

SOMETHING'S MISSING

— FINDING GOD'S WHOLENESS —
FOR OUR LIVES

September 13, 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!

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

With Great Joy

Adult Bell Choir
S.E. Geschke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We were not created to walk through life alone.

God created us for one another.

We need people who will celebrate with us when life is good,
and stay beside us when it is not.

**We need people who will carry us when we cannot
carry ourselves.**

In Christ, strangers become neighbors, and neighbors
become friends.

Let us worship the God who draws us together.

*HYMN NO. 401

GATHER US IN

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created us to love you and to love one another, but too often we choose ourselves. We hold onto grudges, keep score, judge quickly and forgive slowly. We talk about people instead of talking to them. We let pride keep us from saying we are sorry. We confess the ways our words have wounded, our silence has separated, and our choices have broken the relationships you have given us. Forgive us, God. Restore our relationships and connect us to each other again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news of the gospel is not that we finally get everything right. The good news is that God's grace is greater than everything we get wrong. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Our failures do not have the final word. God is still at work, restoring what has been broken and making all things new.

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.

ANTHEM

All Things New

Adult Choir
Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:1-12 (NT pg 36)
Psalm 142:4-7 (OT pg 579)

SERMON

HYMN NO. 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age
(verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

WAREHAM

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

Improvisation Nr.9

Ariana Dupont
Leon Boëllmann

*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

Prelude in G Major WTK 1

Ariana DuPont
J.S.Bach

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 9/13	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

KICKOFF SUNDAY TODAY 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, Nancy Quanstrom, Kurt Thompson, Bern Volski, Dick Vestal, 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 *September 13th-20th*: *Erika Rotella, Abby Rotella, Zach Rotella, David Callans, Susan Nemzoff, Aimee Lester, Ron Wanat, Scott Schenker, Rosanne Bell, and Lenore Bowne.*

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) starting September 27th 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@tmpc.org and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at music@tmpc.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	Mondays at 7:00 PM (starting September 21) 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 t MPC.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		