



September 7, 2025

*I am the way – Come to me when you feel lost
I am the truth – when the world feels like life
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. 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 for events, info, and e-giving. We're glad to be part of your faith journey!

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7th, 2025

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Processional

Ariana DuPont
L. Boëllmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeffrey Berry

Today is a new start—a fresh season, a clean page, a chance to follow Jesus in ways we haven't before.

We come. Open to God. Open to each other. Open to the way ahead.

Jesus is calling us forward—not perfectly, not all-knowing, just as we are—to love, to serve, to grow into who we were created to be.

We're listening. Help us to follow.

God is already here. God's already moving in our hearts, in our friendships, in our church, in our world.

So let's lean in, let's worship, and let's begin this new season with joy and hope!

*HYMN NO. 315

NEW DIMENSIONS

In the Midst of New Dimensions

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeffrey Berry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to follow you, and we confess that we try to go our own way.

Forgive us when we wander away from you.

You want us together, in community, but we confess we stick to what's comfortable.

Forgive us when we don't welcome everyone in the way you do.

You send us out to help, to serve, to lift each other up—but we drag our feet.

Forgive us when we are hesitant to serve or hold back our care.

God of mercy, you never give up on us.

Pick us up, set us on your path again, teach us to walk in kindness, and lead us deeper into the way of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, here's the good news: God never stops calling us back. No matter how far we wander, no matter how many detours we take, God keeps reaching for us.

God's love won't let us go—it gently, patiently, persistently sets our feet back on the path of grace, forgiveness, and truth. 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

Jeffrey Berry

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

Adult Choir

M. I James

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 30:21

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

John 14:1-6 (NT pg 108)

Acts 24:10-14 (NT pg 145)

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 536

SURGE ECCLESIA

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Finale

Ariana DuPont

A. Corelli

*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***

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you for your love revealed in creation,
for your covenant made with your people,
and for your mercy shown in Jesus Christ.

He came among us to show us the way:
teaching love for neighbor and stranger,
healing the broken and welcoming the outcast,

lifting burdens and breaking chains.
He walked the path of suffering,
carrying the cross,
and opened the way to new life in his resurrection.

Therefore, we join our voices with all
who follow your way of love,
with the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

It is in walking the way of Jesus that we know we are never
alone.

So we turn to you in prayer, O God, with trust and hope, we lift
before you those in need of your tender care, especially...

And we unite our voices in the prayer of our savior, 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. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

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
And one with all who walk in his way—
serving with compassion,
loving without condition,
And following wherever he leads.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all are served.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**God of grace, thank you for feeding us at this table.
Keep us close to the way of Jesus,
and send us out to love and serve in your name.
Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale

Ariana DuPont
L.Boëllmann

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 9/7	9:00	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Pastor Stephanie's office
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Pastor Bailey's office
	10:00	COFFEE HOUR (RALLY DAY)	Fellowship Hall
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Fellowship Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Pastor Stephanie's office
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Pastor Bailey's office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALLY DAY Join us for Rally Day on **Sunday, September 7th** at 10 AM for bagels, donuts, and coffee following 9 AM worship as we kick off our new program year!

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY SMALL GROUP Our Adult Bible Study will begin again on **Sunday, September 14th** 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 Book of Luke this fall.

KIDS CLUB MOVIE NIGHT Kids in grades K-6, join us on **September 12th** from 5-7 PM to watch *VeggieTales: Jonah* with pizza and popcorn! See more info in the e-news.

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY On **September 13th** from 10 AM–12 PM, join us at Gravity Hill Farm in Titusville as we help harvest fresh vegetables for those in need. Come as a family, bring a friend, or join on your own—TMPC’s Kids, Families, and Youth are all invited to serve together!

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.

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*

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *September 7th-14th*: *Vaughan Grundy, Erika Rotella, Abby Rotella and Zach Rotella.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Friday September 12th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, play games, and complete a service project. Offered every 2 nd Friday of the month.
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	Sundays at 10:00 AM (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>
ROOTED IN THE WORD (HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE AND BOOK STUDY)	Sundays at 10:00 AM (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 st - October 12 th . <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby and Garrett Bostwick</i>

THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP	Sundays at 6:00 PM 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>
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	September 14th 10:00 AM Conference Room	AO gathers for either a book or Bible study, fellowship, and mission. <i>Led by Marci Capel</i>
MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S MINISTRY	Mondays at 9:30 AM Conference 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 and 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM Conference 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	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.
ART HISTORY	3rd Tuesdays (September thru April) at 6:00 PM 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>
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	Wednesday September 17th	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>
TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)	Tuesday September 30th 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	Sunday September 14th 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, with potluck sides, salads, and desserts. <i>Led by Melissa Michael</i>

FISHERMAN'S MARK	Tuesday October 7th 8:30 AM	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>
<i>See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission</i>		