



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

December 22, 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 (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.*



"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 the stories of how God appears to both Mary and Joseph as in a dream, through the vision of an angel. Like them, things are yet to be revealed and we either make space for a new possibility...or we don't. Are you, like them, willing to dream a new dream? Please, 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.

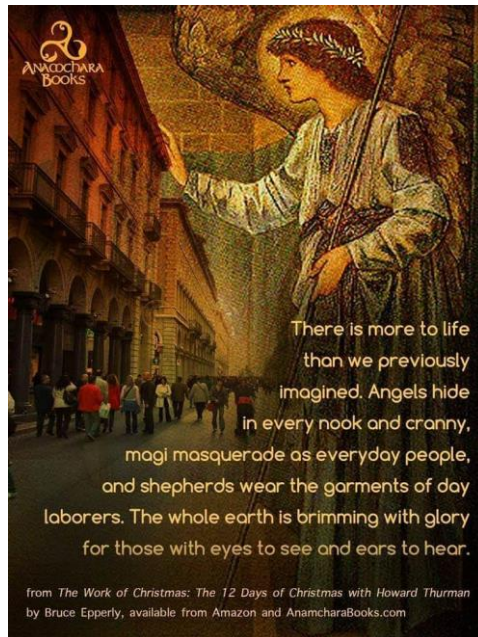
As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Preparing To Worship...



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



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

~ ~ ~

✧ 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.

*Please note there is no stable 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!*

## Gathering As God's People

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

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

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

*Tom Becker*

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

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

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

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

O Holiness, there are times when in the busyness of my day to day living, I get caught up in the details of the day and lose sight of the bigger picture and meaning of things. I often think too small. O Come, take me away to the manger with You!

There are times when I look for shortcuts, times when I don't want to face up to reality, times when I look for an easy way out. I think back rather than move forward. I am afraid. I so often dream too small or not at all. O Come, take me away to the manger with You!

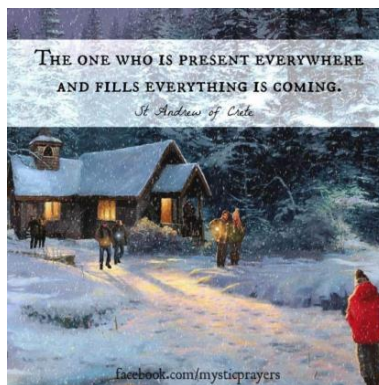
There are times when I am more concerned with what others will say and think than I am with doing what is right and life-giving for me. So, I live too small. O Come, take me away to the manger with You!

In this Holy Season, O Come into my thoughts and dreams...into the living of each of my days! I so want Your presence to be palpable in my every moment. I long to live fully...to live big! O Holiness, take me away to the manger with You!

*(Go deeper...)*

I know You are coming to me, Sweet Holiness.  
Please, know this: I *am* coming to You, too!

*(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 and times of your life when you “feel” too small; or you may share the places and times when you “feel” big enough...just the right size and rejoice in how this feels; 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

**Luke 1:26-38  
Matthew 1:18-25**

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...Dream Away With Me To The Manger...  
Accompanied By Angels!"*

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 Paske, Pavlock, Risberg, Salamun, Scheffel, Schroeder, Schultz, Schulz, Schutz, Sijuwade, Strode, Trembly, Van Oss, Voutila, Watkins, Weik, Wirhanowicz, Wooldrage, Wooldrage, and Zallar families
- ♦Facility Hosts

- ♦Bonnie Schultz
- ♦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

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*

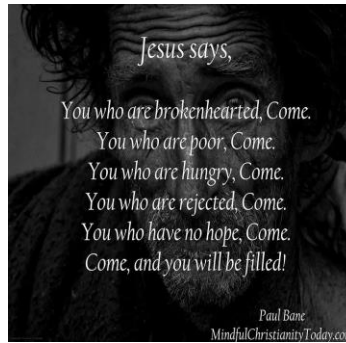
*To Prayer*



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

✧ **Sung Call To Prayer**

**O Come, Come Emmanuel.  
O 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*



*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.

**TODAY – All Church Caroling**  
with cookies & hot chocolate to follow.  
We gather at 2pm...so...o come!

**Monday Nights 6:30pm:**  
**Sanctuary Time of Belonging.**  
**Will NOT meet the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<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 will not meet this week. Circle returns January 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
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** will not meet December 26<sup>th</sup> but returns on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meets at 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..."**



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

~Children's Worship 4pm~  
~Hot Wassail, Cookies, and Caroling 4:30pm~  
~Candlelight Worship 5pm~

**Meditative Worship preparing us**  
**for the New Year**  
**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Epiphany Intergenerational**  
**Worship January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 Christmas really real 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, 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..... Bonnie Schulz  
Worship Hosts..... Eloise and Maynard Bell  
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..... Willie Gonwa  
Worship Hosts..... Maynard Bell  
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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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