



# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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## ~ Welcome to Worship ~

October 17, 2021  
Rerun of October 21, 2012  
9:30 a.m.

~ Falling Forward in Faith... Falling To Your Knees ~

For YOU ARE...

A LIVING GOSPEL!



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!*

**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.

**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. Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after worship.

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

is available all during worship down the stairs to the right to the "cribbery."

**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 today confronting the radical nature of God's wisdom...

**~Falling Forward in Faith...To Your Knees~**

**FOR you are...a living gospel!**

When we open our hearts and minds to the texts today, we confront the radical nature of God's wisdom. We know God both comforts us...you!...and invites you out of your comfort zone. To be close to God is to recognize the majesty and wonder of God's creation...in the world and in each other...as you recognize God's call to extend yourself beyond your own desires.

Today's scriptures call us to ask ourselves: Where do I struggle with seeking privilege of position and comfort above the possibility of service and challenge? How can I open up more to "awe and wonder" in the midst of it all?

**We are falling...forward? Living the stories of faith!**

*Thanks for being here today!  
In deepest gratitude, we give God thanks  
for your presence with us in worship!*

**Being Christian...**

involves being shaped by Christian language, with the Bible as its foundation. *Some* in this church understand Christian language quite literally and factually. *Others* understand it more symbolically and metaphorically. What we *share in common* is the love of language that brings us together more deeply one with our God, one breath-one people, toward more life, held in right relationships, peace with justice for all God's creation!

***You may wish to consider these reflective invitations as you worship this day:***

What captures my attention in worship today is....  
I am wondering about....  
Where I need God's help most is....  
I am prompted to....

*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. A prayer is provided for your use.*

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

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost*

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.

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

*~Falling Forward in Faith... Falling To Your Knees~*

*For you are... a living gospel!*



❖ **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 and The Bread*  
♦ *Lighting The Christ Candle*

♦ *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: Our hearts are drenched in the light of fall's splendor! It is time.  
*This* is the place....

**All: Not to fall down! Not to fall over! But, as we fall apart, this is the time and place to "Fall Forward" into God's love and grace.**

One: In awe, we "Fall To Our Knees" as we realize each one of us *is* a living gospel, God's work in progress...rich with learnings!

**All: May we have spiritual eyes to see heavenly meaning interwoven midst the ordinary tasks of our everyday!**

One: For God's story is *still* unfolding...now within us, and for us, and through us!

**All: In this holy space, God gathers us in for we are of God's "good news"! In awe, we worship and praise!**

### ✧\*Gathering Hymn Song sheet

#### "Gather Us In"

### ✧Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

**Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light not our darkness that most frightens us.  
We ask ourselves who am I to be brilliant,  
gorgeous, talented, fabulous?**

**Actually, who am I not to be?  
I am a child of God.**

**My playing small doesn't serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking  
so other people won't feel insecure around me.**

*Just listen to this invitation!*

*"Our Deepest Fear",  
Marianne Williamson,  
adapted*

*In a gentle self-reflective voice, let's read/mumble together slowly with intention...a personal prayer read corporately for we are all much more alike than we are different! We may not read in unison.*

*Continued on next page...*

We were born to make manifest the glory of God  
that is within us.  
It's not just in some of us;  
it's in everyone!

*And as each of us let our light shine,  
we unconsciously give other people  
permission to do the same.*

**As we are liberated from our own fear,  
Our presence automatically liberates others.**

**Lord God, I confess the wisdom of our faith and the  
weakness in my ways. Hear me O God: I so long for my  
story to be Your story living out in me! Holy One, I come to  
Thee on bended knee, in prayer and deep humility.**

**(Let there be some quiet. We will be stilled together for 3  
minutes or so! You have time....go deeper....)**

✧ You may wish to name with God ways you cover your light because of your fear of success or failure; or you may ask God to help you discover your true light and find your right size, liberating yourself as you liberate others; 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.

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



✧ **Kyrie**

**Falling Forward  
Now is the Time and Place.  
Falling Forward  
into God's Love and Grace.**

✧ **Receiving God's Grace...God With Us Always**

*MaryBeth will play the  
tune once through, then we  
will sing three times in 3  
ascending keys, starting  
softly and building to our  
full voices.*

*Written by Mark Wooldrage,  
used with permission.*

*A sung response.*

*You are invited to light a prayer  
candle or mind-ful-ly tie a  
ribbon on the Prayer Tree.  
Agape bread will be passed.*

*Please use this moment of  
quiet to prepare to hear  
God's word spoken or  
make use of this written  
prayer by James Jones.*

*Please remain seated.  
MaryBeth will play once  
through, then let us sing  
twice.*

### ✧\*Rejoicing In God's Divine Care

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and 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

#### Held WithIn the Word

### ✧And the Children Will Lead The Way: Kids' Time...

### ✧Preparing To Hear The Word...*Our Prayer*

Teach me, God, to pray as much in works as in words;  
to make my actions thoughtful messages;  
to make my actions more beautiful than words. I ask it!  
Amen!

### ✧Bible's Wisdom Teaching Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

### ✧Prayerful Hymn of Preparation

*Second Verse of "Let Us Break Bread Together," Hymnal #513*

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees,  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.**

### ✧Bible's Wisdom Teachings Mark 10:35-45

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

All: Thanks be to our God!

✧ Prompting

*Fall On Your Knees...*

*We Are Living Gospels! Parables Unfolding!*

**“Uncomfortable Seating...Please!”**

Pastor Karen Hagen

*Let there be some quiet.*

✧ A Moment Of Personal Reflection...

*Now is the time.*

*Still your mind and lean into the peace offered by the Spirit.*

**Opening to God’s Grace**

*Adapted from "Our Gifts  
Are Gifts of Hope", Ann  
Weems, Searching For  
Shalom*

✧ Affirming Our Faith *With* Intention

**Our yearning after God, our hope for a better way creates  
infinite possibilities...**

**to touch the lives of the untouched,  
to reach the hearts of the unreached,  
to heal the wounds of the unhealed,  
to feed the bodies of the unfed  
to accept the personhood of the unaccepted,  
to love the being of the unloved.**

**O God, You touch, reach, heal, feed, accept, and love us that we  
might love one another. We affirm our intention to do what  
You call us to do...for our good and theirs.**

✧ Naming Our Gratitudes, Joys, and Concerns

*Our Statement on Civility  
for this election season  
...a wisdom for all the  
times of our lives!*

In this election season, as Christians we are mindful of our call to be politically involved and to vote. There is a separation of church and state *but* not religion and politics! *AND* we also honor our religious sensibility which guides us to be mindful of **how and when and where** we share our views....setting and timing and “audience” and words chosen matter!

Here at Tippe we welcome divergent thinking and a range of commitment. We are enhanced by our diversity and together we hold worship and prayer as sacred times of union in which we are encouraged to give voice to issues calling out for our attention. However, it is not appropriate to give voice to preference concerning candidates at such times.

We participate in the Wisconsin Council of Churches Covenant of Civility signed by over 175 religious leaders statewide. (Copy available on back bench.)

**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. You can be specific with your request or ask for general prayers. Pastor Karen is a part of our chain as well.*

*Members & Friends*

*Tippe Ministry*

*Spiritual Leaders:*

*Elders*

*Deacon*

*Staff*

*Community*

*Outreach Partners*

*Current Issues Calling Us To Prayer*

*MaryBeth will play once through, then prayerfully let us sing twice.*

*Page 16 in The Hymnal, "Traditional"*

## **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:

- ♦T&B(M,L)B, M&EB, JB, CB, JB, D&J(N,L)B, PB, BB, G&L(M,M)C, DC, KC&DG, GD, RD, JF, B&JF-T, S&N(L,E,J,M)F, MBG, B&WG, KH, RH&JP, GH, L&NH, PH, SH, B&SI, MBK, KK&DDK, BK, TK, TK, LL, CM, JM, J&JM, AM, JP, CP, J&JR, BS&GO, J&GS, SS, BS, KS, OS, TS, CT, ZT, JT, J(T,A)VO, J&CW, LW, SW, CW, H&DW, J&BW, MW, SW, J&S(O,J)Z
- ♦ASLC, CE, Counters, Divine Intervention, Finance & Personnel, Garden, Living Waters, Mission, Property, and Worship
- ♦Becky, Betty, Gary, Josh, Judy, Sarah, and Christian
- ♦Janet
- ♦Pastor Karen, Crystal, Estella, Janet, Jay, Natalia, and Sara
- ♦Bayview UMC, Christ Church UCC, Grace Presbyterian, Islamic Society of Milwaukee, Metropolitan Community Church, Prince of Peace ELCA, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, St. Luke's Episcopal, Unity Lutheran, Common Ground and MICAH
- ♦Employment      ♦Immigration Reform
- ♦Torture Awareness   ♦God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

### **✧Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**



### **✧Sung Call To Prayer**

**In this moment, in this place, all is mystery, all is grace.  
In this moment, in this place, we are one.**

### **✧Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**



## Giving Thanks To God

### ✧Offering Ourselves

♦In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!

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

**“We lift our voices,  
we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You!  
We are an offering,  
\*We are an offering.”**

### Sending Forth With Blessing

### ✧Departing Hymn #137 *Worship and Praise*

**“The Summons”**

### ✧Benediction

*...Our Affirmation and Invitation  
to Become a Living Blessing*

Go with the courage you have.  
Go simply, lightly, gently in search of love lived fully!  
And the Spirit goes with you! So do we!  
Amen.

*Written by Richard  
Bruxvoort-Colligan,  
adapted*

### ✧\*Our Response

**Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.  
Your word lives on in us.**

### ✧\*Postlude

Please know you are welcome to take a previous week's bulletin and prompting from the  
back Cart for your own enrichment or  
to share with someone about whom you care deeply. Namaste!

*You are invited to linger  
longer enjoying sanctuary  
time. You may partake of the  
Bread of Life remembering  
Christ with you always. The  
kneeler is also available for  
a time of quiet prayer.*

## Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

Pastor:

Each of us is a living story of power and insight. Each one of our lives bigger than it is...full of meaning! Our story matters, how we tell it matters. Where we share it matters! Our God's story is still unfolding...in us, within our humanness, connecting us back...to a new future! We are walking talking parables of faithfulness!

Yes, our life stories bring us to our knees! We fall forward in faith...sometimes we tumble right over...ourselves...and find ourselves able and standing up to life differently, within a new understanding of God's grace!

As we are about to open our inner most selves, our unfolding story, to God, know this: No one knows better than God how hard it is to be understood. No one wants to understand *you* more than God. God listens. Relief begins.

**One:**

**So now, in your holy imagination, see yourself kneeling your life beside God, who loves you. Take a breath...release yourself. Entrust the Holy One who hears you, understands you.**

**Each with our own life story, each a living gospel, let us in our common voice lift our lives to our God, praying:**



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### **Tippe-Ministers**

*All are ministers every day in every way in the world.*

**Email Pastor Karen directly at [pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com)**

**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).**

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