



June 30, 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!

6th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 30th, 2024

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude BWV 934

Ariana DuPont
J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steven Sailer

We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's word, God's love, and God's hope. We ask God to lift us up.

We welcome God to live among us.

We seek to learn in stillness.

We listen for a call to action.

We hope for God to reveal his kingdom among us.

We long to usher in God's kingdom together in the name of Jesus.

May God show up this morning.

May we show up as well, and may we encounter the living God in worship. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 14

DIX

*For the Beauty of the Earth
(v. 1, 2, 4, and 5)*

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steven Sailer

Loving God, we come to you in humble honesty. And in our honesty, we admit that there are times when we act differently with others

than we do with you. We seek and receive understanding from you, but we withhold it from others. We love that you love us exactly as we are, yet we want people to change so that we can even like them. God, help us to understand that there is no “they” in your kingdom-only “us.” Remind us of the safety that comes with belonging to you and to each other, and help us to invite everyone we meet into that safety.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Steven Sailer

Let's be sure of this and know it deep in our bones; God loves us. God loves us because God *IS* love; God's love has no conditions, no strings attached, and no performance required. God forgives us because God *IS* forgiveness in Jesus Christ; and God rejoices over us because we are God's children. Nothing can ever change that.

Thank you, Lord. Amen!

*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

Ye People, Rend Your Hearts

PJ Heckman
F. Mendelssohn

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jaimie Salt

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NT pg. 14-15)

SERMON

Bill Stauffer

*HYMN NO. 215

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love is This

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

Bourrée in E Minor BWV 996

Ariana DuPont
J.S. Bach

*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

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ariana DuPont
Andante Op. 72 No. 5 F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 6/30	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
	10:00	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Fellowship Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Rooms 122-124

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH OF JULY SCHEDULE Please note that the office will be closed on **Thursday July 4th** and **Friday July 5th** in observance of Independence Day. We will also have only one service on **Sunday, July 7th** at 9 am in Fellowship Hall.

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 phases that will be communicated throughout the process. To learn more, please attend a meeting on **Sunday August 4th at 10:00 AM** during the Common Hour to ask questions and discuss these changes.

GENERATOR UPDATE The generator is installed and hooked up and we will be running the final tests this week. The plan is for the generator to be running and fully operational next week!

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 *June 30th – July 7th*: *Anne Peshek, Sheila Power, Linda Bishop, Rachel Wanat, and Margie MacKay.*

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. Please use our link on our website tmpc.org/giving. Simply select the 'Order Flowers' button or

'Donate to the Flower Fund' button or make your check payable to TMPC and write "flower fund" on the memo line.

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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