



April 20, 2025

Easter 9 AM Service

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!

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20th, 2025

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

We Welcome Glad Easter

Combined Bell Choir
arr. B. Childers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Do you know who died for me?

Children's Choir
arr. R. Gieseke

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Fran Volski

This is the day that changes everything. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. Hope has been unleashed.

**We thought it was the end—
grief sealed the tomb,
and joy felt lost.**

But the grave couldn't hold back love.

So, come as you are, dressed in your Sunday best, or with your heart in pieces. Come if faith is alive in you, or if you're not sure you believe anything.

Come and dare to hope again.

Because Jesus is alive.

Here. Now. In us. With us.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
(see musical insert)

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fran Volski

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of resurrection,
we confess that even on Easter morning,
we can forget what hope feels like.**

**We've grown used to disappointment,
so we brace ourselves for more.
We've gotten good at guarding our hearts—
so much so that we struggle to recognize joy when
it arrives.**

**We do believe, O God.
Help our unbelief.
Roll away the stones of fear and cynicism.
Make space in us for wonder,
for courage,
for resurrection.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fran Volski

**Christ is risen, and with him rises the promise that nothing—not
fear, not doubt, not even death— can separate us from the**

love of God. So hear and believe this good news: You are forgiven and made new.

Alleluia! 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.

ANTHEM

Adult and Children's Choir
Canticle for Easter arr. D. E. Williams

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 (NT pg 114-115)

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 246

TRURO

Christ is Alive!
(see musical insert)

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

Alleluia! Hear the Bells Ringing!

Adult Bell Choir
arr. L. Scholes

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*BENEDICTION

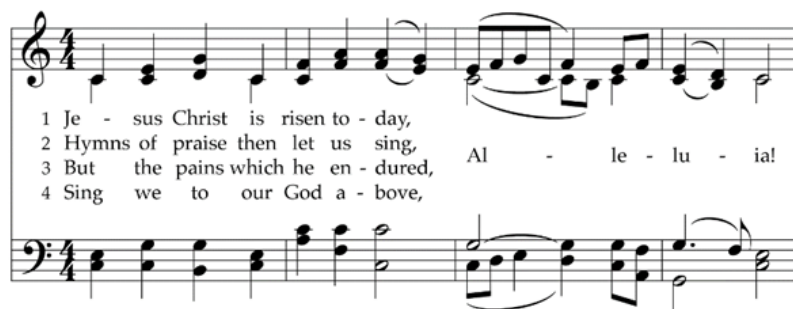
POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Ariana DuPont
J.J. Pinkston

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

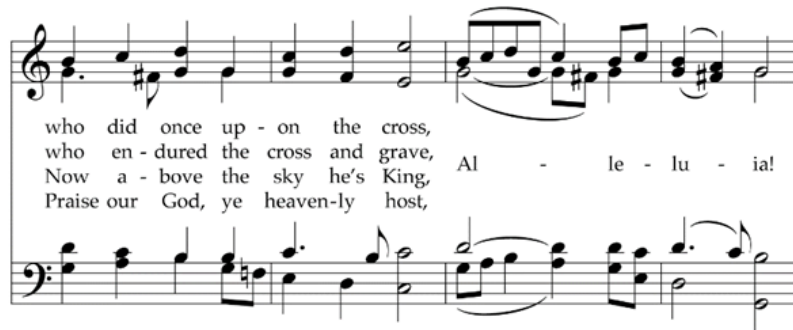
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



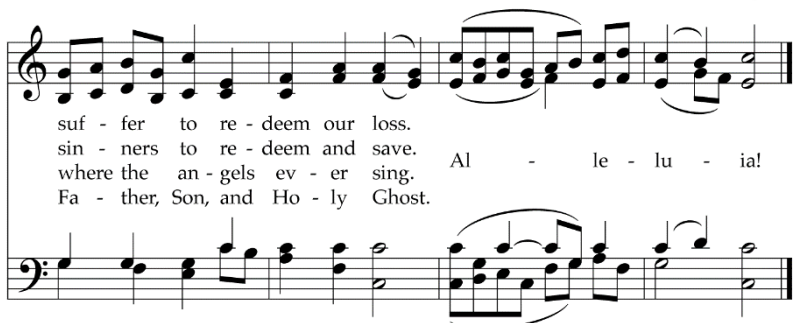
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 04/20	6:30	SUNRISE SERVICE	
	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	EASTER BRUNCH	Fellowship Hall
	10:30	COMMUNION SERVICE	
	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

~The Easter flowers today were provided by the Men's Group~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE Please join us for our Spring Rummage Sale on **April 25th** from **9 AM – 5 PM**, and **April 26th** from **9 AM – 12 PM**. Sorting will take place on April 23rd and 24th. We will be accepting clean, gently used clothing items in good or like new condition as well as small housewares items, footwear, toys, small home furnishings and art, working small electronics, and tools beginning April 1st (drop off in the Chapel during office hours). Proceeds will go toward Urban Promise and other local missions. Contact Tim Sandford for more information.

“THIS IS MY STORY” SUNDAY For worship on **Sunday April 27th**, we are looking for participants to share a 3–4 minute story of how you’ve experienced God at work in your life! Find more information in the e-news.

SERVE WEEKEND Our Serve Weekend will be held on **May 3rd and 4th**. Twice a year in May and November, TMPC members and the community join together in a weekend of service. Everyone signs up to complete service projects that help our neighbors in need by partnering with local mission and service organizations. We look forward to seeing you there!

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING LUNCH Stick around after SERVE Weekend on Sunday **May 4th** for a lovely Native American inspired meal and help TMPC

youth fundraise for their mission trip to Arizona this summer! Tickets will be \$20. Sign up on the website.

NEW HOPE PRIDE Thompson is Marching in the New Hope Pride Parade for our fourth consecutive year on **Saturday May 17th!** Find the order form for t-shirts and more in the e-news.

NEW MEMBER LUNCH Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of TMPC? us for a new member information lunch on **May 18th** after worship for an informative lunch. Find the sign up on the website or e-news.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Doug Berry, Dottie Blake, Tim Bradley, Gary Brooks, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Betty Hart, Ulla Heinicke, Pam Mills, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raiké, Brenda Redfield, Bert Sandford, Tom Thatcher, Darlene Tomlinson, Arlene Whitticar 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 *April 20th-27th: Jennifer Haubrich, Robbie Kay, Lawrence Beley, and Sandy Barford.*

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 in the e-news to order flowers and send a check to the Church office

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Friday May 16th 5:30 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 3 rd Friday of the month.
STUDENT MINISTRY (TSM)	Sundays at 6:00-8:00 PM Youth Room	TSM meets to eat, play games, get to know each other, and explore our faith.
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	Sundays at 10:00 AM 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>
Contact Bailey Heckman with any questions at bheckman@tmpc.org		

SMALL GROUPS

ALPHA OMEGA	Sunday April 27th 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 comes together for fellowship, book discussion, and time in prayer. <i>Led by Mike Wert</i>
ART HISTORY SMALL GROUP	Tuesday May 20th 6:00 PM Conference Room	Our Art History Small Group aims to explore how different artists throughout history have depicted biblical narratives, comparing the works of influential Renaissance artists to modern interpretations. <i>Led by Zena Kirby</i>
NORMAL PEOPLE* BIBLE STUDY	Wednesdays at 7:00 PM	<i>*Skeptics, Sinners, Saints, and Everyone In-Between!</i> Book and Bible study to broaden understanding of how to live and love like Jesus. <i>Led by Bill Stauffer</i>
SERMON TALKS	Thursdays at 9:00 AM	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	Wednesday May 21st	You can leave donations from 10:00-10:30 AM that day at our food pantry inside the church, or during office hours prior to the event. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach</i>
TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)	Tuesday May 20th Thursday May 22nd	9:45 AM -1:00 PM Those who want to carpool meet at TMPC parking lot at 9:15 AM. <i>Led by Chuck Green</i>
COMMUNITY MEAL	Sunday May 11th	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 May 6th	8:30 AM Meets monthly to put together 100 meals for Fisherman's Mark and are then delivered weekly to those who cannot get to the food pantry. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
See more information, sign ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visit tmpc.org/mission		