

MLK SUNDAY JAN 18



January 18, 2026

*But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

Amos 5:24 ESV

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 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!

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18th, 2026

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Ariana DuPont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Minno

We gather to worship God,

the One who creates us and loves us.

God blesses us with diversity and calls us into community,

showing us through Jesus Christ how to live with hope and purpose.

God inspires people of every generation—

children, youth, young adults, and elders—to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality.

This same God invites us to join the struggle

for wholeness and well-being for all.

God's presence, grace, and love sustain us in every moment.

And so, we gather to worship God—

to whom all glory, honor, and praise belong.

*HYMN NO. 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We Are One in the Spirit

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

David Minno

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess we are slow to do good, indifferent to injustice, and make halfhearted attempts to live like Jesus. Help us to acknowledge our sins, take responsibility for our actions, and change our behavior. Move us to action with the compassion of your grace, so that we can live out your will on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the truth of our faith: God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind, good news to the poor, and freedom to the oppressed.

We live as loved, forgiven, and free people through the grace of God! Hallelujah! Amen.

*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

David Minno

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Old Time Religious

Adult Choir
Arr. Faye Lopez

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1 (NT pg 190)

SERMON

Freedom

Pastor Jean Jones

*HYMN NO. 834

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

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***

*CLOSING PRAYER *“Yes, Jesus” by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*
Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right side or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right or your best side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition, but I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so we can make of this old world a new world.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Ariana DuPont

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sun 1/18	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 – 5th Grade)	Kids Ministry Rooms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK DAY OF SERVICE Tomorrow, January 19th from 9 AM to 1 PM is our MLK Day of Service! Join us in service as we partner with local mission organizations to complete service projects, hear from speakers and musicians, and make an impact in our community. Find sign up and more info at tmpe.org/mlk.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 22nd**, immediately following the 9 AM worship service in the Sanctuary.

THE BRIDGE COFFEE HOUSE Join us on **January 23rd** at the Kalmia Club in Lambertville for an event with singer/songwriter Caitlyn Deviney. 7:00 PM, no charge, a portion of the donations go to support Fisherman's Mark.

PLEDGES FOR 2026 We have received 106 pledges for 2026! This is great news, and we are on the way to our goal of 121. If you have not yet submitted your 2026 pledge card, please do so as soon as you are able. Your commitment helps our church plan faithfully and responsibly for the year ahead. Pledge cards are available in the atrium and can be returned to the office or completed online at tmpe.org/give.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE Richie Musser will join us in worship on **January**

25th for a Building What Matters Campaign Update. Join us to hear where we are and what it will take to meet our fundraising goals!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES We will be sending care packages to our college students for Valentine's Day. Bring donations by **Sunday, February 8th**. See e-news for more info.

CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME Ulla Heinicke, Jane Mayrhofer, Nancy Morabito, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Nancy Quanstrom, Carl Slack, 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, 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 *January 18th-15th: Christopher Miller, Tricia Murphy, Michael Ebert, Dawn Martini, Jane Mayrhofer, McKenna Cliver, Morgan Cliver, Tyler Nickels, Justin Brewer, Christina Ebert and Lorraine Foltz.*

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.
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>
ROOTED IN THE WORD	Sundays at 10:00 AM Blue Kids Ministry Room	Students in grades 9–12 are invited to an hour of discussion and fellowship. <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@tmpe.org and Tricia Murphy for questions related to music at music@tmpe.org		

SMALL GROUPS

ALPHA OMEGA	January 25th 10:00 AM	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 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.
ART HISTORY	3rd Tuesdays (September thru April) at 6:00 PM Lounge	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 January 21st	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)	Thursday January 22nd Tuesday January 27th 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 February 3rd 8:30 AM See SUG (when live) for meeting location	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. <i>Led by Susan Achenbach and Cheryl Boyle</i>
LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY MEAL	Every 2nd 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.
See more information, sign-ups, and contact information for each outreach event by seeing the e-news or visiting tmpc.org/mission		