

# 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

November 27, 2016

9:30 a.m.

## "The Wondrous Gift Is Given: Our Healing Story"



*Advent 2016*

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.

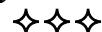
**When your child (1<sup>st</sup> grade and under) is restless,  
when you are, when those around you are...**  
you're/we're probably asking too much of everyone.  
Please let your child be in the nursery at times like this.  
Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after  
worship.

### **Infant through 1<sup>st</sup> 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,  
confronting the radical nature of God's wisdom.*



### **In today's Wisdom Teachings ...**

we hear of a promise and a way to let ourselves be taken...giving ourselves to a most wondrous healing! Seeking healing, we move out from our safe place living into a Brave Place...to live the lives we long to live. The timing is ours to choose as

*the most wondrous gift is given!*

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

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### **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. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.*

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

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

First Sunday of Advent

### **Why do we worship? Think on this...**

*Worship is a human activity, celebrated in the presentness of God...the Sacred, rather than praise required of us by God. And so the "goal" is to help us know (head in our heart) how we relate as individuals to ourselves, others, world, universe.*

*To celebrate that relationship! To touch sources of creative transformation! To reinterpret our experiences!*

*To reaffirm living in this world which is indeed our sacred and worshipful work to do!*



### **"The Wondrous Gift Is Given: Our Healing Story"**

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## **WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY**

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### **❖Welcome and Community News**

### **❖Readyng Ourselves for Worship**

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

### **❖Prelude**

*•Bringing The Bible and Bread Forward*

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

*Based upon A Creed for  
Healing by Realms of  
Day, May 24, 2013*

## Gathering As God's People

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

Pastor: Advent is the time of year when...full of self-reflective anticipation, a healing impulse draws us to restore what is good, what is right within us. The Advent - Christmas Story is a healing story...indeed, the most wondrous gift ever given!

One: We believe in the Holy Story's power offering curative Love...which flows through the generations...through us! A love that cares for my damaged self as it also nurtures injured others.

**All: I believe in restorative truth, cleansing us of painful confusion, freeing us from destructive illusion.**

One: We believe in life's revival, a healing enlivened by gratitude, enriched with generosity...captured in the Holy Wisdom Teachings of the coming of Jesus!

**All: I believe in a caring faith whose healing restores me.**

*Written by Mark Lowry,  
music by Buddy Greene*

### **✧Gathering Hymn**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;  
this Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will give sight to the blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will calm the storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,  
and when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?  
Oh Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,  
the lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.

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Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb?  
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM!

*For your own reflection, ponder this: Name a way in which you seek healing this Christmas or feel you are receiving it.  
Or, name an aspect of the story that feels especially healing to you this season*

*Listen once to this Threshold Song. In joy, sing twice a cappella to fade!*

*You are invited to agape Bread and to light a prayer candle now and anytime in worship you hear a prayer lifted or answered.*

*Listen once. Then, let's sing twice.*

### ✧Affirming Our Faith With Intention

**Lighting Our Advent Candles....  
Sharing A Healing We Are Hoping For In Our Lives**

~ Betty~

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

### ✧Kyrie

I am sending you light, to heal you...to hold you.  
I am sending you light, to hold you in love.

### ✧\*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.*

### Held Within the Word

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

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

### ✧Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Psalm 122

### ✧Hymn of Preparation #44 Hymnal

### “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*“The Wondrous Gift Is Given!”*

**✧Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Matthew 24: 36-44**

One: This is the way our story is told.

God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

All: **Thanks be to our God!**

*Feel free to write in the margins! Use this space for your personal reflections!*

**✧Prompting**

*"Our Healing Story"...*

**"Taken!"**

Pastor Karen Hagen

**✧A Moment Of Personal Reflection...**

*From Leonard Cohen's  
Hallelujah*

**✧Sung Response**

I did my best, it wasn't much.  
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch.  
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you.  
And even though it all went wrong  
I'll stand before the Lord of Song  
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah.

## Opening to God's Grace

*Deeply hear this invitation.*

*Based on Ann Weem's poem, In Search Of Kneeling Places, let these words serve as our confessed longing and affirmation of faithfulness.*

### ✧ Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ✧ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

In my heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where I must ultimately answer whether there is room or not. When I am Bethlehem-bound, I experience my own advent in His. When I am Bethlehem-bound, I can no longer look the other way conveniently not seeing stars, not hearing angel voices. I can no longer excuse myself by busily tending my sheep or my kingdoms.

(Go deeper...)

This Advent I go to Bethlehem and see this thing the Lord has made known to us....*the most wondrous gift given: a powerful story of healing!* I seek to live the mythological, archetypal birthing story of our faith. Our story is one of healing and possibility.

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In the midst of shopping sprees, Lord, help me ponder in my heart the Gift of Gifts. Through the tinsel, Lord, help me look for the gold of the Christmas Star. In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos, Lord let me listen for the brush of angels' wings.

(Go deeper...)

This Advent, I go to Bethlehem seeking healing and wholeness.

*Let this invitation to personal sharing move you toward the Divine. Contemplate the mystery!*

✧ You may wish to name with God a way in which you feel scattered, distracted, stretched too thin; or you may share with God a new sense of your own empowerment to resist the clutter of the season, now focusing on deepest meaning for your 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.

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



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

*Please sing this  
Threshold Song twice  
and sing a cappella to  
fade.*

## ✧Kyrie

*We walk not into the dark,  
We walk but toward the Star!*

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

*A Sung Response*

## ✧\*Rejoicing In God's Divine Care

**Glory be to the Father, & the Son, & 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!**

## ✧Naming Our Gratuities, 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:

- ♦ Paul Burritt and Terri Strode
- ♦ Worship

*Members & Friends*

*Tippe Ministry*

*Spiritual Leaders:*

*Elder  
Deacon  
Staff*

- ♦ Larry Hartmann
- ♦ Patti Heneghan
- ♦ Rachel Hahn

*Community  
Outreach Partners*

- ♦ Common Ground and MICAH

*Divine Intervention  
& Arts and Science  
Literacy Camps*

- ♦ Holding Guests, Hosts, Staff into the light of our prayer!
- ♦ Holding Teachers, Artists, Children and their Families in the light of our prayer!

*Faith Communities  
Partnering in Ministry*

- ♦ St. Luke's Episcopal

*Current Issues Calling  
Us To Prayer*

- ♦ Employment              ♦ Immigration Reform
- ♦ Torture Awareness      ♦ God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

**❖ Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**

**❖ Sung Call To Prayer**

**Oh God, I call. Oh God, I call.  
From deep inside I yearn, from deep inside I yearn.  
From deep inside I yearn...for...YOU!**

**❖ Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Giving Thanks To God**

**❖ 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**

*Please listen and then  
sing twice.*

## Sending Forth With Blessing

### ✧\*Departing Hymn

### Song Sheet

**“A Savior Born, A Gift Of Joy”**

### ✧\*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.**

*Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, adapted, with permission.*

### ✧Postlude...and Tippe Café right here in the sanctuary!

As you leave, you are invited to linger longer enjoying sanctuary time. You may partake of the Bread of Life remembering Christ with you always. The kneeler is also available for a time of quiet prayer. Please take a copy of a previous prompting from the Cart in the back for your own or another's enrichment!

# Tippeca-News November 27th, 2016

*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

Hanging of the Greens  
and Potluck Lunch  
after Worship

Monday Nights 6:30pm:

Sanctuary Time of Belonging meets  
tomorrow night but join us next week!

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.

**An extension of ASLC...our Bay View Children's Choir** meets weekly Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 in the sanctuary. A \$5 offering is appreciated for each child's participation each semester.

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>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

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

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

Threshold of Advent: A Night of Quietng

Sung Meditation and Reflection By Candle Light

*Friday Evening Dec. 2nd 7pm*

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

**Lunch Bunch** will gather at Howard Village, 2500 East Howard Ave, Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please pay at the reception desk for the meal (\$7.00 each exact amount). Please bring a wrapped simple Christmas gift for our gift exchange.

## ADVENT 2016 BEGINS NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Our Theme:**

"The Wondrous Gift Is Given: Our Healing Story"

Threshold of Advent: A Night of Quietng

Sung Meditation and Reflection By Candle Light

*Friday Evening Dec. 2nd 7pm*

**Special Worship with Guest Rich Hanhardt sharing "Mary, A Healing Story".**

*Monday December 12 6:30pm and  
Sunday December 18 9:30am*

Caroling and Soup Supper Together!

Off to carol and return for hot soup and stories at the Becker's!

*December 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm*

## CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS!

4:30pm: Children's Gathering

5pm: Special Music, Singing,  
Hot Wassail and Cookies

5:30pm: Candlelight Christmas Celebration!

No Worship Sundays December 25th or January 1<sup>st</sup>.

No "Sanctuary Time Of Belonging"  
Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Epiphany Intergenerational Worship

Dancing the carols with music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers! Chili Wapatui and Epiphany Cake complete with Crowning of the Wise Ones!

*Sunday January 8th<sup>th</sup>*

## **Opening Ourselves To God's Grace**

**One:** Our call as Christians is not to come to church, but to go out into the world seeking our own healing and offering healing to others....living lives of shalom and shalom-making. But that's hard to do....for often we let life scatter us to the winds, stretch us too thin, break us in two. And, we're really practiced at finding good excuses to keep doing things the way we've always done them!

This season, we can let faith's healing guide us....hearing that once still, small voice and making new meaning of our lives. We can rewrite our own stories...a re-birthing story of our own!

It's Advent. We find ourselves full of wonder....waiting yet not passive, centering not scattering, passionate about the healing that is offered. We share our real lives with our God during this most holy of seasons....because we can....and because God wants us to share deeply.

Each with our own beloved story,  
let us **SILENTLY** lift our prayers to our God  
using the written prayer on page 6 to guide us.

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### **Tippe-Ministers**

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

#### **Today in Leadership**

Pastor/Teaching Elder ..... Karen Hagen  
Accompanist ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Church Secretary ..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski  
Worship Leader ..... Diane Wirhanowicz  
Worship Hosts ..... Larry and Nancy Hartmann  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
Director of *Living Waters* ..... Pastor Karen  
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Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna  
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#### **Next Week in Leadership**

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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: [projecthomedi@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedi@gmail.com).

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

Find us at [www.tippechurch.org](http://www.tippechurch.org) or on Facebook at Tippecanoe Church!

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