



June 9, 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 livestreamed and recorded and can be viewed anytime on [www.tmpc.org](http://www.tmpc.org). 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!

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

PRELUDE

*Agnus Dei*

Adult Bell Choir  
arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

O, How I Love Jesus  
Cherub Choir & Children's Choir  
Traditional

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are like seeds in the wind, set free by the Sower.

**The hand of God saves us from the rocky pathways and the thorny ground.**

Here, we find the good soil again.

**Here, the Holy Spirit nurtures us and leads us deeper, toward who we were created to be.**

Come, let us worship God, who has a plan of abundance and a future of flourishing for us.

\*HYMN NO. 450

*Be Thou My Vision*  
*(verses 1, 2, and 4)*

SLANE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us take a moment to confess our shortcomings and failures before God, knowing that in God's grace, there is always the opportunity for renewal and growth.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that at times, our hearts have been hardened, our minds distracted, and our spirits closed off to your word.**

We have allowed the worries and cares of this world to crowd out your voice and your truth.

**Forgive us, O God, and cultivate within us a spirit of humility and receptivity, and that we may again be ready to receive your word and grow in faith.**

May we bear fruit in abundance, reflecting your love, mercy, and grace to the world around us.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, who sows the seeds of truth and love in our hearts, we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Know that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abounds far beyond our failings. In the tender care of God, even the most hardened heart can be softened, and the most barren ground can bear fruit.

**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.**

ANTHEM

*We Shall Overcome*

With One Voice Choir  
arr. Shelton Ridge Love

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-10, 18-22 (NT pg 13-14)

SERMON

\*HYMN NO. 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

ASSURANCE

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

*Jesu, Meine Freude BWV 227*

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

With One Voice Choir  
Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut BWV 48

Ariana DuPont  
J.S. Bach

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

***The altar flowers this morning are given by Barbara Pisani in honor of her Granddaughter, Gabrielle Rae (Ellie) Pisani, for graduating with Honors this past Friday from the Hun School of Princeton.***

### **SUNDAY CALENDAR**

<b>Sun 6/9</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 – 5th Grade)	Rooms 122-124
	12:15-1:15	Community Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:00-8:00	Youth Group	Youth Room	

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNETEENTH** The Inclusivity Team is looking for volunteers to join them at the "Juneteenth at the Mercer" celebration on **Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>**. This event is being held on the green of the Mercer Museum from 11 AM – 4 PM. See the e-news to sign up and for more information.

**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.

**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.

## ***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** Tim Bradley, Carol Carpenter, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Debbie Hart Nuzzo, Callie Hoffman, Pam Mills, 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 *June 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>*: *Daniel Guest, Macie Perry, Aimee Owens, Andrea Chronister, Billy Malamis, Connor Chinoy, Trevor Donohoe, Alicia Law, and Matt Delehey.*

**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***

**COMMUNITY MEAL** Please join us for our Community Meal at TMPC on **Sunday June 9<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 for this Open Table Community Meal at TMPC!

**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>. See the e-news for a list of needed items and for sign ups. Thank you!

**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).



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