

~ 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
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Arts and Science Literacy Camps For Children

December 11, 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 (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,
 confronting the radical nature of God's wisdom.*



In today's Wisdom Teachings ...

we hear of a promise and a way to give 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 telling of the story is ours to choose as *the most wondrous gift is given!*



*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. 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

Third 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*

*Written by Mark Lowry,  
music by Buddy Greene*

## 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: The power of the Holy Story's curative Love flows through the generations and through us. A love that cares for my damaged self as it also nurtures injured others.

**All: Restorative truth cleanses 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.**

### ✧ **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.

*Continued on next page...*

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*

*Please listen once to this  
Threshold Song. In joy,  
sing 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***

~ **Judy**~

## ✧ **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: Isaiah 35: 1-10**

### ✧ **Hymn of Preparation #44 Hymnal**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

*“The Wondrous Gift Is Given!”*

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Matthew 11: 2-11**

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"...*

*"A Holy Way... 'not even fools shall go astray!"*

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 learned 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,  
Hallelujah...  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah...  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah....

## Opening to God's Grace

*Deeply hear this invitation.*

*Based on Ann Weem's poems "Toward The Light" and "This Year Will Be Different". 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

Holy One, too often my answer to the darkness is to scatter, make myself scarce...not running toward Bethlehem, but running away. But Lord, running away is rampant ...separation is stylish. Run and tranquilize, don't talk about it, avoid. Run away and join all those who have already run away. When am I going to learn, Lord, Christmas Peace comes only when I turn, center, and face the darkness -- scary as that may be?

(Go deeper...)

Only then will I be able to see the Light of the World. So, this year let me do what Mary did *and trust God to be in the unknown*. Let me do what Joseph did *and listen to my dreams*. Let me do what the Wise Men did *and go toward You*. Let me do what the shepherds did *and praise and glorify You for all I've seen and heard!*

(Go deeper...)

I long so for the PEACE of Bethlehem in my life! Lord, help me so this year will be different! This Advent, I go to Bethlehem seeking healing and wholeness.

(Go deeper...)

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

✧ You may wish to name with God a place of darkness in your life for which you seek light; or you may share with God a happening of peace in your life for which you are most thankful; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you in the pew this morning and center yourself with Him...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 listen to this  
Threshold Song once and  
then sing 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 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:

♦ Karin Conway & Carrie Stewart

♦ Mission

*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*

- ♦ Maynard Bell
- ♦ Barbara Wooldrage
- ♦ Janet Ahrens

*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. Paul Catholic

*Current Issues Calling*

*Us To Prayer*

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

✧ **Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**

*Please listen and then  
sing twice.*

✧ **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 of Thanks      #3      Hymnal**

**“Comfort, Comfort You My People”**

✧ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## 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 December 11th, 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*

**BayView Children's Choir fundraiser for  
our Arts and Science Literacy Camp  
at BVUM at noon today!**

**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 **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.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

**Lunch Bunch** gathers 1st Tuesdays at Noon.

## ADVENT 2016

**Our Theme:**

"The Wondrous Gift Is Given: Our Healing Story"

Special Worship with Guest Rich Hanhardt  
sharing "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!

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 8<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 7 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  
Ministry Support Associate..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski  
Worship Leader..... Jerry Watkins  
Worship Hosts..... Jerry Watkins  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
Director of *Living Waters* ..... Pastor Karen  
*Living Waters* Staff  
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna  
*Living Waters* Adjunct Staff ..... Kathy and Don

#### **Next Week in Leadership**

Pastor/Teaching Elder ..... Karen Hagen  
Accompanist..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Ministry Support Associate..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski  
Worship Leader.... Guest Presenter Richard Hanhardt  
Worship Hosts ..... Chris Walker  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
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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: [projecthomedl@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedl@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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