October 18, 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!

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **OCTOBER 18, 2026**

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Ariana DuPont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today, bringing all that we are and all that we have.

We come to worship the God who is at work among us.

God has a way of taking what we offer, bringing us together, and opening possibilities we might never have imagined on our own.

We come with open hearts, ready to see where God is leading us.

As we worship, may we remember that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

We come to worship, to listen, and to imagine what God might do among us.

*HYMN NO. 733 ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

We All Are One in Mission

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created us to live in relationship with you and with one another, yet we confess how often we turn inward. We compare ourselves to one another and forget that every person is worthy of care and belonging. Forgive us for the ways we contribute to division rather than building one another up. Forgive us for the times we take more from our community than we are willing to give. Open our hearts to the needs around us and teach us to live with the love that you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God does not turn away from us when we fall short. In Jesus Christ, God meets us with grace, forgives our sins, and calls us again. We are not defined by our failures, but held by the love of God, who is always at work making us new.

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC — Adult Choir
Together As One — Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (NT pg 174)

SERMON

HYMN NO. 767 — SAN ANSELMO
Together We Serve

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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Ariana Dupont

*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 Ariana DuPont

The altar flowers this Sunday are in honor of Vaughan Grundy's father, Vaughan Grundy Sr.

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 10/18	**9:00**	**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**	**Sanctuary**
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th 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 – 5th 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

NEW MEMBER CLASS RESCHEDULED Our new member class scheduled for today has been rescheduled for **Sunday, November 22nd** from 12-2 PM. Sign up for our informative lunch can be found in the e-news and on the TMPC homepage.

SOUP FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK This month, in lieu of meeting for church food assembly, we are preparing soup at home for Fishermen's Mark. Please find sign up in the e-news, pick up the Soup Kits in the cabinets outside the Gathering Hall and drop off. For questions, please contact Susan Auchenbach at 267-432-4312. Thanks so much!

NEW BOOK STUDY A new 5-week book study that began on Wednesday, October 7th continues on Wednesday nights from 6:30–8:00 PM in the Commons. We will be reading *Experience Jesus. Really. Finding Refuge, Strength, and Wonder Through Everyday Encounters with God* by *New York Times* bestselling author John Eldredge. You are welcome to join even if you missed earlier weeks!

BINGO ACT 2 is hosting BINGO on **Thursday, October 22nd** at 1 PM in the Commons! The fee is $10 per person. If you have any questions, reach out to Cheryl Boyle at cboyle8991@aol.com

DEDICATION SUNDAY On **Sunday, October 25th** we will dedicate our hopes, dreams, and imaginations to God through our pledges. You can fill out a pledge card mailed to your home, outside the Sanctuary or Gathering Hall, or fill out an online pledge card by scanning the QR code. Additionally, please stop by the Imagine board in the Commons and fill out a cloud sticky note to share your dreams for TMPC!

FALL FEST Join us for Fall Fest on **Sunday, October 25th** at 2-4:30 PM at the church! We'll have food, games, BINGO, music and more, plus it's FREE! See the e-news to sign up to volunteer.

SERVE WEEKEND On **Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st** we will host a day of service. Please note on Sunday, November 1st there will be only ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9 AM!

SOUP & BREAD FUNDRAISER On **Sunday, November 15th** during Coffee Hour, stop by right outside the Gathering Hall for our TMPC Youth Group Homemade Soup & Bread Fundraiser! Grab a to-go container of soup and fresh bread to enjoy at home on a chilly November night. Every purchase helps support our Youth Group activities and mission opportunities. Come grab dinner to go and support our youth!

ONE BIG TABLE Jesus spent a lot of his ministry at the table and so do we! Join us for an all-church potluck dinner on **Sunday, November 15th at 5 PM**. TMPC will provide a turkey breast, roast, and a vegan entree. Bring sides: last names starting with A-K bring salad, L-P bring a side dish, and R-Z bring dessert! Be sure to RSVP so we have an accurate headcount in the e-news, and please invite friends and family to join us for a night of fellowship and food!

INAUGURAL ADVENT EVENT On **Sunday, November 29th** from 5-7 PM, ACT 2 and the TMPC Youth Group are coming together to host TMPC's Inaugural Advent Tree Lighting Ceremony & Event! Join us for the tree-lighting ceremony, prayer, Christmas caroling, cookies, a chocolate fountain, crafts, ornaments, and our Giving Tree supporting local children this holiday season. Scan the QR code to sign up!

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, 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 *October 18th-25th: Janice Slack, Linda Torda, Cole Davis, Jessica Kirker-McGettigan, Beth Miller-Brady, and Rick Foltz.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	**Alternating 2nd Fridays (Sept–May)** **November 13th** 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. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby*
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT	**Alternating 2nd Fridays (Oct–June)** **December 11th** 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. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby*
CATERPILLAR CORNER: GROWING WITH JESUS	**Sundays (September thru June)** 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. *Led by Karlen Senseny*
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	**Sundays at 10:00 AM (September thru June) starting September 20th** Community Room	Rotating rehearsals for groups that lead music during worship about once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. *Led by Tricia Murphy*
THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP	**Sundays: 3x Monthly (Off the 2nd Sunday)** 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Lounge	Students grades 6-12th grade meet for dinner, bible study, devotion, games, and fellowship. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby*
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, then October 4 & 18)** Meeting Rm	Alpha Omega (AO) is an intergenerational women's group that will focus on Book/Bible Studies, Fellowship, and Mission. *Led by Marci Capel*
ACT 2	**See Act 2 table for full list of events and flyers**	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. *Led by: Kirsten Fleisher*
NORMAL PEOPLE* BIBLE STUDY	**Mondays at 7:00 PM** Commons	**Skeptics, Sinners, Saints, and Everyone In-Between!* 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). *Led by Susie Minno and Garrett Bostwick*
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. *Led by Sue Wert*
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. *Led by Mike Wert*
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. *This group is led by the pastor who is giving the sermon on Sunday.*
SUNDAY DINNER BIBLE STUDY	**4th Sunday at 3:00 PM (not meeting in Oct.)** Commons	On 4th Sunday evenings, we will join together for a dinner and spiritual food for thought in the Commons. *Led by Louis Marut*
ART HISTORY	**Third Tuesday of every month October 20: 6pm-8pm** Commons	A member-led group exploring art each month through the interests and passions of its members. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby & Members*
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. *Led by Susan Achenbach*
TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)	**October 13th & 29th** 9:45 AM -1:00 PM	Those who want to carpool meet at the TMPC parking lot at 9:15 AM. *Led by Chuck Green*
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. *Led by Melissa Michael*
FISHERMAN'S MARK	**Every 1st Tuesday (next: Wed. 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. *Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle*
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. *Led by Jeff Campbell*
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission		