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# Welcome To Worship

August 11, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Summer Rerun of December 9, 2018

*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. "Children's Wisdom Circle" is on break until September when the program year begins again.***

***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 (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.

***Infant through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Care***

can be available all during worship down the stairs in the Cloud Room which is our "nursery."

\*\* See note at end of worship bulletin regarding summer 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 our attention on the promise foretold... a promise calling us to hope and peace! And, calls us to be prepare the way to our hearts so we can walk that talk each day!

*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.*

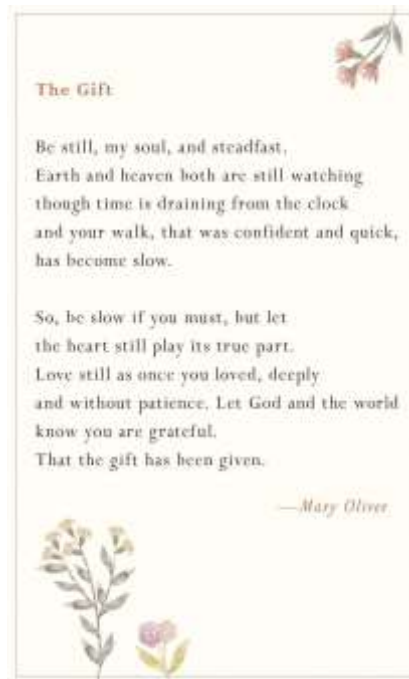
*As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.*

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

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Second Sunday 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...***

*Tom Knuth*

### \*✧ **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 upon Ann Weem's poems, "Toward the Light" and "This Year Will Be Different"*

## ❖Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ❖Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

Holy One, too often my answer to the darkness is not running toward the light of Bethlehem, but running away. I should know by now that I can't see where I'm going in the dark, shouldn't I?

Running away is rampant...separation is stylish.  
Run and tranquilize, don't talk about it, avoid.  
Run away and join all those who have already run away.

When am I going to learn, Lord, Christmas Peace comes only when I turn and face the darkness -- scary as that may be? Only then will I be able to see the Light of the World.

So, this year...

Let me do what Mary did and trust God to be in the unknown.  
Let me do what Joseph did and listen to my dreams.  
Let me do what the Wise Men did and go to worship.  
Let me do what the shepherds did and praise and glorify You for all I've seen and heard! I long to hear what You hear!

I so long for the PEACE of the Bethlehem in my life! I so long for the lasting PEACE through JUSTICE...of the Jerusalem in my life!  
Lord, help me, so this year will be different!

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 place of darkness in your life for which you seek light; or you may share with God a happening of **Peace** 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.

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



Let there be some quiet. We will be “stilled” together  
for 5 minutes or so! You have time....go deeper....

✧ **Kyrie**

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

**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**

*Our Sung Response*

✧ **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**

*Please remain seated.  
Let’s sing 3 times  
beginning full voiced then  
singing more softly.*

✧ **Hymn of Prayerful Preparation #82 Hymnal**

**“Prepare The Way Of The Lord”**

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

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

**Baruch 5:1-9...from the Apocrypha  
Philippians 1:3-11**

**Luke 3:2c-6**

**One:** This is the way our story is told.

God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

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

*My prayer 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.

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

## ❖ Prompting

*Beyond Bethlehem:*

*"Preparing The Way... Through!"*

Pastor Karen Hagen

## ❖ 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!

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*

*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:

♦ Janet and Gary Scheffel

♦ Finance and Personnel (FAP)

♦ Josh Zallar

♦ Nancy Hartmann

♦ Crystal Stinemates

♦ 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**

**Sending Forth With Blessing**

✧ **\*Departing Hymn #106 Hymnal**

**"Prepare The Way, O Zion"**

✧ **\*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*

\*\* Because of the summer schedules of our families, nursery care is not provided each Sunday. Rather, folks can arrange for care any given Sunday at Tippe by contacting Pastor Karen, or Natalia directly. Connect with Pastor Karen at [pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com). We usually need a few days' notice. BUT, do know our children are welcome to stay with us in worship no matter their age as we care to support them and embrace the notion that children are to be seen and heard! Regular weekly nursery care resumes in September. \*\*

# Tippeca-News August 11, 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** will resume in September! Family Fun to come over summer!

**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 at 10:30am on Wednesdays in the parlor as we reflect on our individual and corporate lives through the lens of the wisdom teachings...*lectio style!*  
**We will be on break Wed, July 24 through Sept 18.**

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.

**Mark your calendars now!**

**Tippe's Fun and Faithful  
Outdoor Worship  
and  
Annual Potluck Picnic!  
Sunday September 1st 9:30-Noon**

Meditative Song Circle



First Friday Nights in October-June

## 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  
Director of Music Ministry ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader.....  
Worship Hosts..... Jerry Watkins and Jay Paske  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
*Living Waters Staff*  
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

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

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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 contact email: [sosmealsdi@gmail.com](mailto:sosmealsdi@gmail.com).**

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

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

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

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