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Welcome To Worship

December 23, 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!

We continue our journey toward Christmas enjoying a *Service of Lessons and Carols*...lessons of our faith for our lives' journeys. A few "newer versions" of seasonal readings guide us. The hope is we hear anew the familiar stories and so come to understand them in deepening ways...for the season demands much of those who long to open to the mystery...*the Holy*. If we are to know newness in our faith and in our lives, we must indeed open and enter! And, like Mary and Joseph, opening may not be easy...but we can walk to Christmas and beyond!

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.

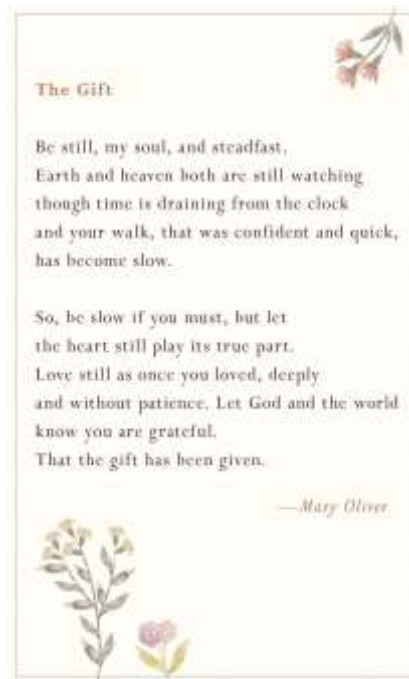
As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Preparing To Worship...



Walking to Bethlehem...And Beyond! ***Lessons and Carols***



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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
- ◆ Ringing 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...***

*Janet and Gary Scheffel*

### \*✧ **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

### ❖ **Gathering Words:**

One: It's Advent. Even within the joy and excitement of this season, we are invited by the true spirit of Christmas to linger long today.... anticipate mystery's coming into the world...invited to enter into the mystery in order to find our way through life...beyond Bethlehem. Life is an open ended journey. For those who believe...life is guided mysteriously toward a star....right through the darkest nights and brightest days...to Bethlehem and beyond. Today, we open to the mystery that longs to guide us. And so, your journey and ours begins again. And we remember.....

### ❖ **First Lesson: The Journey Begins**

One: In the beginning, God allowed chaos, allowed for troubled dreams and uncertain sounds, and fears in the darkness. From darkness comes light. From a myriad of choices comes the "Way". The Mystery enfolds us!

**Pastor: Genesis 1:1-5**

### ❖ **Hymnal, #22, "God of the Sparrow", Verses 1, 2**

One: In the course of time, all God's creation flourished. Within God's grace, we began our human journey. God allowed for a journey from our-selves to other people, from restriction to freedom, from a forgotten place to a promised land. And when the journey seemed darkest, when it was hardest and the way ahead unclear, when the temptation to turn back most alluring, God came....a babe in the manger to grow up with us...Emmanuel...and show us the "Way".

**Pastor: John 1:1-5, 14**

### ❖ **Hymnal, #22, "God of the Sparrow", Verses 3, 4.**

One: So, remember your own journey and how far you have traveled already, and give thanks! Allow friendship to grow, truth to be discovered, faith to become real. On the mountain-top, in quiet spaces, in hard places...God blesses you and leads you back to life through Bethlehem and beyond Jerusalem. So, remember how your story began. Remember not why...but how, and when, and where you've been blessed and give thanks. The Mystery is made real in us!

### ❖ **Hymnal, #22, "God of the Sparrow", Verses 5, 6.**

One: And yet we still ask....

Pastor: John 14:4, 5a

✧ **A Moment With God For Each Of Us....**

✧ **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, and the Son, and 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**

**Held WithIn the Word**

✧ **And the Children Will Lead The Way: Kids' Time**

✧ **Second Lesson: God Calls Us Wise, Too!**

**...And Calls Us To Bring "Presence", Too!**

One: Listen to this retelling of the "Wise Ones" cast in a different time with a different intention. Hear it not as a new, woman's version of the old story, but as an invitation to imagine how the journey might have played out differently...how your journey can be different.

✧ **Hymn Response: "Tis A Gift To Be Simple"** (Melody: Simple Gifts, Pg. 302)

**Tis the gift to be simple, tis the gift to be free,  
Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.**

### ✧ Third Lesson: God Knows The Journey Is Not Easy

“Mary...and Joseph’s Journey: Our Journey Through Bethlehem”  
Mary speaks....

#### ✧ **Our Sung Response**

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

*A Threshold Song*

#### Opening to God's Grace

#### ✧ **\*Prayer of the Season’s Journey of Mystery and Hope**

One: Mysterious God, confounding our expectations, calling us to journey to new life, You meet us where we least expect to find You.

**All: You stay the journey with us...**

One: Child of the manger....cradling our pain, sharing in our weakness, leading us to life, some of us need rest and some of us need restlessness.

**All: You stay the journey with us...**

One: Source of life, birthing Yourself within our own experience, we return our lives and gifts to You now.

**All: You stay the journey with us...**

One: Holiness, You stay with us...we misfit souls...in our courageous frailty....oh that we may know the difference between the two as we approach the birth of Jesus!

**All: You walk beside us, live within us, lead us on. We look to You. Open us to the mystery that is Christmas! We journey beyond with You!**

#### ✧ **Naming Our Gratuities, 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:

**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*

*Current Issues Calling Us*

*To Prayer*

♦ Casey Moglia, Sarah & Neil Fortier, and Carol Rinelli & Rose Trupiano

♦CE

♦ Jerry Watkins

♦ Barbara Wooldrage

♦ Natalia Rojo

♦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 The Lord's Prayer**

*Found in Hymnal, Page 16, Traditional Version.*

### **Giving Thanks To God**

#### ✧ **Offering Ourselves**

♦In Thankfulness

With Energized Commitment!

#### ✧ **\*Offertory and Sung Response**

**Hymn #146 "We Are An Offering" Worship and Praise**

**“We lift our voices,  
we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You!  
We are an offering,  
we are an offering.”**



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*

✧\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

✧\*Dedication of Joy Offering

Sending Forth With Blessing

✧\*Departing Hymn #98 Hymnal

“To A Maid Engaged To Joseph”

✧\*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.**

# Tippeca-News December 23, 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

**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 not meeting tomorrow night (Dec 24<sup>th</sup>) or the following Monday (Dec 31<sup>st</sup>).**

We'll see you in the new year - on January 7<sup>th</sup>! 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 not meeting this week (Dec 26).** We'll meet again on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 ATTRACTIONS

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

**Zensational Yoga** for children meets quarterly in the sanctuary. Next time is 1:00pm on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. All children welcome!

**Science Saturdays Return!**  
**Open to K-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> graders!**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup>. 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!**



Tomorrow - December 24th – 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!



## **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..... Eloise and Maynard Bell  
 Nursery Care..... Natalia and Community  
*Living Waters Staff*  
 Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

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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: [projecthomedidi@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedidi@gmail.com).

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

Find us at [www.tippechurch.org](http://www.tippechurch.org).

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