

~ Welcome To Worship ~

TIPPECANOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

Living Waters Contemplative Life Center
Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless
Tippecanoe just.good.food Garden - Food Justice Site PCUSA
Arts and Science Literacy Camps For Children

February 12, 2017

9:30 a.m.

"The Story Continues"



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.



*On a spiritual quest? Reached a tipping point? Reach out to Tippe! You are important to us.
 In Christ, there are no strangers, only new and wonderful people to meet each day!
 If you are visiting today, please be sure to sign our Guest Book at the back of the sanctuary
 or fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate.
 Our pastor would be glad to call you or pay you a personal visit.
 Just let us know as you sign in...and take a Welcome Packet, too!
 Come back often. We care! We are open for faith! Affirming and open to all!*

Helpful Worship Information



We're Glad You've Come.

*This is a safe place, a sanctuary of worship and prayer,
 comfort and justice-seeking for all God's people and all
 are welcome here
 ...just as you are.*

Our church is a safe sanctuary for children..

We are proactive to protect our children with trained staff, enlightened volunteers, and aware congregants.

No concealed weapons of any type are allowed on Tippecanoe Church premises.

Our children are invited to remain in worship with us.
We ask children be accompanied by an adult at all times throughout our morning together!

During worship, children are welcome to use a book, stuffed animal, or crayons and papers from the bottom shelf of the cart at the back of the sanctuary. We want the sanctuary to be home to them.

When your child (1st grade and under) is restless, when you are, when those around you are...
you're/we're probably asking too much of everyone. Please let your child be in the nursery at times like this. Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after worship.

Infant through 1st Grade Care

is available all during worship down the stairs to the right to the "nursery."

In the order of worship, please note... the * indicates times to stand as you are able.

Today in Worship



We open our hearts and minds to the texts today confronting the radical nature of God's wisdom.



We are in the season after Epiphany and before Lent. Ordinary Time in the church calendar. Yet, it is an extraordinary time... a time when we begin to integrate all the new awarenesses of Advent and Christmas and Epiphany and Jesus' baptism! We are changed by the events of the stories!

Today's wisdom teachings challenge us to choose wisely and to choose....life! We do not have permission to squander even one moment, one day. Rather, we are invited to live now and fully! Listen for God's word just for you today!

*Thanks for being here today!
 In deepest gratitude, we give God thanks
 for your presence with us in worship!*

WARNING....

If you take the Bible literally you may be disappointed here. We hope not, but we think you should know that we don't take *all* of scripture literally....any more than Jesus did, *but we DO* take it all seriously.

As you enter, please use this time to greet friends, welcome newcomers, and join in the spirit of community.

As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys.

An invitation to thoughtfulness is provided for your use

God rejoices in your coming and meets you this morning in special ways that are meant just for you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

*God, my God, my Self, my Hope, my Beloved.
Be in me Your own holy presence.
Be in me sabbathing confidence.
Be the praise for which I have no words.
Be the joy of perfect wisdom.
Be the folly that tips me into giddy love.
Be my all-in-all...*

WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY



“Ordinary Times!”

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✧ **Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

**Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!  
Surely God is in this place,  
Holy Ground!**

*♦Bringing Forward The Bible and Bread  
The Lighting of the Christ Candle!*

*♦Ringing the Bell...an ancient tradition to clarify the air enabling  
our prayers to rise more easily to our God.*

## Gathering As God's People

### ✧ **Becoming Present To God And Each Other**

One: Today we gather within the holiness of grace, seeking wisdom.

*Anyone-s: We strive to make meaning of our lives with a forward momentum. How are we to do this?*

One: Jesus implores us: examine our true intentions and the consequences of our choices! See ourselves more clearly! Jesus is imploring us to choose that which is life giving rather than life stopping!

**All: Alive with spirit, we give ourselves in worship this day!**

### ✧ **\*Gathering Hymn #156 *Worship and Praise***

**“What Have We To Offer”**

### ✧ **Affirming Our Faith *With Intention***

**Let me make of this day  
A prayer...  
an offering, a plea,  
Gratitude and praise.  
Every task as worthy  
and every rough place  
bearable.  
With enough quietness of heart  
To find my way on  
toward  
connection  
with all that is.  
A prayer, a poem,  
A sculpting, a moment  
Each day a life,  
My only life.**

### ✧ **A Moment With God For Each Of Us...**

### ✧ **Kyrie**

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You;  
O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what You  
Hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

### ✧ **Passing of the Peace...*Temenos!***

Temenos is an ancient Greek concept of creating a safe space for others in which healing can take place in the midst of what is.

*Mary Anne Perrone,  
March 15, 2006*

*You are invited to share in  
Agape and light a prayer  
candle now and anytime  
you hear a prayer lifted or  
answered. !*

## Held WithIn the Word

✧ **And the Children Will Lead The Way: Kids' Time...**

✧ **Preparing To Hear The Word....*Our Prayer***

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

✧ **Hymn of Preparation**

*Please remain seated.  
Listen once and sing  
once.*

Star of Wonder, Star of Wisdom, illumine minds and hearts;  
Guide us on Your healing mission; Your radiant life impart.  
Light new pathways for our journey, leading to creation new;  
Send Your truth expanding always to show a wider view.  
Then all heaven and earth will open with possibility,  
A whole universe before us, far more than we can see.

*By Aldredge-Clanto and  
Holst, "Inclusive Hymns  
for Liberation, Peace,  
and Justice, (Eakin  
Press, 2011)*

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Sirach 15: 15-20**

*Join as we read aloud!*

**If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choices. God has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for which ever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses...will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; He is mighty in power and sees everything; His eyes are on those who are in awe of Him, and He knows every human action. God has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and God has not given anyone permission to sin.**

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Matthew 5: 21-37...*excerpts!***

✧ **Prompting**

*"Choose Life!"*



Pastor Karen Hagen  
Re-spoken Becky, Betty, Christian

*From Leonard Cohen's  
"Hallelujah"*

*Listen to this invitation*

*Mumble this to yourself  
out loud...with God!*

*Remember...this is  
personal to you!*

*It is only because we  
are all much more alike  
than different that we  
speak out loud together!*

*We will start out praying  
all together but we may  
not end together...a  
good thing!*

## ✧ A Moment Of Personal Reflection...

### ✧ Sung Response

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; Hallelujah...  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; Hallelujah...  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; Hallelujah....

### ✧ Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ✧ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

In a world where many choose to be angry  
in self-defeating ways,  
Help me look at my own anger and what lies beneath.  
Lord, I wouldn't normally talk about this, but...  
In a world where many seek reconciliation,  
Help me see where I hinder the very peace I want most.  
This feels petty, but...  
In a world where many act in ways of self-justification,  
Help me see myself the way You do...  
my true motivations of body, mind, and spirit.  
I guess I should be over this, but...  
I don't usually say this to You, but  
I'm not sure how to show empathy to those who need it  
most...including me, or access my deep compassion when so  
much that goes on seems like it's not my business.  
Give me a wise heart  
so I may be and act in ways that reflect the depth  
of Your care for me as well as my care  
for self, others, & creation.  
I seek the wisdom of grace! With all its do-overs!  
Lord, You hear my prayer.....

✧ You may wish to name with God ways you feel anger or a need to reconcile or how you are self-justifying your actions...where it is you need grace most in order to choose new life; or you may share with God where you feel free and know grace in life; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you in the pew this morning shining His healing light all around and through you.

**(Let there be some quiet. We will be stilled together  
for 5 minutes or so! You have time....go deeper....)**

✧ **Sung Call To Prayer**

*In this moment, in this place, all is mercy, all is grace.  
In this moment in this place, we are...One.*

✧ **Receiving God's Grace...God With Us Always**

✧ **\*Rejoicing In God's Divine Care**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. As it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. A-men.  
Amen. A-men. Amen. A-men. A-men!**

*Please call Patti at 630-674-1272 if you would like the Tippe Prayer Chain to lift a special prayer for you this week.*

*All prayers are confidential and shared with Pastor Karen.*

*Members & Friends*

*Tippe Ministry  
Spiritual Leaders:  
Elder  
Deacon  
Staff*

✧ **Naming Our Gratitudes, Joys, and Concerns**

**Throughout This Week Let Us Pray For...**

...continued abundance and celebration of possibility as God grows Tippe's ministry.

...the continuing flow of guests who grace us with their presence.

... these members, spiritual leaders, staff and communities:

♦ Karen Hagen and Carla San Filippo

♦ Worship Hosts

♦ Larry Hartmann

♦ Patti Heneghan

♦ Eloise Bell

♦ Common Ground and MICAH

♦ **Holding Guests, Hosts, Staff into the light of our prayer!**

♦ Employment      ♦ Immigration Reform

♦ Torture Awareness   ♦ God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

✧ **Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**

✧ **Sung Call To Prayer**

**Tell me the details of your story.  
Tell me your triumphs and your strife.  
I'll listen at your side, I'll be your friend and guide.  
Tell me the story of your life.**

✧ **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

✧ **Offering Ourselves**

◆ In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!

✧ **\*Offertory and Sung Response**

**Hymn #146** Worship and Praise "We Are An Offering"

**"We lift our voices,  
we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You!  
We are an offering,  
we are an offering."**

✧ **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sending Forth With Blessing**

*What are the blessings you wish to offer for today?  
Please share what makes you smile, gives you delight,  
brings you peace of mind*

✧ **Sending Hymn #151** Worship and Praise

**"We Rejoice In The Grace Of God"**

✧ **Benediction**

*...Our Affirmation and Invitation  
to Become a Living Blessing*

✧ **\*Our Response**

**Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.  
Your word lives on in us.**

✧ **\*Postlude**

# Tippeca-News February 12, 2017

*So glad you have come.  
Join us for Tippe Café right after  
Worship here in the Sanctuary!*

*All Are Welcome!  
TODAY and THIS WEEK at Tippe*

## Monday Nights 6:30pm:

Sanctuary Time of Belonging meets  
tomorrow night!

Come for this worshipful time of self-reflection and theological thinking as we informally gather around table in the sanctuary, closing each gathering in prayer and communion.

**Circle of Faith** meets Wednesdays 10:30am in the parlor as we reflect on our individual and corporate lives through the lens of the wisdom teachings...*lectio style!*

**AA Meeting** Wednesday 7pm in Study Lounge.

**Bay View Children's Choir** Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 here at Tippe. 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

TODAY and THIS WEEK at Living Waters

**Center yourself... Sunday Centering meets 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6pm.** Join us for a time of quieting, opening us to the Holy within & within each other.

**One Blessing** meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

**Thursday Centering** meets 2:30pm in the parlor.

**Southside Buddhist Sangha Mindfulness Center** gathers Thursday 7pm. in sanctuary.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

**Healing Sound Meditation - Gong Wash**  
Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

Self-sliding offering of \$5-\$30 appreciated.

**Community Sing Along with Jane and Priscilla!**  
February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Tippe in Sanctuary.

## Threshold Singing:

First Friday Nights monthly, 7 - 8:30pm. in Sanctuary.

## **Spoiler Alert:**

**100<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry Surprise Celebration**  
**Sunday May 21: One Amazing Idea After Another & Another & Another!**



## Lent 2017: "Shaped By The Story"

### **Mardi Gras Pre-Lenten Worship Sunday**

**February 26:** Pancake Breakfast, Mask Making and Parade, Pancake Games, Worship introducing our Lenten theme.

**Parlor Class March 5 –April 2:** Pastor Karen will guide us as we reflect on Bishop Spong's "Twelve Thesis" about the meaning of our faith story...and Matthew Fox's responses to them!

**Palm Sunday April 9 - Intergenerational Worship Celebration!** Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs for kids of all ages to dye for Easter!

**Maundy Thursday Simple Meal &Worship**  
**April 13, 6pm in sanctuary.** Recapture the movement of Holy Week and make your way to your cross! Please bring finger food to share as dinner together.

**Good/God Friday Ecumenical Worship April 14**  
**1pm Ecumenical Service of Worship** with all our brothers & sisters in the faith!

### Easter Morning Celebrations April 16!

**8:30am: Special Tippe Café** bring a dish to share!

**9:30: Easter Egg Hunt with our Kids**

**10am: Holy Worship in Sanctuary**

## Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

Throughout the gospels we are repeatedly told that after some word or deed of Jesus, "his disciples believed in him." The point of these statements is *not* that up to that point they had no faith, *but rather* that their faith deepened with life and over time.

To believe in God is more than simply to profess God's existence...

God not necessarily perceived as a being as much as a life giving power of wholeness;

to believe is

to enter into communion with God and our fellow human beings.

It's about being in relationship with God in all the moments of our lives.

The whole point of Christmas is incarnate love...a God who seeks to be in relationship with us at all costs no matter how much time it takes or faith we now have! And no matter what is going on in your life!

So, take a breath. Each with our own life story, framed by the feel tones of today's wisdom teachings, let us in our common voice lift our lives to our God, praying:

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### Tippe-Ministers

*All are ministers every day in every way in the world.*

#### Today in Leadership

Pastor/Teaching Elder .....Betty Salamun,  
Christian Pavlock and the Becker Family ☺

Accompanist ..... MaryBeth Garrett

Ministry Support Associate..... Erin Dentice

Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski

Worship Leader..... Tom Becker

Worship Hosts..... Jerry Watkins

Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community

Director of *Living Waters* .....Pastor Karen

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**If you have questions regarding our missions and how you can help, please email:**

**[sustainingtippe@gmail.com](mailto:sustainingtippe@gmail.com).**

**To assist with sharing our supper (SOS meals), please contact email: [sosmealsdi@gmail.com](mailto:sosmealsdi@gmail.com).**

**If you have donations for Project Home, please contact email: [projecthomedirect@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedirect@gmail.com).**

**For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please contact email: [aslcforkids@gmail.com](mailto:aslcforkids@gmail.com).**

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