



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

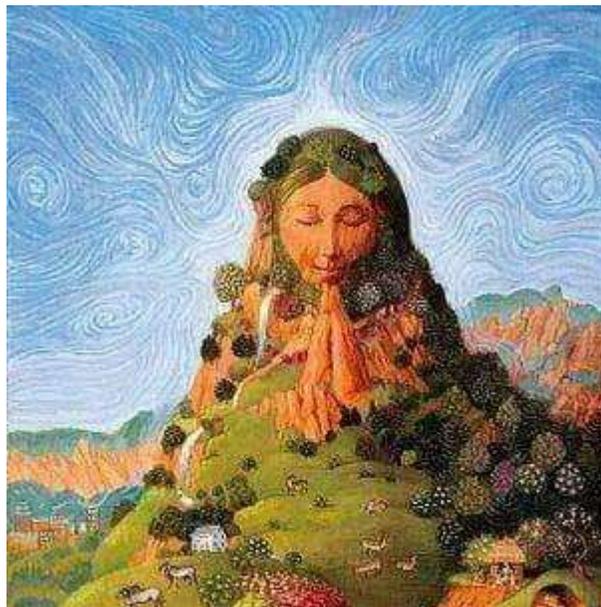
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# Welcome To Worship

January 12, 2020

9:30 a.m.

*"Continue...Come...Close-r!"*



*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.

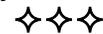
**When your child (1<sup>st</sup> grade and under) is restless, when you are, when those around you are...**  
 you're/we're probably asking too much of everyone. Please let your child be in the nursery at times like this.

**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.*



*"Continue...Come...Close-r!"*

In today's Wisdom Teachings, we come to understand the difference between pleasing God and God's being delighted in us...a difference that makes all the difference!

We celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord and the mysterious new life that is ours as we immerse ourselves in the blessings God continually pours over 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**

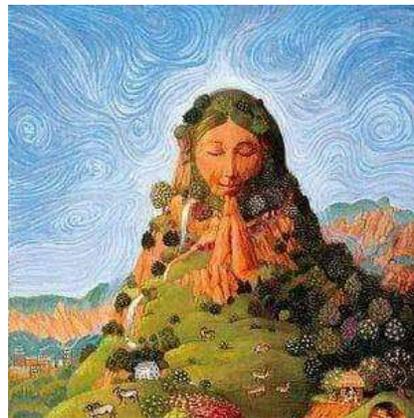
Baptism of Our Lord

Preparing To Worship...



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



*“Continue...Come...Close-r!”*

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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

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

One: In Christmas, God comes to us. And we *Continue...to Come ... Closer* to living from this inner-source of Universal Unconditional Love; offering compassionate care to ourselves and others. On this Baptism of Jesus Sunday, we remember the power of living waters, to restore and renew that care. We remember our own baptisms. From the waters of creation, God draws forth goodness.

**All: From the waters of the Jordan River, God brings forth his Beloved Child.**

One: From the wellspring of each of our beings, God calls forth our newness...for each of us...a new beginning life, all your life!

**All: And gives us a spirit of continued power and peace and joy.**

\*✧ **Gathering Hymn #145 Worship and Praise**  
**“Waterlife”**

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

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

Lord God, you called out to Jesus. Many voices call out to me trying to get my attention. Rarely do any of them call me “delightful”, yet You do!

Lord, You know I am often overwhelmed by all the voices trying to direct my choices. To whom should I listen? To what should I pay attention? Which voices are the “right” ones?

You say You are with me. I know that Lord, but how do I hear Your voice amidst all this noise?

Help me, Holy One, to listen with my heart and not just my head. Slow me down so I can turn away from all the noise and toward Your voice. I do know how to recognize it. It is the one which forgives me when I do wrong, calls me to serve others in kindness, invites me to use my own voice to challenge injustice in our world. If this is what calls to me, I know it’s Your voice.

Lord, help me feel I am also...Your beloved, despite myself. I want a renewed identity through my baptism...declare me Yours...declare you are delighted in me!

Please continue to come close...I continue to come close to you! At least, this is my prayer.

*Based upon today’s  
Wisdom Teachings and  
theme.*

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

*MaryBeth will play once, please sing twice.*

*Hymnal #399*

*Our Sung Response*

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

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

✧ You may wish to share with God all the voices calling you to do what you deeply do not want to do and ask for courage to resist; or you may share in gratitude a time you knew it was God calling you because of the new choices you were able to make that brought peace and freedom; 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

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God’s love is strong and it never ends.**

## ✧ 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

Please substitute the word **God** for “He” and **Close** for “Down”.  
Please remain seated.

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.

Maya Angelou, *adapted*

Please take a moment to survey this invitation to Continue... We will read a section out loud together each week.

✧ **Hymn of Prayerful Preparation #137 Hymnal**

**“God Came Close”**

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

**Isaiah 42:1-9  
Matthew 3:13-17**

One: This is the way our story is told.  
God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

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

✧ **Prompting**

*“Continue...Come...Close-r!”*

*“Pure Delight!”*

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**

**Because God is close and we are called to continue, my prayer for myself and others...affirming my God-centered worldview (vs a thought-centered worldview), is that you and I and each of us**

*Continue...*

**To be whom we are created to be, to astonish a mean world with our acts of kindness; to allow humor to lighten the burden of our tender hearts...**

*Continue...*

**In a society dark with cruelty, to let the people hear the grandeur of God in the peals of our laughter; to let our eloquence elevate people to heights we had only imagined...**

*Continue...*

To remind the people that each is as good as the other and no one is beneath nor above you; to remember our own young years and look with favor upon the lost and the least and the lonely...

*Continue...*

To put the mantel of our protection around the bodies of the young and defenseless; to take the hand of the despised and diseased and walk proudly with them in the high street that some might see and be encouraged to do likewise...

*Continue...*

To plant a public kiss of concern on the cheek of the sick and the aged and infirm and count that as a natural action to be expected; to let gratitude be the pillow upon which we kneel to say our nightly prayer and let faith be the bridge we build to overcome evil and welcome good...

*Continue...*

To ignore no vision which comes to enlarge your range and increase your spirit; to dare to love deeply and risk everything for the good thing...

*Continue...*

To float in the sea of infinite Universal Love which sets aside peace and joy for each of us before we even had a name, and by doing so, entrusts our shared HOLY work *Continues* eternally!

✧ 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:

♦Dontre (Brandon) Atkins   ♦Jeff Baldwin

♦Worship Leaders

♦Jerry Watkins

♦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!

♦Grace Presbyterian Church

♦Employment   ♦Immigration Reform

♦Torture Awareness   ♦God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

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

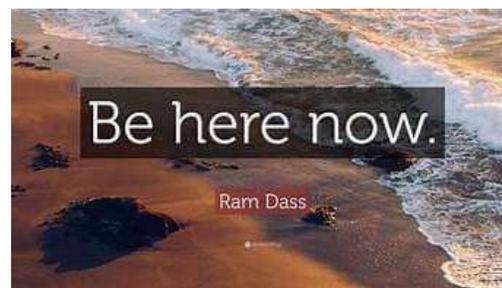
Faith Communities

Partnering in Ministry

Current Issues Calling Us

To Prayer

## ✧ Quieting Ourselves For Prayer



*MaryBeth will play once,  
please sing three times.  
Melody: Hymnal, #392*

*Our Lady's Prayer-  
translated directly from  
Aramaic into English.*

## ✧ Sung Call To Prayer

**Spirit, You are here; Spirit, You are here;  
Spirit, You are here; we are here with You.**

## ✧ Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**O Cosmic birther of all radiance and vibration,  
soften the ground of our being and carve out a space  
within us where your pleasure can abide.**

**Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered  
to bear the fruit of your mission.**

**Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what  
each being needs to grow and flourish.**

**Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our  
desires.**

**Untie the tangled threads of destiny that binds us as we  
release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.**

**Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert from  
our true purpose, but illuminate the opportunities of the  
present moment.**

**For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth  
power and the fulfillment, as all is gathered and made  
whole once again. Amen!**

## Giving Thanks To God

### ✧Offering Ourselves

**In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!**

### ✧Offertory and Sung Response

**Hymn #146    Worship and Praise    “We Are An Offering”**

### ✧Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Sending Forth With Blessing

✧\***Departing Hymn    #549    Hymnal**  
**“May The Love Of The Lord”**

### ✧\*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.*

Listen once, please sing twice.

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 January 12, 2020

*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

## **A New Parlor Class**

begins Sundays March 1, the first Sunday of Lent, after Tippe Café. *In the meantime*, anyone who would like to revisit the videos “The Challenge of Paul” or “The Challenge of Jesus” is welcome to do so! Join in the parlor with Pastor Karen after Tippe Café.

## **Monday Nights 6:30pm:** **“Sanctuary Time of Belonging”**

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:**  
**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 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

**Thursday Centering** meets at 2:30pm in the parlor.

## **Living Waters Offering:** **Zen Sitting: Finding the Path**



### **Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on-going**

An introduction to the practice and teachings of Zen Buddhism. Led by Rev. Tonen O'Connor. We will begin with zazen, sitting quietly together in the peaceful embrace of silence. Then a brief talk on the Buddha's teachings and how they can help us find our path of serenity amidst the chaos of change. The evening will conclude with shared discussion, questions and fellowship.  
*Everyone is welcome, no preparation is necessary, just an inquiring mind.*

## **UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS**

**Lunch Bunch** meets at 11:45am on the first Tuesday of each month at Applebee's on Holt Ave.

**Living Water's Class:**  
**Global Ethic for the Local Soul.** Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in the sanctuary beginning March 4th-April 1<sup>st</sup>. Led by Pastor Nicole Melara, Spiritual Guidance by Pastor Karen. This course will provide us with an opportunity to consider our personal ethics as we operate in a global world and work to develop our local souls.

## **Meditative Song Circle**



First Friday Nights monthly October - June

## Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

Today, as we continue to draw close to God, we come to the river to witness the Baptism of Jesus. Our own faith is renewed as we hear God also saying to each of us, "This is my beloved child in whom I delight." *Living Waters indeed!*

And so, this is the time you can reconsider...who am I?  
What's my true identity within God's grace...how am I to be called?

Jesus begins to claim his true identity in this week's story, making it safe for us to claim our true identities as well...*and it's a process!* And it begins by listening for God's voice.

It is safe for us to share our real joys and needs with our God who sees us as precious and loves us each by name. So, each with our own beloved story, let us lift our prayers silently to our God using the reflection on Page 3 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..... Eric Hagedorn  
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**

Pastor..... Karen Hagen  
Director of Music Ministry ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader..... Carol Meverden  
Worship Hosts..... Nancy and Larry Hartmann  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
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Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

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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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