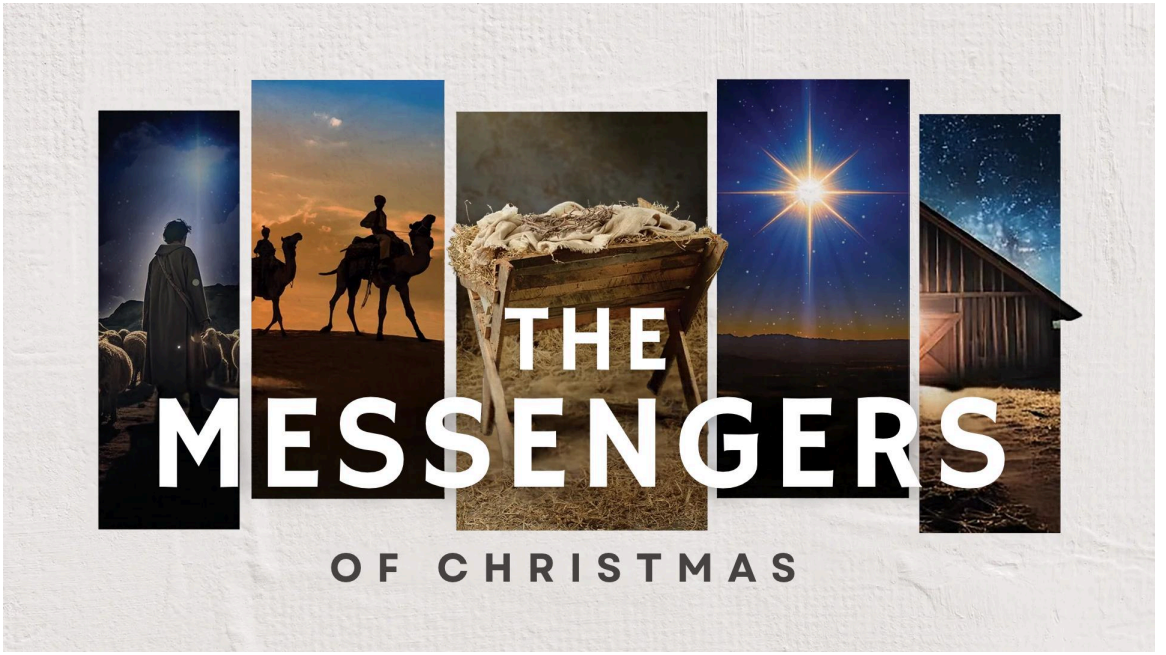


November 29, 2026

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

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!

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT **NOVEMBER 29, 2026**

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Ariana DuPont

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (HOPE)

One: In Advent, the darkness hovers, but God does not abandon us. As we wait for the light, God breaks through with messengers who bring good news of hope, joy, peace, and love.
Two: We light a candle for hope because the world is broken and the wait is long, but hope just won't let go.
One: Hope holds space for our longings and lingers on the edge of a harsh reality, like the dawn gently awakening the sky.
Two: Keep awake, hope whispers, for the world is being made new.
One: So we light one candle because even now we hear a message of hope.

(One purple candle is lit.)

Let us pray:

Lord, you are our hope. Lead us in this Advent season. Lift our eyes to meet your gaze and draw us forward. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 88 VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope, the wait has been long, and we are tired. We confess how easily we let what has happened tell us all that can ever happen. We say, "That's just the way things are," and walk past something that beckons us to change. Forgive us for choosing despair over hope. Help us hear the prophet calling us forward. Give us enough hope to take the next step. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news. God sees a future for us even when we can't see it ourselves. For the times we doubt God's ability to change us or change the world, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are given new hope for God's future. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581 GREATOREX

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC Amanda Pfannenstiel

Et Exultavit from Bach's Magnificat J.S. Bach

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (OT pg 667-668)

SERMON

HYMN NO. 87 GENEVAN 42

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

SILENT PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 Ariana Dupont

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Ariana DuPont

The altar flowers this Sunday are in honor of Pastor Bailey Heckman from Vaughan Grundy

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 11/29	**9:00**	**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**	**Sanctuary**
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms
	10:00	**COFFEE HOUR**	**Commons**
	11:00	**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**	**Gathering Hall**
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20–12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms

STAY CONNECTED WITH TMPC

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!

SIGN UP FOR OUR DAILY TEXTS

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.

If you have issues connecting with TMPC, please contact the office at office@tmpc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INAUGURAL ADVENT EVENT On **Sunday, November 29th** from 5-7 PM, ACT 2 and the TMPC Youth Group are coming together to host TMPC's Inaugural Advent Tree Lighting Ceremony & Event! Join us for the tree-lighting ceremony, prayer, Christmas caroling, cookies, a chocolate fountain, crafts, ornaments, and our Giving Trees. Scan the QR code to sign up!

WELCOME CHURCH Join us on **Sunday, November 29th** as we serve alongside The Welcome Church, a Philadelphia ministry supporting people experiencing homelessness. Volunteers will meet at TMPC at 1 PM to assemble 50 lunch and essentials bags before carpooling to Aviator Park in Philadelphia. We will distribute bags and coffee, connect with our neighbors, and participate in an outdoor worship service. We expect to return to TMPC by 5 PM. All are welcome to join us for this meaningful afternoon of service and fellowship! Sign up in the e-news or on the website.

OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th** due to Thanksgiving and Black Friday and will reopen on Monday, November 30th.

ADVENT GIVING TREES Our Giving Trees are back! This Advent, TMPC is supporting UrbanPromise Trenton by providing gifts for children and teens, and Fisherman's Mark by collecting pet supplies for local families in need. Stop by the Commons to select a tag from either tree, write your name on the sign-up sheet, and return your donations by **Sunday, December 6th**. Help us spread a little extra love and generosity this Advent season!

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Sandy Barford, Ulla Heinicke, Michael Koh, Jane Mayrhofer, Susan Nemzoff, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Nancy Quanstrom, Dick Vestal, Bern Volski, Arlene 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 *November 29th-December 6th: Micah Oxley, Ron Cronise, Christine Rampe, Melissa Michael, Barbara Pope, Laura Kasprow, Monica O'Donnell, Carole Davis, Brad Michael, Jack Sager, Marc Sandford, Ryan Murphy, and Fred Haubrich.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS CLUB	**Alternating 2nd Fridays (Sept–May)** **January 8th** 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Kids Club is for children 4-12 years old. We provide dinner, learn about Jesus, play games, and complete a service project. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby*
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT	**Alternating 2nd Fridays (Oct–June)** **December 11th** 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Drop your children off for THREE hours as they have fun with dinner, games, and a movie. This event is $30.00 per child and helps support the Youth Group as an ongoing fundraiser. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby*
CATERPILLAR CORNER: GROWING WITH JESUS	**Sundays** **(September thru June)** 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM Orange Classroom	Caterpillar Corner: Growing with Jesus welcomes **i**nfants through age 4 to grow in faith through sensory play, expressive arts, Christian songs, and sensory experiences that nurture emotional, social, and developmental growth. *Led by Karlen Senseny*
KIDS CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND CHIMES	**Sundays at 10:00 AM** **(September thru June)** Community Room	Rotating rehearsals for groups that lead music during worship about once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. *Led by Tricia Murphy*
THOMPSON YOUTH GROUP	**Sundays: 3x Monthly** **(Off the 2nd Sunday)** 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Lounge	Students grades 6-12th grade meet for dinner, bible study, devotion, games, and fellowship. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby*
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	**Sundays at 10:00 AM December 6th & 20th** Meeting Rm	Alpha Omega (AO) is an intergenerational women's group that will focus on Book/Bible Studies, Fellowship, and Mission. *Led by Marci Capel*
ACT 2	**See Act 2 table for full list of events and flyers**	ACT 2 is for those in their "second act" of life whatever that age is, offering fun events, fellowship, and opportunities to build Christ-centered friendships. *Led by Kirsten Fleisher*
NORMAL PEOPLE* BIBLE STUDY	**Mondays at 7:00 PM** Commons	**Skeptics, Sinners, Saints, and Everyone In-Between!* 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). *Led by Susie Minno and Garrett Bostwick*
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. *Led by Sue Wert*
TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP	**1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM** Community Room	This group gathers for fellowship, book discussions, and time in prayer. *Led by Mike Wert*
SERMON TALKS	**Thursdays at 9:30 AM** Commons	Join us for Bible Study and laughter. We will use this time to read through and unpack the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. *This group is led by the pastor who is giving the sermon on Sunday.*
SUNDAY DINNER BIBLE STUDY	**4th Sunday at 3:00 PM** Commons	On 4th Sunday evenings, we will join together for a dinner and spiritual food for thought in the Commons. *Led by Louis Marut*
ART HISTORY	**Third Tuesdays at 6:00-8:00 PM** Commons	A member-led group exploring art each month through the interests and passions of its members. *Led by Zena Tredinnick-Kirby & Members*
Contact group leaders by visiting tmpc.org/small-groups		

ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD DRIVE	**Every 3rd Wednesday**	You can leave non-perishable donations from 10:00 to 10:30 AM that day in the box in the main entrance vestibule, or anytime during office hours before the event. *Led by Susan Achenbach*
TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)	**December 17th & 29th** 9:45 AM -1:00 PM	Those who want to carpool meet at the TMPC parking lot at 9:15 AM. *Led by Chuck Green*
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, potluck sides, salads, and desserts. *Led by Melissa Michael*
FISHERMAN'S MARK	**Every 1st Tuesday** 8:30 AM Commons	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. *Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle*
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 meals take place at the Lambertville Presbyterian Church at 31 N Union Street. *Led by Jeff Campbell*
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission		



Advent 1 (November 29th):

9 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11 AM Contemporary Worship in the Gathering Hall

5-7 PM Inaugural Tree Lighting Event

Advent 2 (December 6th):

9 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11 AM Contemporary Worship in the Gathering Hall

Advent 3 (December 13th):

10 AM Worship (featuring the Kid's Musical) in the Gathering Hall

(NO 9 or 11 am worship that day)

Advent 4 (December 20th):

Prelude to Christmas (special music service) at 9 AM

Contemporary worship at 11 AM

