



July 14, 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](http://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](http://www.tmpc.org) for more information, events, and on-line giving. We are glad to share in your faith journey!

8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

PRELUDE

*Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*

Ariana DuPont  
Georg Böhm

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of heaven is like a small, growing seed.

**Even though it's just a seed, it is full of potential. From humble beginnings, there is so much more in store than we can imagine.**

It's growth is so great, even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.

**In just the same way, God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts. Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us, that they may grow into more than we could ask or imagine. AMEN.**

\*HYMN NO. 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Diligent Lord, who watches over us at all times, be with us all these days. We confess that we have allowed a host of worries and frustrations to crowd out your Word for us. As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful disciples. Gently visit us again with your**

**healing powers. Restore our hope and courage and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in the name of the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Here is some wonderful news! While we were worrying and fretting, God has been at work in our lives offering healing and peace. Receive these gifts in the name and love of the Lord our God.

**Thanks be to God for grace and peace. 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

Heather Brewer

*How Can I Keep From Singing* Arr. S.DeFord/ J. Loynes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-32 (NT pg. 14-15)

SERMON

\*HYMN NO. 65

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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

*Adoration*

Ariana DuPont  
Florence B. Price

\*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

*Vivace*

Ariana DuPont  
Franz Joseph Hadyn

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **SUNDAY CALENDAR**

<b>Sun 7/14</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 122-124
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	10:00	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Rooms 122-124
	12:15-1:15	Community Meal	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 phases that will be communicated throughout the process. To learn more, please attend a meeting on **Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** during the Common Hour to ask questions and discuss these changes.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** We will be having a blood drive at TMPC on **Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter “TMPC” when prompted to schedule an appointment.

**FISHERMAN’S MARK BACKPACK DRIVE** TMPC is once again supporting Fisherman’s Mark Backpack drive to ensure all community children are prepared for the new school year coming up. Please provide all contributions by **Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>** in the designated box under the Table of Well-Wishing. Please see the e-news for more information and for complete supply wish list.

**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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please visit [tmpc.org/camp](http://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.

**WOMENS RETREAT** Save the Date! TMPC will host a women's retreat for all women and their friends. The retreat will be **November 15-17** at Ocean Grove Retreat Center in Ocean Grove, NJ. Block out those dates and plan to attend!! More information to come.

## ***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](mailto:office@tmpc.org)

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME** Doug Berry, Tim Bradley, Carol Carpenter, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Doris Holmquist, 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](mailto:apybobba@aol.com)*

**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *July 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>*: *Suzanne Henrich, Doris Holmquist, Sean Ozias, and Schulyer Cauley.*

**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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:cgreen1030@comcast.net).

**COMMUNITY MEAL** Please join us for our next Community Meal at TMPC on **Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>**. More details will be provided closer to that date. Thank you for your continued support.



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