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# Welcome To Worship

December 15, 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.**

***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** is revealed God's  
 depth care for each of us and all of us. And a way  
 through what seems overwhelming at times. We  
 shall not be lead astray as we deeply engage with  
 each other's needs and our shared wisdom! So,  
 Come! O Come away to the manger with us!



*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.*

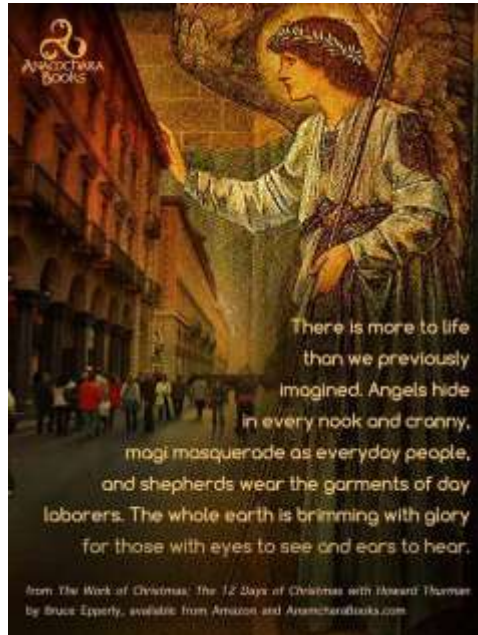
*As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.*

***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...



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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**

✧ **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

*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 upon today's Wisdom Teachings and the season!*

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

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

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

*Betsy Gonwa*

### \*✧ **Gathering Hymn #88 Hymnal**

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

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

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

O Divine One, through Isaiah, You say the wilderness and dry land in me shall be glad. That I should strengthen my weak hands and make firm my feeble knees. Let go of fear in my heart. You are coming and You will save me! This will happen as others eyes are opened and ears hear and they speak out. That I will know a Holy Way and will not go astray.

How will this be so? When will it be so?

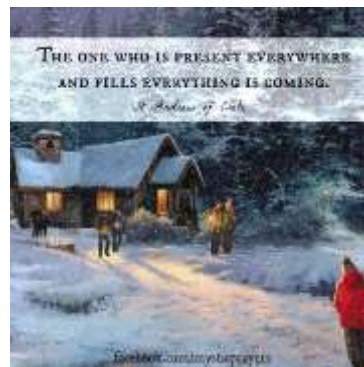
I am wondering if the answer to this conundrum is found in Jesus' teaching...that as we do for others, they are changed which changes us...makes me less dry, less feeble, more courageous. What I want and need for myself, I begin to experience as I reach out to others who are also in need...perhaps greater need than mine. And He says...it won't be easy. I must have resolve and not be shaken by the wind.

Divine One, you confound my expectations. You share in my weakness and pain. You offer rest and restlessness when I need it most. You stay with me in my frailty and my strength...oh that I may know the difference between the two!

(Go deeper...)

So, do come! Come to me, sweet Holiness. I *am* coming to You.

(Release a sigh...)



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

*MaryBeth 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 the places in your life that feel fearful or frail; or you may share places of relative strength and courage and seek wisdom for how they can shape your day; 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 #89 Hymnal

**“For You, O Lord, My Soul In Stillness Waits”**

## ✧Bible’s Wisdom Teachings and Reflection

**Isaiah 35:1-10  
Matthew 11:2-11**

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...sorta' a  
mumble prayer!

## ❖ Prompting

*"This Advent: O Come!"*

*"O Come...Don't Be Led Astray!  
Lose Yourself To The Mystery!"*

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 a 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:**

*Continued on next page...*



**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.**

### ✧ 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:

- ♦The Haag, Hagedorn, Hagen, Hansen/Payden, Harrison, Hartmann, Heneghan, Hudy, Iding, Klotthor, Knuth, Kubacki, Kuechenmeister, Lovas, Majewski, Meverden, Moglia, Mundy, and Murphy families
- ♦Counters

- ♦Christian Pavlock

- ♦Patti Heneghan

- ♦Pastor Karen

- ♦Common Ground and MICA

- ♦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

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,  
please sing three times.  
Hymnal, #91

✧ **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**

**Sending Forth With Blessing**

✧ **\*Departing Hymn #87 Hymnal**

**"Comfort, Comfort You My People"**

✧ **\*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 us in fellowship!*

*Tippe Café follows right here in the sanctuary.*

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 15, 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

**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!*

**Sunday Dec. 22 – All Church Caroling**  
with cookies & hot chocolate to follow.  
We gather at 2pm...so...*O Come!*

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

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



**Sunday Dec. 1 - 22 – "O Come...on, here, over,  
down, close...O Come to the Manger!"**

**Sunday Dec. 22 – All Church Caroling**  
with cookies & 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~

**Epiphany Intergenerational Worship**  
January 5<sup>th</sup> followed by  
Chili Waputui & Epiphany Cake  
complete with Crowning of the Wise Ones!

Meditative Song Circle



First Friday Nights monthly 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 to come to Christmas in such a way as to make Christ-mas really earl in our lives.

So...Oh Holy One, here we come! 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 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  
Director of Music Ministry ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader..... Willie Gonwa  
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  
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader ..... Bonnie Schulz  
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 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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