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# Welcome To Worship

December 1, 2019

9:30 a.m.

*"This Advent: O Come!"*



*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.*

***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**

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.*



***"This Advent: O Come!"***

It's Advent... a time to come, O Do Come... as Emmanuel readies to come... be One with us...again!

In today's Wisdom Teachings we hear of a promise and a way to let ourselves be taken...with the Advent of something new! And so be able to come...to give ourselves anew! The timing is ours to choose!

***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.*

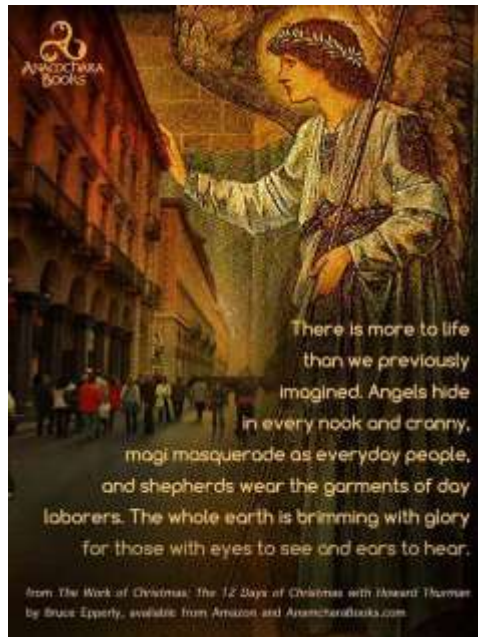
*As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.*

***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...



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### WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY



*"This Advent... O Come!"*

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✧ Welcome and Community News

✧ Readyng 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.

## Gathering As God's People

*Please note there is no table in the story yet and the Christ Candle is not yet lit...the babe is yet to be born! We will light an Advent Candle each week as we come...*

*Based on Ann Weem's poem, In Search Of Kneeling Places, let these words serve as our confessed longing and affirmation of faithfulness.*

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

#### ✧ **Lighting of the Advent Candles:**

*What I most want "to come" into my life this Advent Season!*

*Larry Hartmann*

### \* ✧ **Gathering Hymn #88 Hymnal**

**"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

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

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

In my heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where I must ultimately answer whether there is room or not. When I am Bethlehem-bound, I experience my own advent in His. When I am Bethlehem-bound, I can no longer look the other way conveniently not seeing stars, not hearing angel voices. I can no longer distract or excuse myself by busily tending my sheep or my kingdoms.

*(Go deeper...)*

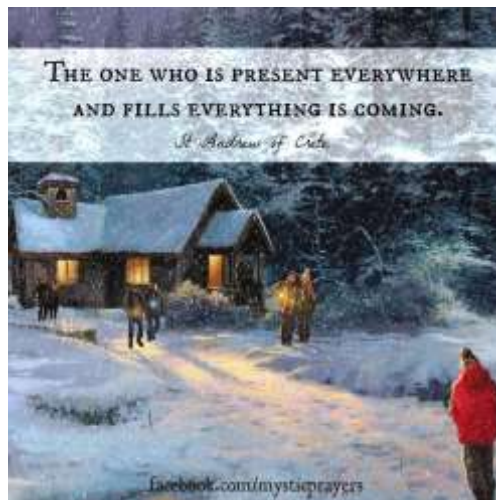
This Advent I come to Bethlehem and see this thing the Lord has made known to us...I come! I seek again to live the Universal pattern of "Unconditional Love" Jesus models for us..."this" the archetypal birthing story of our faith and our very lives.

So...in the midst of shopping sprees, Lord, help me ponder in my heart the Gift of Gifts. Through the tinsel, Lord, help me look for the gold of the Christmas Star. In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos, Lord let me listen for the brush of angels' wings.

*(Go deeper...)*

This Advent, I come! I come. O Come to me, sweet Holiness!

*(Release a sigh...)*



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

*Janet will play once, please sing twice.*

*Hymnal #466*

*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.*

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

✧You may wish to name with God a way in which you feel scattered, distracted, stretched too thin; or you may share with God a new sense of your own empowerment to resist the clutter of the season, now focusing on deepest meaning for your life; 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...

## ✧Kyrie

**O Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
O Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia**

## ✧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

**Matthew 24:36-44**

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 by Janet  
Blanco...what a gift!*

*Christmas Beatitudes by  
Rev. David Rhys  
Williams, adapted*

Please take a moment to  
find a blessing (on the  
next page) that especially  
touches you...invites you  
to "Come." We will all  
start together and then on  
the next page ask you to  
join in reading out loud  
the blessing that touches  
you this day!

## ❖ Prompting

*"This Advent: O Come!"*

*"O Come...Be...Taken!"*

Pastor Karen Hagen

## ❖ A Moment Of Personal Reflection...

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



## ❖ Sung Response To The Word

*Each Week A Singer Will Guide Us!*

### Opening to God's Grace

## ❖ Affirming Our Faith With Intention

**On this blessed day, O Come let us sit at a table of coming peace, for to miss the coming peace of Christmas is to miss its holiest secret.**

**Let us ready to enter into the spiritual delights which are the natural heritage of childlike hearts. Let us withdraw from the cold and barren world of prosaic fact, if only for a season;**

**That we may warm ourselves by the fireside of fancy, and take counsel in the wisdom of poetry and legend:**

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**Blessed are they who have vision enough  
to behold a guiding star  
in the dark mystery which girdles the earth.**

**Blessed are they who have imagination enough  
to detect the music of celestial voices  
in the midnight hours of life.**

**Blessed are they who have faith enough  
to contemplate a world of peace and justice  
in the midst of present wrong and strife.**

**Blessed are they who have zest enough  
to take delight in simple things.**

**Blessed are they who have wisdom enough  
to know that the Kingdom of Heaven is very close at hand,  
and that all may enter in who have eyes to see  
and ears to hear and hearts to understand.**

**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*

### ✧ 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:

- ◆ Betsy and Willie Gonwa
- ◆ Arts & Science Literacy Camp (ASLC)
  
- ◆ Larry Hartmann
- ◆ Nancy Hartmann
- ◆ Jay Paske
- ◆ Common Ground, MICAH,
- ◆ Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee
- ◆ 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



MaryBeth will play once,  
please sing three times.  
Hymnal, #91

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.



## ✧ Sung Call To Prayer

**Come, Come Emmanuel.  
Come, Emmanuel.**

## ✧ Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### Giving Thanks To God

## ✧ Offering Ourselves

**In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!**

## ✧ Offertory and Sung Response

**Hymn #82 Hymnal "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## ✧ Preparation of the Table Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 all 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 giving thanks, we celebrate Your freely giving of Yourself to each of us -- Divine Lover of each one here gathered...and of all people throughout the world and time!

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Friends, it takes courage to come! 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**

*~We will remain seated to pass to each other the Elements.~*

As we commune, please continue to sing the Kyrie.

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*

**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**

*Join with us in the Hanging of the Greens  
while we enjoy Hot Wassail and Christmas Cookies!  
And, for our little ones, in the back of the sanctuary,  
a special craft to make and take home!*

# Tippeca-News December 1, 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

**Hanging of the Greens** with Hot Wassail and Christmas Cookies to enjoy! And a special craft for our children to make and take home!  
Also, **Reverse Advent Calendar** shared!

Divine Intervention Host Training  
**TODAY 3-5pm.!**

**RETURNS DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**Parlor Class right after Tippe Cafe:  
Another Name for Everything –  
The Universal Christ!**

Listening and reflecting on Richard Rohr's understandings. Sundays after Tippe Café.

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 Wednesdays 10:30am in the parlor as we reflect on our individual and corporate lives through the lens of the wisdom teachings...*lectio style!*

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 this Tuesday, December 3, at 11:45am at Applebee's on Holt Avenue.

**Advent 2019 at Tippe:**  
**"O Come..."**



**Sunday Dec. 1 - "O Come...on, here, over, down, close...O Come Emmanuel!"**

**Advent Special Worship begins!**

**Receive your copy of our**

**Reverse Advent Calendar!**

**THIS Friday Dec. 6 - Advent Sung Meditation Circle 6:30pm in Sanctuary. O Come and lean into the Holy Hush anticipating the Joy of Christmas to come!**

**Sunday Dec. 22 - All Church Caroling with cookies and hot chocolate to follow.**

**We gather at 2pm...so...o come!**

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**Tuesday Dec. 24**

**~Children's Worship 4pm~**

**~Hot Wassail, Cookies, and Caroling 4:30pm~**

**~Candlelight Worship 5pm~**

## 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.

Oh Holy One, we come! 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 birth 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 ..... Janet Blanco  
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leaders ..... Bonnie Schulz  
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  
Ministry Support Associate ..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leaders ..... Willie Gonwa  
Worship Hosts ..... Jerry Watkins and Jay Paske  
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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: [projecthomedo@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedo@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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