

~ Welcome To Worship ~

TIPPECANOE FAITHING COMMUNITY (P.C.U.S.A.)



Christmas Eve December 2017

***We begin with music & fellowship moving 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? Soloist: Jack

~AN INVITATION TO GIVE YOURSELF TO WORSHIP THIS HOLY NIGHT~

“On That Night So Long Ago...This Night...It’s As If Time Stands Still...”

~"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" Hymnal #133

~Let Time Stand Still~

~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 that night which now comes every night! This story heals the past into a new future...in ways we never could have conceived of on our own!

We are renewed and made able to resist our usual ways of thinking...about ourselves and our world!

Love, Hope, Joy, Peace are ours!

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 #115

~Let Time Stand Still~

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

~"THE FIRST NOWELL" Hymnal #147 Verses 1, 4

~Let Time Stand Still~

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

~"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" Hymnal #113

~MESSAGE~

“Have Yourself A Resilient Little Christmas!”

Rev. Karen Hagen

Have yourself a resilient little Christmas. Let your heart be light. From now on, all our troubles will be out of sight. Have yourself a resilient little Christmas. Make the yule-tide gay. From now on, our troubles will be miles away. Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us, gather near to us once more. Have yourself a resilient little Christmas. Let your heart be light. From now on, all our troubles will be out of sight. So, have yourself a resilient little Christmas, now!

~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 and big acts of kindness and laugh out loud together,
To bring "Christ" to all,
To Make Music In The Heart!

~Special Music: Christmas Hallelujah Soloist: Jack Please join in singing the refrain!

~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 #121 Verses 1, 3*

~"SILENT NIGHT" Hymnal #122 Sing all 4 verses, hum a last time

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 AS TIME STANDS STILL~
TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS JOY WITH US!***

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

~BENEDICTION~