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# Welcome To Worship

December 17, 2017

9:30 a.m.

*"On That Night..."*



*Third Week of Advent 2017*

*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. The exception is first and third Sundays of the months during the program year when our families host "Children's Church" right after Kids' Time.***

***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.*



***"On That Night"***

***We are to be renewed...born anew... and made able to resist our usual ways of thinking about the world!***

*Today's wisdom teachings* tell us of God's constant provision of freedom and new life, even when they have yet to appear in ways perceptible to us. We are called to participate in God's coming reign as we anticipate what is yet to come...and there is much to do...be!



*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 Week 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!*

**"On That Night..."**



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

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- ✧ **Welcome and Community News**
- ✧ **Reading Ourselves for Worship**

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

### ✧ **Prelude**

♦ *Lighting the Christ Candle*

♦ *Ring 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**

Let the words of this special music open you anew to this season of worship this morning!

**"A Song of Night"  
Pat and Sheryl**

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

*Advent Candle-Lighting and Sharing*

*Tammi Daniels*



*A memory shared "On That Night" ...  
one that renews our desire to be born anew...renewed...  
and so resist our usual ways of thinking about the world!*

*For your reflection...*

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

Words of God, Word of God,  
You wait into me like starlight falling on shadow.

You wait into me like leaf and blossom  
unfolding into the unknown.

You wait into me like water yearning to boil.  
You wait into me like clay anticipating  
the potter's hand.

You wait through dreaming darkness  
to the questions of dawn.  
You wait in silence and wait in words.

*Let it be so.*

*After intro, please sing  
twice. Found Hymnal,  
#92, Verse 1.*

✧ **Kyrie**

**While we are waiting come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

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

✧ **\*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.*

*First and Third Sundays  
children are invited  
downstairs to Children's  
Church after Kids' Time!*

*Please remain seated.*

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24;  
Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-11

*Feel free to use the space  
offered for your personal  
reflections!*

## Held WithIn the Word

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

✧ **Hymn of Preparation #89 Hymnal**

**“For You, O Lord, My Soul In Stillness Waits”  
Verses 1, 2, 4,**

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

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching and Reflection**

**Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11**

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching and Reflection**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24**

**One:** This is the way our story is told.

God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

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

✧ **Prompting**

*On That Night....*

*“On That Night...And Tonight...What Is God Thinking?”*

Pastor Karen Hagen



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

*Please use space on for your personal reflections!*

*Please listen once, then  
sing twice into stillness.*

*Deeply hear this invitation.*

*Based upon today's  
scripture's wisdom.*

*You may wish to name  
with God how your life  
calls out for Christmas;  
or you may share how  
you see others in need of  
Christmas and ask for  
wisdom to begin to begin  
to proclaim good news to  
them; 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.*

## ✧Sung Reflection

**Sing to me...a sweet, low melody...  
that drifts on darkened breeze invisibly.**

**Sing to me...a song of shadowed trees...  
That bids my heart rejoice...at all its mysteries.**

## Opening to God's Grace

### ✧Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

*Pastor:*

*The prophet Isaiah says.... "The spirit is upon me."*

**All: But Lord, sometimes I feel tired...lifeless...overwhelmed by  
the shopping season's sense of spirit!**

*Pastor:*

*He says.... bring "good news" to others.*

**All: But Lord, I'm not comfortable talking to those others, let  
alone feel able to bring them good news...and what would that  
good news be?**

*Pastor:*

*He says.... "proclaim the time has come" to save all people.*

**All: But Lord, I don't have time for "all" people right now.  
We're getting ready for Christmas.**

*Pastor:*

*He says "offer joy instead of gloom and a kind word instead of a  
faint spirit."*

**All: But Lord, I need that message myself. Who comes to  
proclaim good news to me?**

**(For your silent reflection....)**

Gracious Lord, surely as I sit here this morning,  
Your spirit is upon me.  
You anoint me, I am sacred. So...

*Clothe me with garments of saving grace....that I may be kind to me  
first...and so others also.*

*Cover me with the robe of justice....so I can see how I am unjust, so I  
can, with integrity, address issues of justice around me!*

*Cause a garden to grow in me. Grow my faith...like these poinsettias!*

*Continues on next page...*

*Repair* what is ruined in me so I can be a part of the rebuilding of the community about which I care so deeply.

May I sense Your support as the season transforms me!

This is my prayer.

✧ **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 once and then sing twice.*

*Found in Hymnal, #95*

✧ **Kyrie**

**Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
And all people will see the salvation of our  
God.**

✧ **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!**

*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.*

✧ **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:

*Members & Friends*

*Tippe Ministry*

*Spiritual Leaders:*

*Elder*

*Deacon*

*Staff*

♦ Thomas & Rebecca Becker and Harry & Diane Wirhanowicz

♦ Mission

♦ Christian Pavlock

♦ Nancy Hartmann

♦ Eloise Bell

*Community  
Outreach Partners  
Divine Intervention  
& Arts and Science  
Literacy Camps*

*Faith Communities  
Partnering in Ministry  
Current Issues Calling  
Us To Prayer*

*As you gather around the  
Table, please listen once  
and then sing twice.*

*Found in Hymnal, #466*

*By permission, Laura  
Farnell.*

♦Common Ground and MICAH

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

♦Christ Church United Church of Christ

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

### ✧ **Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**

#### ✧ **Sung Call To Prayer   #466   Hymnal**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!**

#### ✧ **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**

### **Sending Forth With Blessing**

#### ✧ **\*Departing Hymn      "A Song Of Night"**

**Sing to me...a gentle song of night...  
Before the moon has reached its lofty height.**

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**Sing to me... a song of star's delight...  
Released to shine above...  
Free from the day so bright.  
And when this song has reached its end...  
Bend your head to me...  
Whisper the words that were born far above,  
Ere the moon had swayed the seas...  
Ere the brightest star did shine:  
Oldest of words, even older than time,  
And this heart of mine will stop to hear your song.**

**Sing to me....a sweet, low melody...  
That drifts on darkened breeze invisibly.**

**Sing to me...a song of shadowed trees...  
That bids my heart rejoice...at all its mysteries.  
And when this song has reached its end...  
Bend your head to me...**

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**✧\*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**

***Please join us for Tippe Café right here in the sanctuary.***

As you leave, you are invited to linger longer enjoying sanctuary time. 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!

*Richard Bruxvoort Colligan,  
adapted, with permission*

# Tippeca-News December 17, 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

Today and Next Sunday Parlor Class:  
Coloring Our Way Through That Night!

2pm – All Church Caroling followed by Hot  
Chocolate and stories at Daniel Family's home!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** first and third  
Sundays of each month after Kid's Time in  
worship! Our families will teach us!

**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!* No meeting Dec. 27.

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

**Bay View Children's Choir** on winter break.

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. No  
meeting Christmas or New Year's Eve.

**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.  
No meeting Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

**Our next ASLC Science Saturday** is in January!  
To know more, email [aslcforkids@gmail.com](mailto:aslcforkids@gmail.com)!

**Lunch Bunch** meets Tues Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at Applebees,  
270 W. Holt Ave., **at 11 a.m.** #414.489.0874  
**Gift Exchange at this Meeting!!**

## Advent Into Christmas 2017

Our Theme: On That Night!



**NO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
CHRISTMAS EVE DAY!**

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Worship

4:30pm:

Special Children's Time With Pastor Karen

5pm:

Hot Wassail and Special Music... *with Singing!*

5:30pm:

Candlelight Service of Worship

December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Meditative Worship, no  
child care

January 7<sup>th</sup> Epiphany Celebration with the Garlic  
Mustard Pickers providing musical joy!

## Brave Places Letter Writing/Calling Meet-up

**Where: McDonald's at 6<sup>th</sup> and Oklahoma**

**When: 1-2 pm on First Sundays!**

## Threshold Singing:

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

## Zensational Yoga for children!

Third Sundays monthly at 1pm.

## Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

It is said that "On That Night," lost things are found again. We might say, renewed....we might say renewed for resistance to our usual way of thinking about ourselves and our world. Advent is the time to hurry to the wonder of our faith and slow down enough for our God to take hold of our lives....a time to hurry and wait within the safe and abiding presence of Holiness.

Each with our own beloved story, shaped anew by our Holy Story,  
Pastor Karen will begin us in a litany and then 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..... Karen Hagen  
Director of Music Ministry ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Ministry Support Associate..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader..... Ashley Murphy  
Worship Hosts..... Larry and Nancy Hartmann  
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

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Ministry Support Associate..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader..... All of Us Together!  
Worship Hosts.....  
Nursery Care ..... No Child Care this day!  
Director of *Living Waters*..... Pastor Karen  
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**Email Pastor Karen directly at [pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com)**

**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).**

**To assist with Larry Under The Bridge, please contact email: [lutbtippedi@gmail.com](mailto:lutbtippedi@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).**

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