

~ Welcome To Worship ~

TIPPECANOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



Christmas Eve December 2016

*We begin with special music and move directly into our worship this night!
Please settle in by our 5:30 time. Words of Welcome by Pastor Karen to come!*

*~GATHERING HYMN: Mary Did You Know? Songsheet on Back Cover
~AN INVITATION TO GIVE YOURSELF TO WORSHIP THIS HOLY NIGHT~
“A New Story Is Ours!”*

~"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" Hymnal #41

~Let The Story Speak Through Sounds Of Silence~

~LIGHTING THE ADVENT & CHRIST CANDLES

*After the lighting of the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle,
let us read these words together as prompted....*

With the coming of this light there is born in us once again the power of a new, holy story! This story heals the past into a new future...in ways we never could have conceived of on our own! In the light of our Master Story and its possibility for new endings, we can live claiming a new story of JOY!
Like the Wise Ones, we will not return home the same way!

~FIRST Bible Wisdom Teaching: Luke 2:1-7

~"AWAY IN A MANGER" Hymnal #25

~Let The Story Speak Through Sounds of Silence~

~SECOND Bible Wisdom Teaching: Luke 2: 8-12

~"THE FIRST NOWELL" Hymnal #56 Verses 1, 4

~Let The Story Speak Through Sounds Of Silence~

~Third Bible Wisdom Teaching: Luke 2: 13-20

~"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" Hymnal #23...a new arrangement!

~MESSAGE~

"A New Story...Of Joy!"

Rev. Karen Hagen

~Affirmation of Faith: "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman, adapted

When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins in us as we live newly storied lives of JOY, and we seek...
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner,
To teach the nations,
To offer small acts of kindness and laugh out loud together,
To bring "Christ" to all,
To Make Music In The Heart!

~Prayers of Peace and Justice, and The Lord's Prayer

~ Our Offering As the plate is passed, please listen once through, then let us sing:

"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" Hymnal #44 Verses 1, 3

~"SILENT NIGHT" Hymnal #60

As you sing, please lift your candle's light up in a gentle arc of motion....rock-a-bye Jesus!

~HOLDING THE SILENCE....A HOLY HUSH~

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS JOY WITH US!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

~BENEDICTION~

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Thanks to each of YOU tonight for taking time in your life  
to create a special place of worshipful preparation for Holiness!

*You are always welcome at Tippe!*  
*Many ways to participate! Many ways to belong!*

Please join us Sundays for holy worship 9:30AM or,  
Monday evening's "Sanctuary Time of Belonging" 6:30PM (after the holy-days)!

No Christmas worship at Tippe. Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> join with us as we worship at Grace Presbyterian Church at 10am on KK across from Anodyne's. No "Sanctuary Time of Belonging" December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Join Us January 8th for Our Epiphany Celebration!  
A special free concert by The Garlic Mustard Pickers...  
followed by An Epiphany Lunch and Celebration and Caroling!

All Are Welcome!

Upcoming special Living Waters Contemplative Life Center Offerings:  
A Night of Quieting, Sung Meditation, Reflection By Candlelight, first Fridays of each month,  
7pm in sanctuary.

New Spirit, New Year Retreat! January 28th Registration opening soon at [livingwatersclc@aol.com](mailto:livingwatersclc@aol.com).

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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).

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## **Mary, did you know**

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.

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!