Commons	A member-led group exploring art each month through the interests and passions of its members. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby & Members</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 September 24th & 29th 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 (next: <u>Wed.</u> Nov. 4) 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		