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# Welcome To Worship

December 16, 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 (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 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 focus us on being glad as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ...even though the good news doesn't always sound so good, feel so good...*at first!*

*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.*

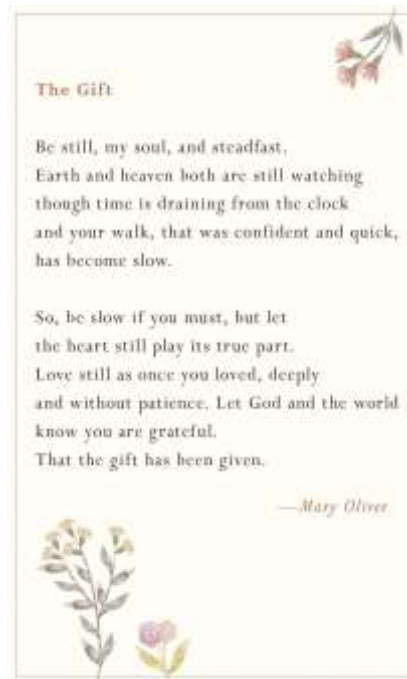
*As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.*

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

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Third 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...***

*Casey Margolis*

### \*❖ **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 underneath 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 upon Ann Weem's poems "Yesterday's Pain" and "It's Not Over".*

## ❖Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ❖Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

Some of us...I...walk into Advent tethered to my unresolved yesterdays...the pain still stabbing, the hurt still throbbing.

It's not that I don't know better; it's just that I can't stand up anymore by myself. On the way to Bethlehem, who will give me a hand?

And...I know....the birthing hasn't yet come and will not be over and God is still throwing stars my way.

When I begin to think I can predict the absence or advent of God, box the Christ in a stable in Bethlehem rather than take the lid off His possibility for me...when I keep God out of my life and don't take the hand of help offered me

....the story tells me....that's just the time God will be born in a place within me and beyond me I can't imagine and won't want to believe.

I join those who wait for God watching with our heart and not our eyes, listening...always listening...for angel words.

This is what helps....waiting with others is just what I need!

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...

You may wish to name with God a hurt that still throbs; or you may share with God a happening in your life for which you are most thankful; 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....

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

*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.*

*This journey through  
Advent, we will hear from  
a different prophet each  
week along with our New  
Testament Wisdom  
Teachings.*

*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 #87 Hymnal

**"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"**

## ✧Bible's Wisdom Teachings and Reflection

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Philippian 4:4-7**

**Luke 3:7-18**

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:*

*"Expecting... To Make It Through!"*

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.

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

**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.*

## ✧A Moment Of Personal Reflection...



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

## 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!

### ✧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*

*Community*

*Outreach Partners*

*Divine Intervention*

*& Arts and Science*

*Literacy Camps*

*Faith Communities*

*Partnering in Ministry*

♦Jeanne Van Oss

♦Beverly Iding

♦Worship

♦Maynard Bell

♦Sheryl Schroeder

♦MaryBeth Garrett

♦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 dark.  
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**

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



## Sending Forth With Blessing

### ✧\*Departing Hymn      “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky little lamb.  
Do you see what I see?  
A star, a star  
Dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite,  
With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy.  
Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song  
High above the tree  
With a voice as big as the sea,  
With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm mighty king.  
Do you know what I know?  
A child, a child  
Shivers in the cold  
Let us bring him silver and gold,  
Let us bring him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere,  
Listen to what I say.  
Pray for peace people everywhere.  
Listen to what I say.  
The child, the child  
Sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light.

### ✧\*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

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 16, 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

TODAY 2:00pm – All Church Caroling followed by Hot Chocolate and stories at the Becker's!

**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.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTION

**Lunch Bunch** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:45am at Applebee's on Holt Avenue.

**Zensational Yoga** for children...third Sundays 1:00pm 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)!**

## Meditative Song Circle



First Friday Nights monthly, 6:30-8pm.

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



**Today @ 2:00 pm** – All Church Caroling followed by Hot Chocolate and stories at the Becker's!

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Lessons and Carols Worship

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>** - New Year's Meditative Worship

**January 6<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany Celebration** with "Garlic Mustard Pickers" and Chili Cook-Off with Epiphany Cake, Crowning of the Kings, Fun for All!

## 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, 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 shaped anew by the Holy Story, as we surrender pretenses and open to God, 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..... Pat Bowne  
Worship Hosts..... Nancy and Larry Hartmann  
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  
Ministry Support Associate ..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader ..... Pat Bowne  
Worship Hosts ..... Eloise and Maynard Bell  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
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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: [projecthomededi@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomededi@gmail.com).

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

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