



April 5, 2026

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 seen 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 and an 11:00 AM Contemporary service with praise music in the Sanctuary. 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.

RESTROOMS

If you need to use the restroom, please exit the Sanctuary to the right of the altar area and go up the stairs to the bathroom adjacent to the Community Room. There are also additional restrooms down the hallway past the Kids Ministry Rooms.

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.

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!

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5th, 2026

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection

Combined Bell Choir
arr. F.L. Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Fran Volski

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Darkness has been defeated, death has lost its sting, and the
tomb is empty.

Thanks be to God, who gives us life!

*HYMN NO. 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
(see musical insert)

EASTER HYMN

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 heav-en-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 heav-en-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.

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fran Volski

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, and for resurrection. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Fran Volski

The peace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen

Adult and Children's Choir

arr. Joseph M. Martin

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)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Easter Bells

Adult Bell Choir

Michael Ryan

*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!**

Christ Is Alive!

246

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: Easter people, come now to the table with Christ!

Two: For he is risen! He lives, and he presides at this feast!

One: Come, eat together the bread of life!

Two: For he is risen, and nothing separates us from God's love!

One: Come, drink together from the cup of gladness!

Two: For Christ is risen—risen as he said!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, on this day, you rolled away the stone and broke the power of death. The tomb was empty, the grave could not hold your Son, and life triumphant shone forth. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who comes to us in word and meal, in joy and in sorrow, in triumph and in fear.

You have made all things new: the earth, the heavens, our hearts, and our lives. We give you thanks and praise that the work you started in creation has come to fullness in the

resurrection. Through Jesus, you show us that your promises were true. Promises to liberate us from bondage, promises to save your people, promises that we would come to experience the magnitude of your love for us. Reveal your promises to us again today as we join in the feast of our savior.

Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that earth has given and human hands have made. Bless also this fruit of the vine, created for our gladness. Make them the food and drink of everlasting life.

Together, as God's people, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

As we rejoice in the resurrection, give us love for each other, and make us servants of peace, until your new realm is revealed and every heart knows it has been set free. We pray in the name of Jesus, our host and our feast, who taught us to say:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all have been served. All cups are filled with grape juice, and we also have gluten-free crackers in the center.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of resurrection, we thank You for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May Your Spirit empower us to live as Easter people who are alive in hope, fearless in love, and bold in witness. Through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, be with us now and forevermore.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon on "Let us Rejoice"

Ariana DuPont
Henri Carol

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

~This Easter Sunday, we extend a special thank you to our guest trumpet player, Leonardo Naranjo, for the extraordinary playing this morning~

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 4/5	6:30	SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE	Community Room
	9:00	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Gathering Hall
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms
	10:00	EASTER COFFEE HOUR	Commons
	10:00	Easter Egg Hunt	Sanctuary
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Gathering Hall
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Our e-news gets sent out every Friday via email. We also send out additional reminders for important dates and events in the life of our church. It's a great way to stay in touch with all things Thompson Church! Scan the QR code here to sign up!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED On **Easter Monday, April 6th**, the office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th.

“THIS IS MY STORY” SUNDAY Plan to join us for meaningful testimonies of God working in the lives of our members **next Sunday, April 12th**. Stories will be shared at both services. Additionally, we will be graced with the musical gifts of missionaries with UrbanPromise International who will share local music from their native African countries.

NEW MEMBER LUNCH Are you Interested in learning more about joining Thompson? On **Sunday, April 19**, we will host a new member lunch at 12:00 pm to talk about what it looks like to follow Jesus together in this place. Join us! Sign up using the QR code here.



REVELATION SPEAKER AND LUNCH Sunday, April 19th and 26th we will offer a brief two-week sermon series on the book of Revelation. On April 26th, Dr. Greg Carey, professor of New Testament at Moravian Seminary, will preach and offer a lunch workshop on the famous biblical book. See sign up in the e-news.

LAMBERTVILLE/NEW HOPE PRIDE PARADE Saturday, May 16th - Parade starts at 11 in Lambertville, and ends in New Hope. See the e-news for more information!

RUMMAGE SALE The Rummage Sale will take place on **April 24th and 25th**, with donations being accepted starting **April 6th** in the trailer in the upper parking lot. Drop-offs will be accepted Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM, and on Sundays during worship.

SERVE WEEKEND Serve Weekend is **May 2nd and 3rd!** See the e-news for sign up!

BOOK STUDY Join us for a 4-week book study on the New York Times Best Selling Book, titled, Color of Compromise: The Truth About The American Church's Complicity in Racism, **Wednesday nights in April** at 7 PM in Room 132. See the sign-up in the e-news.

BUILDING WHAT MATTERS CAMPAIGN UPDATE We are thrilled with the amazing space God has provided for us! As of today, we still need to raise \$323K (out of \$4 million). If you would like to contribute in any way to help us reach our goal, please write Building Campaign in the memo line of your check or choose Building Campaign in the drop-down menu at www.tmpc.org/give

VBS 2026 Vacation Bible School and Camp Thompson will be July 27th - 31st, and registration is LIVE! VBS is a FREE camp. Children from 4 years old through those who have completed 5th grade are invited to join us for games, music, storytelling, & crafts! Camp Thompson is an extended day program that costs \$75/child for the week. We ask that kids bring a packed lunch to eat before we begin our activities, and we'll play games, create art, and do other activities together! Use the QR code to register now!



CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Ulla Heinicke, Jane Mayrhofer, Nancy Morabito, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Nancy Quanstrom, Dick Vestal, Fran Volski, Arlene and Doc Whitticar, and George Wislar. *If you have someone to add to our prayer chain, please send your request to Alison Yearley at apybobba@aol.com*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY Christopher Campbell, Sean Kielty, Christian Mirande, Jim O'Donnell, Matt Peshek, and Will Schaub.

TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthdays between *April 5th-12th*: *Patti Ann Ridgway, Jane Haubrich, Peggy Rowlett, Doc Whitticar, and Noel Fales.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Every 2nd Friday 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. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	Sundays at 10:00 AM (September thru June) Community Room	Rotating rehearsals for groups that perform during worship about once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. <i>Led by Tricia Murphy</i>
THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP	Sundays at 6:00 PM The Lounge	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	April 12th 10:00 AM Room 132	AO gathers for either a book or Bible study, fellowship, and mission. <i>Led by Marci Capel</i>
MEN OF A CERTAIN AGE	April 19th, and May 10th 10:00 AM Room 132	Men of a Certain Age provides a space for men to connect, share, and navigate life's challenges. They are now studying <i>How the Bible Actually Works</i> by Pete Enns. <i>Led by Garrett Bostwick</i>
NORMAL PEOPLE* BIBLE STUDY	Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Kids Ministry Green Room	<i>*Skeptics, Sinners, Saints, and Everyone In-Between!</i> Join us in combining book and Bible study to help broaden our understanding of how to live and love like Jesus as everyday, normal people (see the definition of "normal" people).
MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S MINISTRY	Mondays at 9:30 AM Community 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 Community 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 Community Room	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. <i>This group is led by the pastor who is giving the sermon on Sunday.</i>
ART HISTORY	May 12th at 5:30 PM Conference Room	This group examines how artists across eras have expressed their lives and shaped culture, with a focus on gender equality and celebrating diverse voices, past, and present. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	Wednesday May 20th	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 March 31st 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	Every 2nd Sunday 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 5th 8:30 AM	Meets monthly at the church to put together 100 meals for Fisherman's Mark, and they are then delivered weekly to those who cannot get to the food pantry. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY MEAL	Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12:00 PM	We're looking for volunteers who can help the day of the meal or are willing to bring desserts for the meal for our neighbors in Lambertville, NJ. Our meal will take place at the Lambertville Presbyterian Church at 31 N Union Street. <i>Led by Jeff Campbell</i>
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission		

2026 TMPC VBS

Wonderfully Made

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made
PSALMS 139:14

THOMPSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

2026

Also Offered!

Extended Day Camp (12-3 PM), rising 1st-6th grade. \$75. See QR code for details.

SCAN

JULY 27-31 9AM-12PM

CAMP THOMPSON CREATE & PLAY

NEW HOPE PRESCHOOL

at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

NEW HOPE PRESCHOOL
LEARN • DISCOVER • SERVE

OPEN HOUSE
April 11, 2026
10:00am-12:00pm

- Tour our Building •
- Meet the Teachers •
- Learn About Enrollment •

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