



September 14, 2025

*I am the way – Come to me when you feel lost  
I am the truth – when the world feels full of lies  
I am the life – when everything else feels like death*

## 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 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 Fellowship Hall. Our services are available through livestream on [www.tmpc.org](http://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. The Nursery is currently being held in Pastor Stephanie's office, and Sunday School is located in Pastor Bailey's office or the Conference Room, depending on space availability.

## RESTROOMS

If you need to use the restroom, please exit the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area and go through the courtyard to enter the building through the office entrance or the stained glass doors. There are women's and men's restrooms next to Fellowship Hall.

## 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. Join us in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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](http://www.tmpc.org) for events, info, and e-giving. We're glad to be part of your faith journey!

14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pew)*

PRELUDE

Theme from 'O Perfect Love'

Ariana DuPont

R.Pruvis

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fran Volski

The God who never stops loving calls us to leave behind all other gods and love Him with our whole hearts.

**We come to learn to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.**

This same God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**We come to practice love the way Jesus loves.**

When we follow this way something holy happens—fear gives way to trust, anger gives way to forgiveness, and strangers become friends.

**As one body, in mind and spirit, let us worship our God.**

\*HYMN NO. 203

CHREPERONI

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

**WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fran Volski

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,  
You have shown us the way of life: to love you with all  
that we are, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Yet we confess that our love grows weak. We give our  
hearts to lesser things. We turn away from neighbors  
in need. We choose resentment over reconciliation,  
and comfort over compassion. Forgive us, Lord.  
Restore us to the way of love. Teach us again to walk  
in the steps of Jesus, that we may live as people of  
mercy, justice, and joy.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God's love never fails, and God's mercy  
is new every morning.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free to walk in the way  
of love.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE NO. 582

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.***

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Fran Volski

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Adult Bell Choir

arr. J.W. Krug

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## **WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37 (NT pg 71-72)

SERMON

\*HYMN NO. 63

AZMON

*The Lord is God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

Intermezzo from 'Agnus Dei'

Ariana DuPont

G.Bizet

\*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***

## **WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Variation 1 & 2 from 'O Perfect Love'

Ariana DuPont  
R.Pruvis

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## ***SUNDAY CALENDAR***

<b>Sun 9/14</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Pastor Stephanie's office
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Pastor Bailey's office
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Fellowship Hall
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Pastor Stephanie's office
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th Grade)	Pastor Bailey's office

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY SMALL GROUP** Our Adult Bible Study will begin again on **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** to read *The Way* by Adam Hamilton. See the e-news for more information and to sign up.

**LUKE FOR EVERYONE** Order a companion commentary book that follows the next sermon series called *The Way*. See the e-news for a link to order and stay tuned for more information on ways you can learn more about the Gospel of Luke this fall.

**FALL FEST** Save the date for Fall Fest–Sunday, October 26th from 2-4 PM at Pat Livezey Park in New Hope, PA! More information to come.

**RUN TMPC** Head on over to the TMPC app and check out our “Groups” section

to join our new running club, Run TMPC! Members meet periodically to run throughout the surrounding area.

**PHASE 1 TOURS** We will be hosting guided tours through our newly renovated spaces on **Sunday, September 28th at 10 AM and 12 PM.**

## **CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE**

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME** Doug Berry, Tim Bradley, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Ulla Heinicke, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Brenda Redfield, Bert Sandford, Tom Thatcher, and Arlene Whitticar. *If you have someone to add to our prayer chain, please send your request to Alison Yearley at [apybobba@aol.com](mailto:apybobba@aol.com)*

**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *September 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>*: *Zach Rotella, Abby Rotella, David Callans, Susan Nemzoff, Aimee Lester, Ron Wanat, Scott Schenker, Rosanne Bell, Amy Perry and Lenore Bowne.*

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

<b>KIDS CLUB</b>	<b>Friday October 10<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Offered every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday)	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, play games, and complete a service project.
<b>KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES</b>	<b>Sundays at 10:00 AM</b> (starting in September) Choir Room	Rotating rehearsals for groups that perform during worship about once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. <i>Led by Tricia Murphy</i>
<b>ROOTED IN THE WORD</b> (HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE AND BOOK STUDY)	<b>Sundays at 10:00 AM</b> (starting September 21) Kids Ministry Rooms	Students in grades 9-12th will be studying/reading <i>Crazy Love</i> by Francis Chan from September 21 <sup>st</sup> - October 12 <sup>th</sup> . <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby and Garrett Bostwick</i>
<b>THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>Sundays at 6:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall/Conference Room (Lower Level Gathering Space starting September 28th)	Students grades 6-12th grade meet for study, games, and fellowship. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
<b>Contact Zena Tredinnick-Kirby with any questions at <a href="mailto:dce@tmpc.org">dce@tmpc.org</a> and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at <a href="mailto:music@tmpc.org">music@tmpc.org</a></b>		

## **SMALL GROUPS**

<b>ALPHA OMEGA</b>	<b>September 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM</b> Conference Room	AO gathers for either a book or Bible study, fellowship, and mission. <i>Led by Marci Capel</i>
<b>MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S MINISTRY</b>	<b>Mondays at 9:30 AM</b> Conference Room	Topics rotate between movie discussion, Bible study, faith and the news, and book studies. <i>Led by Sue Wert</i>
<b>TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9:30 AM</b> Conference Room	This group gathers for fellowship, book discussions, and time in prayer. <i>Led by Mike Wert</i>
<b>SERMON TALKS</b>	<b>Thursdays at 9:30 AM</b>	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.
<b>ART HISTORY</b>	<b>3rd Tuesdays (September thru April) at 6:00 PM</b> Conference Room	The aim is to explore how different artists throughout history have depicted biblical narratives, comparing the works of the four most influential Renaissance artists (Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Donatello) to modern interpretations. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
<b>Contact group leaders by visiting <a href="http://tmpc.org/small-groups">tmpc.org/small-groups</a></b>		

## **ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>FOOD DRIVE</b>	<b>Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup></b>	You can leave donations from 10:00 to 10:30 AM that day at our food pantry, located inside the church, or during office hours before the event. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach</i>
<b>TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)</b>	<b>Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> 9:45 AM -1:00 PM</b>	Those who want to carpool meet at the TMPC parking lot at 9:15 AM. <i>Led by Chuck Green</i>
<b>COMMUNITY MEAL</b>	<b>Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15 PM</b>	TMPC hosts a free meal open to everyone in our church family and the community. All of our meals feature a main dish, with potluck sides, salads, and desserts. <i>Led by Melissa Michael</i>
<b>FISHERMAN'S MARK</b>	<b>Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM</b>	Meets monthly to put together 100 meals for Fisherman's Mark, and they are then delivered weekly to those who cannot get to the food pantry. See SUG (when live) for meeting location. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
<b>See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting <a href="http://tmpc.org/mission">tmpc.org/mission</a></b>		