



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

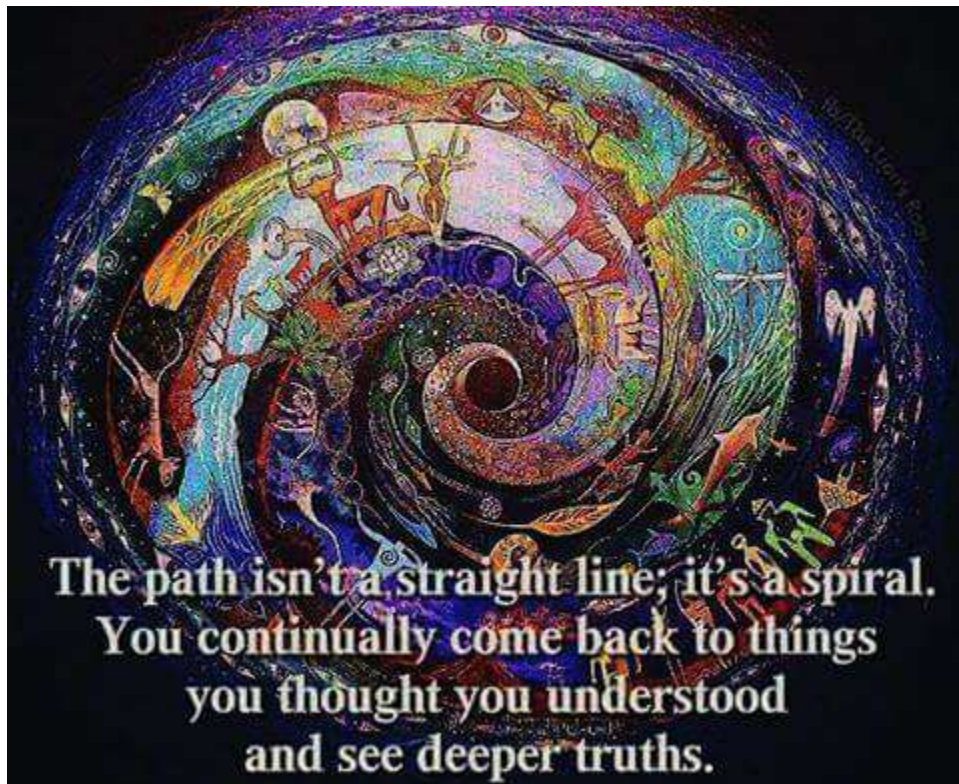
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Welcome To Worship

February 24, 2019

9:30 a.m.

The Path Beyond...Bethlehem...



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. Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after worship.

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.

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.



The Path Beyond...Bethlehem...

In this ordinary time of the church year, we embrace this extraordinary knowing: the point of Christmas 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...over and over again...each time more deeply!

Today's Wisdom Teachings, we hear again the familiar verses associated with the Golden Rule since the time of childhood. We hear them again today and wonder together about what "being good" has to do with "getting to heaven". Through the grace of God, this is "work" we do not have to do on our own or all alone!

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.

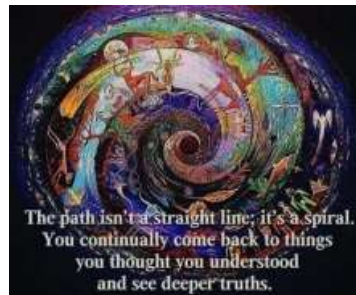
God rejoices in your coming and meets you this morning in special ways that are meant just for you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Preparing To Worship...

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.



The path isn't a straight line; it's a spiral.
You continually come back to things
you thought you understood
and see deeper truths.

The Path Beyond...Bethlehem...

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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.**

## Gathering As God's People

*Based upon Psalm 37*

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

One: Even as we gather to hear God's word for us today, it is hard not to be distracted by our lives. Even as we gather in faith and hope and seek to remain on the path, it is hard to be patient for the results we want from our lives.

**All: It is hard to "wait for the Lord and keep to his Way" when today shows us so many challenges.**

One: Yet, we come trusting in the goodness of God and a fair outcome for our lives...not so much through our actions as through God's gracious love for us as we remain on the path beyond Bethlehem.

**All: God, grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we may set aside our lives long enough this morning to hear your word for life today!**

\*✧ **Gathering Hymn #307 Hymnal**

**"God Of Grace And God Of Glory"**

### ✧ **Opening Ourselves To God's Grace**

### ✧ **Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God**

**Yes God, I know the verses..."love your enemies", "offer the other cheek", "do to others as you would have them do to you". But You're really asking a lot of me holding me to such a high standard of living and giving.**

**Life can be so unfair and I was hoping You would be the one to make things fair at last! Instead, You expect me to be much more than fair....and to everyone....even to those who are unfair or hurtful to me!**

**You expect me to "love" those who do not love me. This is hard. I don't even want to be around those people sometimes and you say I am to be "good" to them.**

**Help me, Lord. Help me to see myself not only as the recipient of unfairness but as the perpetrator of unfairness.**

**Help me to be able to let go of the reward and punishment approach to living and give myself to the power in Your grace.**

*A silent prayer for each of us based upon today's Wisdom Teachings.*

*We begin reading in silence, then listen for the Worship Leader as we conclude the prayer aloud and then return to silent reflection.*

*Continued on next page...*

**Help me to have the long view of life and trust that you will work through all things for good for those who believe. Go deeper!**

**I long to stay on that path! Lord, you hear my prayer.**

*(Release a sigh...)*

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

✧ You may wish to name with God an unfairness you are experiencing in your life now; or you may share a time when you were able to rise above unfairness and how it felt; 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!*

*Please sing once.*

**✧ Kyrie**

**Take the path beyond Bethlehem;  
on the way through Jerusalem.  
Good news for everyone!  
There's a Way beyond Bethlehem.**

*Our Sung Response*

**✧ 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!**

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

**✧ \*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 #465 Hymnal**

**“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”**

✧ **Bible’s Wisdom Teachings and Reflection**

**1 Corinthians 15:42-58**

**Luke 6:27-38**

One: This is the way our story is told.

God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

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

✧ **Prompting**

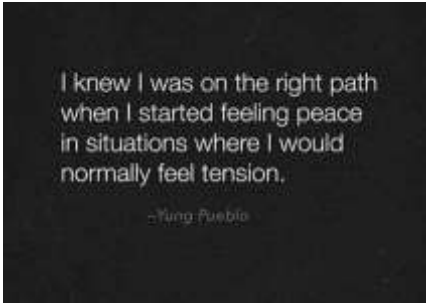
*The Path Beyond Bethlehem:*

*Seeing Deeper Truths:*

*“How Do We Get To Heaven From Milwaukee?”*

Pastor Karen Hagen

✧ **A Moment Of Personal Reflection...**



I knew I was on the right path  
when I started feeling peace  
in situations where I would  
normally feel tension.

-Yung Pueblo

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

*Please remain seated.*

*My prayer again... as I  
listen:*

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.



## Opening to God's Grace

### ✧ Affirming Our Faith With Intention

**Called to be thankful:** We celebrate God's grace in worship, reflection, and action; nurture personal discipleship through education, prayer, and fellowship; and reach out with healing into a world seeking peace and justice. We welcome people of diverse backgrounds, lifestyles, beliefs, and relationships with God to join us on this journey.

### ✧ 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:

- ♦Gregory & Liz (Max & Gwen) Charewicz
- ♦Deserae Constantineau
- ♦CE

- ♦Larry Hartmann
- ♦Patti Heneghan
- ♦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!

- ♦Unity Lutheran Church
- ♦Employment      ♦Immigration Reform
- ♦Torture Awareness   ♦God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

### ✧ Quieting Ourselves For Prayer



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

*MaryBeth will play once through, then prayerfully let us sing twice: first accompanied, second time acapella.*

*Please use the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer or you may wish to prayer this translation offered by Rev. Eugene Peterson.*

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*

## ✧ Sung Call To Prayer

O God we call. O God we call.  
From deep inside we yearn. From deep inside we yearn.  
From deep inside we yearn...for You!

## ✧ Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Lord's Prayer by Rev. Eugene Peterson:*  
Father,  
Reveal who you are. Set the world right.  
Keep us alive with three square meals.  
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.  
Keep us safe from ourselves and from Evil."

## Giving Thanks To God

### ✧ Offering Ourselves

In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!

### ✧ Offertory and Sung Response

Hymnal #710 "We Are An Offering"

"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

## Sending Forth With Blessing

### ✧\*Departing Hymn #543 Hymnal

"O Christ Surround Me"

### ✧\*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



# Tippeca-News February 24, 2019

*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 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 7:00 pm in the 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 on a third Sunday at 1:00 pm in sanctuary. All children welcome!

### *Science Saturdays Return!*

*Open to K-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> graders!*  
*Forms available online at [tippechurch.org](http://tippechurch.org)!*



*The Way Goes Before Us...  
Let Us Begin Again!*

**March 3:** *Mardi Gras with free Pancake Breakfast, fun and games, Pre-Lenten Worship*

**March 10:** *Lent begins with weekly "The Challenge of Jesus" Parlor Class following Sunday Worship*

**April 14:** *Palm Sunday Celebrations! Please bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs for dying! There will be an ecumenical gathering mid-afternoon... details to come!*

**April 18:** *6:00pm Maundy Thursday into Tenebrae Service of Worship: A Re-incarnation of that Thursday into Friday with Christ. Please bring finger food to share. Child Care provided.*

**Good Friday:** *Worship in Greater Community*

**Easter Sunday Celebrations:**  
*9:00am Potluck Brunch with Children's Activity*  
*Easter Egg Hunt*  
*10:00am Easter Worship*

## Meditative Song Circle



First Friday Nights monthly, 6:30-8:00pm.

## Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

We say we believe God knows all things about us....knows our prayers before they even enter our awareness. Some may then say, "Why pray at all?" But there is a special internal response of spirit that happens when we voice our prayers, especially when we voice them out loud. Something within us "shifts".

Perhaps the burden of silence is harder for us to bear than we can know until we have broken the silence in voiced prayer. If we can begin to believe the scriptures' assertion that "we know that all things work together for good for those who love God", then we can begin to trust God will use whatever prayer we lift for "good"....for our good.

Each with our own beloved story shaped anew by the Holy Story, as we surrender pretenses and open to God, we lift our prayers to our God, out loud together, using the reflection on Page 4 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..... Maynard Bell  
Worship Hosts..... Maynard and Eloise Bell  
Nursery Care..... Natalia and Community  
*Living Waters Staff*  
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

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

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Director of Music Ministry. .... MaryBeth Garrett  
Dir. C, Y, F Ministry..... Heatherlee Muehlius  
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**Email Pastor Karen directly at [pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com)**

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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