

FINALS SURVIVAL KITS Supplies are needed for our college students “finals week” survival kits. Please take a look at the list on the table outside Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support.

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING—SPRING EDITION. Sign up TODAY! We have 11 different projects spread over two weekends April 29 & 30 and May 6 & 7. Use the link via the e-news, or [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or go to Missions section of TMPC website. Contact Rick Schaub with any questions or stop by TCHLTB table at coffee hour after this Sunday’s services. **NOTE:** Furniture donations to Good Stuff Thrift are possible, if you have any large items to donate, you must register your donation. Projects have limited space, so sign up TODAY to participate in the project of your choice.

PRO-ACT FAMILY EDUCATION If someone you know or love is struggling with a drug or alcohol addiction support is here for you. PRO-ACT provides a safe and supportive environment for families and individuals impacted by addiction to gain understanding and find healing within a community of grace. Call (800) 221 – 6333 or visit www.addictionawarenessinitiative.com

NEW-MEMBER CLASS IN JUNE Our next New-Member Class will be offered on **Saturday, June 3rd, and Sunday, June 4th**. Pastors Spencer and Heckman will lead two sessions, the first on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the second on Sunday, June 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those who wish to become members are asked to attend both sessions. Childcare is available upon request. Please reply by email to Melissa Bottelier, via email office@tmpc.org or by phone: [\(215\) 862-2440](tel:215-862-2440).

Join us every Sunday as we worship God together!

8:30 Traditional Worship Service: During this worship service we gather in the Sanctuary to read Scripture, sing hymns, pray together, and hear the preaching of the Word. Our worship music is facilitated by our vocal and bell choirs and ensembles.

9:45 Christian Education: We have Christian Education opportunities available for all ages. Our Adult Forum meets in the Conference Room, and we have classrooms dedicated to our Sunday School for children and youth.

11:00 Contemporary Worship Service: During this worship service we gather in Fellowship Hall to read Scripture, pray together, and hear the preaching of the Word. Congregational singing and special music are led in contemporary style by a small group of musicians with instruments that may include guitar, keyboard, and percussion.

Disciples: All Members of the Congregation	
Teaching Elder/Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Monday</i>).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor (<i>away on maternity leave</i>).....	Bailey A. Heckman
Administrative Assistant.....	Melissa Bottelier
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Organist/Accompanist.....	Colton Martin
Music Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Worship Music Leader.....	Grant Farmer
Seminary Interns.....	Kelly LePenske and Jean Wilkinson
Sexton.....	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer)	Sue Schaub

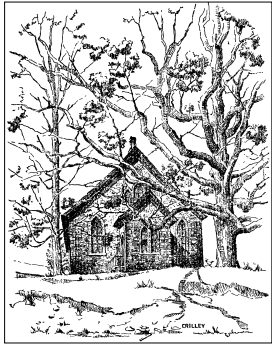
Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Easter Service

11:00 am



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday Celebration Service

APRIL 16, 2017
11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER WITH JOY BEFORE GOD

(Please silence cell phones and other electronics in preparation for worship.)

"If [human beings] had [their] way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him."

A.W. Tozer, *Preparing for Jesus' Return: Daily Live the Blessed Hope*

PRELUDE

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Adult Bell Choir
arr. Dan R. Edwards

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as His own.

God has brought us out of darkness. God has made us light to the world.

Jesus Christ is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

Stuart Spencer

*HYMN OF PRAISE (See page 5)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

WELCOME TO THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

"We are a joyful family called by God through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to: welcome all, share our faith, love each other, serve the world, and glorify God."

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today! Please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew so that we can send you a welcome note. If you have any questions or would like to have a tour of our building, please feel free to ask an usher.

FLOWERS Today's Azaleas are provided by the families with special mention in today's special insert.

COFFEE HOUR Thank you to Melissa Michael and our deacons will be hosting today's Joyful Coffee Hours. Hosting coffee hour is a great way to meet new friends. We can teach you to make coffee (3 easy steps!). All you have to do is bring some goodies to add to our basic supply and smile! Please look for our sign-up list by visiting TMPC's website, Life Together/Fellowship/Coffee Hours.

WELCOMING AMBASSADORS Please take the time to visit the sign up genius site and join our other welcoming ambassadors for this important role.

USHERS AND GREETERS Today's ushers are Susan Achenbach, Amy Brewer and Brad Michael. Our youth usher is Kevin Brewer.

ADULT FORUM STUDY ON THE APOSTLES CREED This seven-session study, based on Alister McGrath's book *I Believe*, introduces us to the Apostles' Creed and the essential truths about God the Father, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Each session consists of a commentary reading, discussion questions. Seminary Interns Kelly LePenske and Jean Wilkinson lead the first two studies on 4/9 and 4/23 and Pastor Spencer leads the final five sessions on 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4 and 6/11. Copies of the study book are available. The Adult Forum meets in the Conference Room from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

THOMPSON GARDEN CLUB is getting ready to spring into action! If you like to garden, this is the place for you. Once our flowers are planted, we take turns watering and weeding through the growing season. It's fun and very rewarding to see how our efforts make our beautiful church grounds even more beautiful. A sign-up sheet is on the Table of Well Wishing or contact Carol Carpenter.

AID FOR FRIENDS Our Aid For Friends meal will be on **May 9**. Please look for the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to volunteer to bring some of our needed ingredients. Questions - call Susan Achenbach or Holly Tomkovicz .

MEN'S STUDY GROUP Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 AM** in the Conference Room. We are doing the Lenten study, "Finding Your Way Back to God" by Dave and Jon Ferguson and are currently preparing for Section 4 which includes chapters 12 and 13. The men's study group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE AT TMPC The Red Cross is coming to Thompson Church for the Spring Blood Drive on **Wednesday, April 19th**. Mark your calendars and plan to come and give. Please sign up at the Table of Well Wishing.

SENIOR SPRING LUNCHEON On behalf of the Deacons of Thompson Church, we invite our seniors to the Spring luncheon on **Saturday, April 22, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. We have an exciting performance by the Fitzpatrick Irish Dancers and don't forget to WEAR YOUR GREEN!! Please RSVP to Joanne Clark or sign up at the Table of Well Wishing. Be sure to let us know if you need transportation.

MOVIE NIGHT Our youth groups meets for a night at the movies on **Friday, May 5**. There will be pizza, popcorn and snacks. 6:00 – 8:30 pm. More information coming soon.

This is the first time we have said or sung "Alleluia!" in worship since before Ash Wednesday. This expression of joyful worship means "praise God, you people!"

WE SEEK GOD'S GREAT MERCY

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Kelly LePenske

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when you raised Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and have hurt others, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please observe silence for personal prayers of confession.)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, offers forgiveness to all today. When our sorrow is real, Jesus pronounces His pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thank you, God! We believe you, we thank you, and we love you. Alleluia! Amen!

*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.

*GREETING

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jean Wilkinson

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stuart Spencer

ANTHEM

The Day of Resurrection

With One Voice Choir
Michael Helman

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

“Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present.”

N.T. Wright

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”
C. S. Lewis

MESSAGE “Who Are You Looking For?” Stuart Spencer

***DECLARATION OF FAITH**
My friends in faith: let us boldly and joyfully proclaim our hope this morning!
What do you believe?
Jesus walked out of the grave, the Lord of life! He conquered sin and death. We are set right with God, we are given new life and called to walk with Him in freedom from sin’s dominion.

**Christ has died!
Christ has risen!
Christ will come again!
Glory to God!**

***SPECIAL MUSIC** (See the projected music) Grant Farmer
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

THE WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE Stuart Spencer

OFFERTORY Grant Farmer
God is Able Ben Fielding and Rueben Morgan

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***CHORUS OF PRAISE** (See the projected music.) Colton Martin
Christ Is Risen

WE GO OUT WITH JOY

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Colton Martin
Toccatà John Kristian Fjellestad

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Praise God.

Today’s ushers are Susan Achenbach, Amy Brewer and Brad Michael. Our youth usher is Kevin Brewer.

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 heaven - 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 heaven - 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.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it. CCLI License # 896897

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