



September 28, 2025

*I am the way – Come to me when you feel lost
I am the truth – when the world feels full of lies
I am the life – when everything else feels like death*

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 in the Sanctuary 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. The Nursery is currently being held in Pastor Stephanie's office, and Sunday School is located in Pastor Bailey's office or the Conference Room, depending on space availability.

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 bathrooms adjacent 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!

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28th, 2025

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Invocation Op.18. No.3

Ariana DuPont

A. Guilmant

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Sailer

Come, people of God: not because you have everything in order, not because our lives are neat or predictable, but because you hope that God's ways and God's words can fill you, calm you, and fuel you.

**We come hungry for the life that Jesus promises,
thirsty for God's presence, and ready to be shaped,
molded, and changed.**

Jesus sought the Father in worship and prayer. Let us also come to let God form us into people who follow, not just with our words, but with our lives.

**Shape us, O God. Form us in your way. Make our
hearts your dwelling place as we worship today.**

*HYMN NO. 726

KELVINGROVE

Will You Come and Follow Me

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Steve Sailer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we do not pray enough,
and when we do, it is often hurried or distracted.
We confess that we worship on our terms,
not always with hearts fully open to your Spirit.
We confess that other priorities claim our time,
while you call us into rhythms of prayer, silence, and
listening. Forgive us, O God, for the ways we resist
being formed by your Spirit. Teach us to follow the
way of Jesus, to be shaped by your Word, your
presence, your practice. Mold us into a people who
love, serve, and pray with intention, courage, and joy.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:

The same God who drew the disciples out of their old lives and
into new life offers these same promises to us today:

**That we might know we are forgiven, redeemed, and
set free. Praise God who gives us new life in Christ.**

*SUNG RESPONSE NO. 582

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Steve Sailer

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

To Praise the Lord

Vocal Trio
J.M. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Place prayer cards in the baskets as the deacons come forward)

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-20 (NT pg 61)
Luke 6:12-16 (NT pg 64)

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 432

REPTON

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

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

Concerto in Bb for bassoon
Amanda Pfannenstiel
W.A. Mozart

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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***

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

Ariana DuPont

J.G.Walther

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*~The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of Denise
Matulis from her husband, Al Matulis~*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 9/28	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)	Kids Ministry Rooms
	10:00	COFFEE HOUR	Atrium
	11:00	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHASE 1 TOURS We will be hosting guided tours through our newly renovated spaces on **Sunday, September 28th at 10 AM and 12 PM.**

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES Help send Halloween care packages to our college students! Drop goodies from our upcoming Amazon list in the box in the atrium. See e-news for more info.

LUKE FOR EVERYONE Order a companion commentary book that follows this sermon series. See the e-news for a link to order and stay tuned for more information on ways you can learn more about the Gospel of Luke this fall.

FALL FEST Save the date for Fall Fest—Sunday, October 26th, from 2-4 PM at Pat Livezey Park in New Hope, PA! More information to come.

RUN TMPC Head on over to the TMPC app and check out our “Groups” section to join our new running club, Run TMPC! Members meet periodically to run throughout the surrounding area.

LAMBERTVILLE LUNCH Join us for our first Community Meal in Lambertville **October 8th at 12 PM** at Lambertville Presbyterian Church! As part of our Bridge Ministry, we will be hosting a monthly meal for our neighbors in Lambertville. Come and help serve or come to enjoy the meal - all are welcome!

NEW MEMBER CLASS Learn about how to become a member at TMPC with an informative luncheon on **Sunday October 12th at 12 PM.**

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Doug Berry, Tim Bradley, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Ulla Heinicke, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Brenda Redfield, Bert Sandford, Tom Thatcher, and Arlene Whitticar. *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 *September 28th - October 5th: Cheryl Boyle, Layna Heckman, Evan Clark, Carol Sager, Matt Fisher, Colleen Guest, and Kathy Bradley.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	Friday October 10th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Offered every 2 nd Friday)	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, play games, and complete a service project.
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	Sundays at 10:00 AM (starting in September) 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>
ROOTED IN THE WORD	Sundays at 10:00 AM (starting September 21) Kids Ministry Rooms	Students in grades 9-12th will be studying/reading <i>Crazy Love</i> by Francis Chan from September 21 st - October 12 th . <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby and Garrett Bostwick</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	October 5th 10:00 AM Room 132	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 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 Room 132	This group gathers for fellowship, book discussions, and time in prayer. <i>Led by Mike Wert</i>
SERMON TALKS	Thursdays at 9:30 AM	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.
ART HISTORY	3rd Tuesdays (September thru April) at 6:00 PM Room 132	The aim is to explore how different artists throughout history have depicted biblical narratives, comparing the works of the four most influential Renaissance artists (Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Donatello) to modern interpretations. <i>Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby</i>
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	Wednesday October 15th	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 September 30th 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	Sunday October 12th 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 October 7th 8:30 AM	Meets monthly to put together 100 meals for Fisherman's Mark, and they are then delivered weekly to those who cannot get to the food pantry. See SUG (when live) for meeting location. <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 visiting tmpc.org/mission		