



July 7, 2024

The disciples came up and asked, “Why do you tell stories?”

He replied, “You’ve been given insight into God’s kingdom. You know how it works... Whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the insights and understandings flow freely. But if there is no readiness, any trace of receptivity soon disappears. That’s why I tell stories: to create readiness, to nudge the people toward a welcome awakening.

Matthew 13:11-15 MSG

WELCOME!!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship 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 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 anytime. Please follow along and respond when the type is bold and stand, as you are able, when there is 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 then go to Sunday School. Be sure to register your child of 4 years old through 5th grade. If your child prefers to stay with you in worship, there are activity baskets with crayons and activity sheets 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. To find the nursery room, please exit at the front of the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area, go up the steps and turn left. You will find it at the end of the hall on the left.

RESTROOMS

If you need to use the restroom, please exit the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area and go up the steps. Turn right and the restroom is on your left.

COMMON HOUR

TMPC has an hour between services that is 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 are visiting with us today, we would love to share a visitor bag with more information and a gift for you. If you have any questions about TMPC, don't hesitate to speak to an usher or a pastor!

Be sure to look at our website www.tmpc.org for more information, events, and on-line giving. We are glad to share in your faith journey!

7th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude in e BWV 941

Ariana DuPont
J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeffrey Berry

The kingdom of heaven often comes humbly, working in quiet and mysterious ways.

Like a speck of yeast, the work of God sometimes seems hidden, and yet, so often small things can have the power to transform the world.

God's work may not always be so obvious, but it surely brings about great change.

The Lord's presence grows quietly within us, changing us and bringing new life and hope to those around us.

Let us worship the God who works in the small and the hidden, bringing forth great and mighty things.

We come to worship, trusting in God's power to transform us and the world. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 346

ST. THOMAS

For the Healing of the Nations

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeffrey Berry

Loving God, we confess that we often overlook the small ways you work in our lives. We are quick to seek the grand and the obvious, neglecting the quiet growth of your Spirit within us. We doubt the power of small acts of kindness and faithfulness, and we fail to recognize your presence in the everyday moments. Forgive us, Lord, for our impatience and lack of trust. Help us to see your hand in little things and to trust that you are working for good even when we cannot see it. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jeffrey Berry

Hear the good news: God's love is ever-present, quietly working within us to bring about transformation and growth. Even when we are hesitant to confess our sin, God is at work pouring grace and forgiveness on us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus is my Friend

Annalise Heckman
Grace Hegy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Place prayer cards in the basket as the deacons come forward.)

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:20-21 (NT pg 76)

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Berceuse

Ariana DuPont
Benjamin Godard

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606

OLD HUNDRETH

***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

HYMN NO. 530

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
One Bread One Body

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. O Lord, our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In the beginning you formed us and made us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you, chose our own way and refused to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still you call us your own. You sent prophets to call us back to you and then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for us, you sent your Son to be one of us, to redeem us and to heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful in 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. Hosannah in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the Highest.**

You are holy, O God and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us knowing joy and sorrow.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened the eyes of the blind and broke bread with outcasts and sinners. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life.

We celebrate his dying and rising and we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we surrender our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

We turn to you in this holy moment and we offer you our prayers and petitions, especially...

And we unite our voices in the holy prayer of our Savior, together 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.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. May we,

who partake of this holy meal, be united in Him, strengthened to serve the world in His name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Eat the bread as you are served – Hold the cup until all have been served)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

God of grace and glory, in this holy meal, we have tasted the sweet surrender of our lives to Your loving care. Filled with hope and nourished by Your presence, we are reminded of the beauty of a life lived in total trust in You.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

America the Beautiful

Ariana DuPont
Samuel A. Ward

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 7/7	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)	Room 122-124
	10:00	COFFEE HOUR	Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

SECURITY UPDATE Our new security system for the building is installed and live! At this time there will be no noticeable changes to building access. All changes will be done in phase and will be communicated throughout the process. To learn more, please attend a meeting on **Sunday August 11th at 10:00 AM** during the Common Hour to ask questions and discuss these changes.

GENERATOR UPDATE Last Friday the generator went live! Thank you all for your patience as we look forward to days without losing power over a storm!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP AND PIZZA Please join us on **Saturday July 13th** at 10:00 AM to help enhance our beautiful cemetery by assisting in removing grave decorations that have been damaged due to lawn maintenance and other general clean up. Pizza and good conversations will start at 12:00 PM. Please meet in the upper church parking lot and see the e-news for sign up. Thanks!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE We will be having a blood drive at TMPC on **Monday July 15th** from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter “TMPC” when prompted to schedule an appointment.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Do you have a heart for kids and some time to spare? We're seeking volunteers for our Vacation Bible School (VBS). Adults and teens welcome! Email 567@tmpc.org to learn more and sign up! Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) has now opened registration! This year we are offering two great camps at TMPC- there will be a morning Vacation Bible School and an afternoon sports camp! Both camps will be held from **August 12th – 16th**. Please visit tmpc.org/camp to register and for more information.

GRIEF SHARE We would like to continue to offer our Grief Share Ministry this fall. We could use 1-2 more people on the rotating team of teachers. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will get you the training you need. This meaningful 6-week study group might just be the right fit for your gifts to help someone in the difficult season of grieving.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

DAILY TEXT MESSAGES Our daily text messages are back! 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. To receive this message, email office@tmpc.org

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Tim Bradley, Carol Carpenter, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Debbie Hart Nuzzo, Callie Hoffman, Pam Mills, Susan Nemzoff, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Tom Thatcher, Holly Tomkovitz, Bob Tomlinson, and Doris Wessner. *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 July 7th – 14th: *Margie MacKay, Jessica Nemzoff, Benjamin Keoppen, and Suzanne Henrich.*

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY Anyone can order altar flowers in general, 'In Memory Of', 'In Honor Of' or 'In Celebration Of' a loved one for \$45. Check the e-news for the flower form. You can pay via tmpc.org/give or make your check payable to TMPC and write "altar flowers" in the memo line. You may also donate to the General Flower Fund on tmpc.org/give.

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) Each month, TMPC members and friends go to the facility in Trenton and assist with serving the mid-day meal **9:45 AM -1:00 PM**; our next time is **July 25th and 30th**. Those who want to carpool meet at TMPC parking lot at 9:15 AM. Contact Chuck Green if interested in participating or have any questions at cgreen1030@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY MEAL Please join us for our next Community Meal at TMPC on **Sunday July 14th from 12:15-1:15 PM**. in Fellowship Hall. We will need volunteers to help our coordinators with making and bringing homemade food items, setting up the Fellowship Hall after the service, and cleaning up after the meal. Invite your neighbors and family members to this Open Table Community Meal at TMPC!

TMPC FOOD DRIVE Our local pantries need items to stock their shelves for those they serve. Your contributions are a blessing to our

neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. Our next food drive is on **Wednesday July 17th**. You can leave donations from 10:00-10:30 AM that day at our food pantry inside the church, or during office hours before the 17th. See the e-news for a list of needed items and for sign ups. Thank you!

FISHERMAN’S MARK The next Meals for Fisherman’s Mark meal prep will be on Tuesday, **August 6th**. More details will be provided closer to that date. Thank you for your continued support.



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