

~ 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

December 18, 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

Fourth 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**

✧ **Readying 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 we newly listen to an old familiar story. And as we do, 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!

The power of the Holy Story's curative love flows through the generations and through us. A love that cares for each of our damaged selves as it also nurtures injured others.

**All: Restorative truth cleanses us of painful confusion,  
freeing us from destructive illusion.**

Pastor: 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 re-stories me!  
Mine is a storied life!**

### ✧ **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.*

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

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

~ Carol~

## ✧ **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: Luke 1: 68-75, 78-79**

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!*

*For Reflection as Rich guides us. Start at the bottom and reflect up:*

**The Realm of Healing:**

*God*

*Love*

*The Spiritual*

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STORY, WISDOM

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**The Realm of Control:**

*Knowledge*

*Information*

*Data*

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The Realm of Creativity:

Unconsciousness

Chaos

*From Leonard Cohen's
"Hallelujah"*

❖ **Prompting**

**"The Story Place Within...
Giving Birth To Our Own Healing
Christmas Stories!"**

Guest Presenter: Rich Hanhardt

Pastor Karen Hagen

❖ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Luke 2: 1-20**



❖ **A Moment Of Personal Reflection...**

❖ **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 upon Ann Weem's poem "To Listen, To Look" and Joseph and Mary's stories.

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

Is it all sewn up -- my life?

Is it at this point so predictable, so orderly, so neat, so arranged, so right, that I don't have time or space for listening for the rustle of angel's wings or running to stables to see a baby?

Could this be what He meant when He said, 'Listen, those who have ears to hear... Look, those who have eyes to see?'

Lord, tell me my life is not all sewn up and that there is still time for me to travel with Joseph and Mary....that there is still room for me in the inn....in the manger....this season.

O God, give me the humbleness and the beginning trust of Daddy Joseph and Mommy Mary who believed beyond the facts of life and lived into faith. His love, Her Love must have been great to have trusted so deeply in a new ending to their story!

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.

(Release a sigh...)

✧ You may wish to name with God a way in which your life is too orderly for there to be any space for God; or you may share with God in delight a *Love* that has already come true; 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 this invitation to personal sharing move you toward the Divine. Contemplate the mystery!

✧ **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!**

*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

♦ Dick & Gail Dricken and Olusegun Sijuwade

Tippe Ministry

♦ Session

Spiritual Leaders:

Elder

Deacon

Staff

- ♦ Christian Pavlock
- ♦ Sheryl Schroeder
- ♦ MaryBeth Garrett

Community

Outreach Partners

- ♦ Common Ground and MICA

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. Roman 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 18th, 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

Caroling and Soup Supper Together!

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

December 18th 3pm

No Worship Sundays

December 25th or January 1st.

We worship at Grace January 1 at 10am.

Please join with us!

No "Sanctuary Time Of Belonging"

Monday December 26th and January 2!

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** is on mid-year break.
Watch for announcements as to when we begin
again...*and with joy!*

**Center yourself... Sunday Centering
meets 2nd-5th Sundays at 6pm.** Join us for a
time of quieting, opening us to the Holy within
& within each other. No Centering Christmas
the 25th or New Year's Day January 1st.

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"

CHRISTMASEVE CELEBRATIONS!

4:30pm: Children's Gathering

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

5:30pm: Candlelight Christmas Celebration!

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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

Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

It's Advent. We find ourselves full of wonder...waiting yet not passive, centering not scattering, passionate about the healing that is offered.

This season, we can let the power of our Holy Master Story open us to healing as we make new meaning of our lives. We can rewrite our own stories...a re-birthing story of our own!

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:

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..... Rich Hanhardt
Worship Hosts..... Chris Walker
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

Week of January 8th in Leadership

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Worship Leader Garlic Mustard Pickers!
Worship Hosts Jerry Watkins
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Email Pastor Karen directly at pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com

If you have questions regarding our missions and how you can help, please email: sustainingtippe@gmail.com.

To assist with sharing our supper (SOS meals), please email: sosmealsdi@gmail.com.

If you have donations for Project Home, please email: projecthomedl@gmail.com.

For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please email: aslcforkids@gmail.com.

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