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Welcome To Worship

December 2, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Walking to Bethlehem...And Beyond!



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 Second and Fourth Sundays of the months during the program year when Heatherlee guides

"Children's Wisdom Circle: 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 (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 in the Cloud Room which is our "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.*



Walking to Bethlehem...And Beyond!

It's Advent. This year in worship and in life, we intend not only make it to Bethlehem, but make it through Bethlehem! The point is not the star or the manger or the child! The point is to keep on walking your life, full of new life, through Bethlehem, toward Jerusalem, and beyond!

Today's Wisdom Teachings call us to remember our "roots" in faith and celebrate "new life can/does come from old stumps"....this is what Jesus' birth teaches us again!

Today, we celebrate God's love as we feast in Holy Communion. All are welcome at Table together ...wherever you are on your faith journey, whatever your age or tradition, whatever your need.



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.

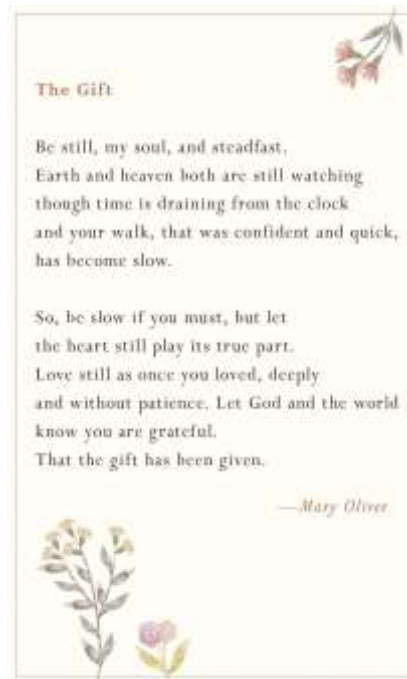
As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.

God rejoices in your coming and meets you this morning in special ways that are meant just for you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

Preparing To Worship...



Walking to Bethlehem...And Beyond!



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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 Forward the Bible**

◆ **Ring the Bell...an ancient tradition to clarify the air enabling our prayers to rise more easily to our God.**

*Please note the Christ  
Candle is not yet lit...the  
babe is yet to be born! We  
will light an Advent Candle  
each week as we walk our  
way closer to the birth of  
the Holy Child!*

## Gathering As God's People

### ✧ **Becoming Present To God And Each Other**

#### ✧ **Lighting of the Advent Candles: *Beyond Christmas...***

*Jay Paske*

### \*✧ **Gathering Hymn      Take A Walk Through Bethlehem**

The city's decorated up for Christmas.  
All the stores are open late tonight.  
People hurry through the frozen streets.  
I take a walk...

Every child has a thousand wishes.  
Every window has a thousand lights.  
Every soul has a need for peace.  
I take a walk...

There's a star that still outshines the night.  
You can find it if you close your eyes and see the light.

Take a walk through Bethlehem.  
Come and kneel before the child.  
Good news for everyone.  
Walk through Bethlehem.

Every night another TV special.  
Merchants counting down the shopping days.  
But something's missing under the tree.  
I take a walk.

Cause every heart longs for more than tinsel.  
Something more than just a holiday.  
Come and celebrate the baby King.  
Let's take a walk.

You don't have to travel anywhere.  
Faith and hope and love will bring you there.  
Bring you there.

Take a walk through Bethlehem.  
Come and kneel before the child.  
Good News for everyone.  
Walk through Bethlehem.    X2

*A silent prayer for each of us based on our Wisdom Teachings and our shared longings of the season.*

## ❖Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ❖Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

O Holy One, I pray I am really going to walk somewhere new this Advent, because I wouldn't want to think this is the way my life or this world is going to be forever! The scriptures lead me to hope there is more to come and another way to go in life if I will but walk to Bethlehem and beyond.

Lord, guide me. I don't want to only go through the motions again this year; I want to go somewhere new in my life beyond Christmas! The challenge is, I get stumped and stopped by worries, assumptions, bad advice. I go wrong or don't have the energy to go at all. I keep circling back to the same dead ends.

Give me the courage to escape my usual ways of thinking so I can move my life along. Guide me in your paths of righteousness ...compassion... and justice. Bring me somewhere new...come and take me with You and walk me through!

*(Release a sigh...)*

### ❖A Moment With God For Each Of Us...

*Read these words! These may be the best words of all....just for you this morning!*

You may wish to name with God how you are worried, stuck, stumped or going in circles; or you may share with God your special desires for the season; 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 there be some quiet. We will be "stilled" together for 5 minutes or so! You have time....go deeper....

*From "The Road Home"  
Michael Dennis Browne  
and Stephen Paulus.*

*Our Sung Response*

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

*Please remain seated.*

Ever heard of Hannah's  
song? A precursor to  
Mary's Magnificat?  
Please read 1 Samuel 2: 1-  
10....*on your own!*

*My prayer as I listen:*

## ✧Kyrie

**Take a walk through Bethlehem;  
come and kneel before the child.  
Good news everyone!  
Walk through Bethlehem.**

## ✧Receiving God's Grace....*God With Us Always*

## ✧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!**

## ✧\*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

## ✧Hymn of Prayerful Preparation #82 Hymnal

**"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

## ✧Bible's Wisdom Teachings and Reflection

**Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
Isaiah 11: 1-10**

One: This is the way our story is told.  
God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

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

## ✧Prompting

*Beyond Bethlehem:*

*"Stumped...Again!"*

Pastor Karen Hagen

Now,  
O Lord,  
Calm me into a quietness  
that heals  
and listens...  
and molds my longings  
and passions  
my wounds  
and wonderings  
into a more holy  
and human shape.

## ✧ A Moment Of Personal Reflection...



As my reflection after Your prompting Lord, I feel You inviting me to...

*Adapted from Marianne  
Williamson's "Our  
Deepest Fear"*

## Opening to God's Grace

### ✧ Affirming Our Faith With Intention

**In this Advent Season I rest myself  
in this understanding:**

**Ultimately, I have just one faithful duty...  
to reclaim large areas of God's  
LOVE AND PEACE already within me,  
more & more LOVE AND PEACE ,  
and to reflect it towards others.**

**For the more "God" there is in me,  
the more "God" there will also be  
in my family & with my friends & within God's world!**



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  
Community  
Outreach Partners  
Divine Intervention  
& Arts and Science  
Literacy Camps  
Faith Communities  
Partnering in Ministry*

*A Threshold Song...sing twice and then once acapella...*

✧ **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:

♦ Jennifer Kubacki

♦ Property

♦ Christian Pavlock

♦ Patti Heneghan

♦ Janet Ahrens

♦ Common Ground and MICAH

♦ Holding Guests, Hosts, and Staff into the light of our prayer!

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

♦ Metropolitan Community Church

♦ Employment      ♦ Immigration Reform

♦ Torture Awareness   ♦ God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

✧ **Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**



✧ **Sung Call To Prayer**

**We walk not into the night.  
We walk but toward a star.**

✧ **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Giving Thanks To God**

✧ **Offering Ourselves**

**In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!**



## ✧ Offertory and Sung Response

Hymn #710 "We Are An Offering" Hymnal

**"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

### ✧ Preparation of the Table

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*If you wish to remain  
seated as you commune,  
we will gladly serve you.*

*Those who come forward,  
please Join in a circle of  
hearts and hands around  
the sanctuary connecting  
with those seated,  
creatively as necessary!*

*Please keep the circle on  
the inside of the columns  
so all can be seen.*

As we commune, please  
continue to sing the  
Kyrie.

Pastor: Lord God, as once You came to us in a stable in Bethlehem, You come now...the bread and wine to feed what is hungry within us, offering truth, inviting us to walk the talk to Bethlehem and beyond.

**People: We open to the mystery that is Advent, that is Christ, that is God With Us...Emmanuel.**

Pastor: This table: it is hope in our deserts, a well where love springs, a place where fountains of living water pour through our needs.

**People: This place: it is where bread is broken and wine is poured, where life is offered and heaven is opened, where Jesus gathers us making us welcome.**

Pastor: This story: it saves the best till last! For even as we await the birth of Christ, we are Easter people!

Gracious God, You fill our hearts with the sustenance of heaven, and within a spirit of thanksgiving, we celebrate Your freely giving of Yourself to each of us -- Divine Lover of each one here gathered...and to all people throughout the world!

Friends, it takes courage to walk the talk to Bethlehem yet alone to walk beyond Bethlehem. But the Mystery surrounds us, beckons us, assures us we go not into the night, but toward a star...a star bringing light to our darkness, hope to our lives, freedom and confidence to our days.

As we open to the mystery that is God in love with each of us, all of us, let us join in giving God our praise as we affirm our faith, singing:

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.**

**✧ Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread  
Communion of the People**

**Sending Forth With Blessing**

**✧\*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**

*Richard Bruxvoort Colligan,  
adapted, with permission*

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.

# Tippeca-News December 2, 2018

*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

Hanging of the Greens after worship with  
Hot Wassail and Cookies!

**Parlor Class Sundays:**  
“The Challenge of Jesus”

**Divine Intervention New Host Training!**  
TODAY 4:00-6:30pm.

**CHILDREN’S WISDOM CIRCLE** second  
and fourth Sundays of each month after Kid’s  
Time in worship!

**Youth Circle for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
**first Wednesdays** of the month, 6:30-  
7:45pm with Heatherlee.

**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.

**Shared Wisdom Circle** meets on Wednesdays  
at 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** is on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in  
Study Lounge.

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.

**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.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTION

**Lunch Bunch** will meet this Tuesday, December  
4, at 11:45am at Applebee’s on Holt Avenue. We  
exchange gifts at the December meeting.

**Zensational Yoga** for children...third Sundays  
1pm in sanctuary. All children welcome!

**Science Saturdays Return!**  
**Open to K-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> graders!**  
**January 5th. Forms available at back of**  
**sanctuary or on-line at [tippechurch.org](http://tippechurch.org)!**

Sung Meditation – Threshold Singing  
First Friday Nights monthly, 6:30-8pm.

**Advent into Christmas 2018**  
**Our Theme: Traveling to Bethlehem...and**  
**BEYOND!**



**December 7th, Friday, 6:30pm Worship –**  
**The Advent of Holiness...**  
**Readings, Reflection, Sung Meditation**

**December 16 2:00pm – All Church Caroling**  
followed by Hot Chocolate and stories

**December 23rd – Lessons and Carols**

**December 24th, Monday, Worship – Christmas Eve**  
**Candlelight Service**

4:30pm: Special Children’s Time with Pastor Karen  
5:00pm: Hot Wassail and Special Music...*with Singing!*  
5:30pm: Candlelight Service of Worship

**December 30th - New Year’s Meditative Worship**

## Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

Our call as Christians is not to come to church, but to go out into the world. Our call as Christians in Advent is not to walk to Bethlehem, but to go through Bethlehem on our way to the rest of our lives....wherever it is faith leads us....making Christ-mas really real.

With each step we take, with a sigh too deep for words, we lean back into the everlasting arms of our God. Full of wonder, waiting yet not passive, passionate about the coming reign of this Christ child in our lives, we share our real lives with our God during this most holy of seasons.

Each with our own beloved story, as we surrender pretenses and open to God...shaped anew by our Holy Story, we lift our prayers silently to our God using the reflection on Page 5 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  
Wondrous Musician..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Dir. C, Y, F Ministry..... Heatherlee Muehlius  
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader..... Diane Wirhanowicz  
Worship Hosts..... Betty Salamun and Gary Oleksyn  
Nursery Care..... Natalia and Community  
*Living Waters Staff*

Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

#### **Next Sunday in Leadership**

Pastor..... Karen Hagen  
Director of Music Ministry. .... MaryBeth Garrett  
Dir. C, Y, F Ministry..... Heatherlee Muehlius  
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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 email: [sosmealsdi@gmail.com](mailto:sosmealsdi@gmail.com).

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

If you have donations for Project Home, please email: [projecthomedl@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedl@gmail.com).

For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please email: [aslcforkids@gmail.com](mailto:aslcforkids@gmail.com).

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