



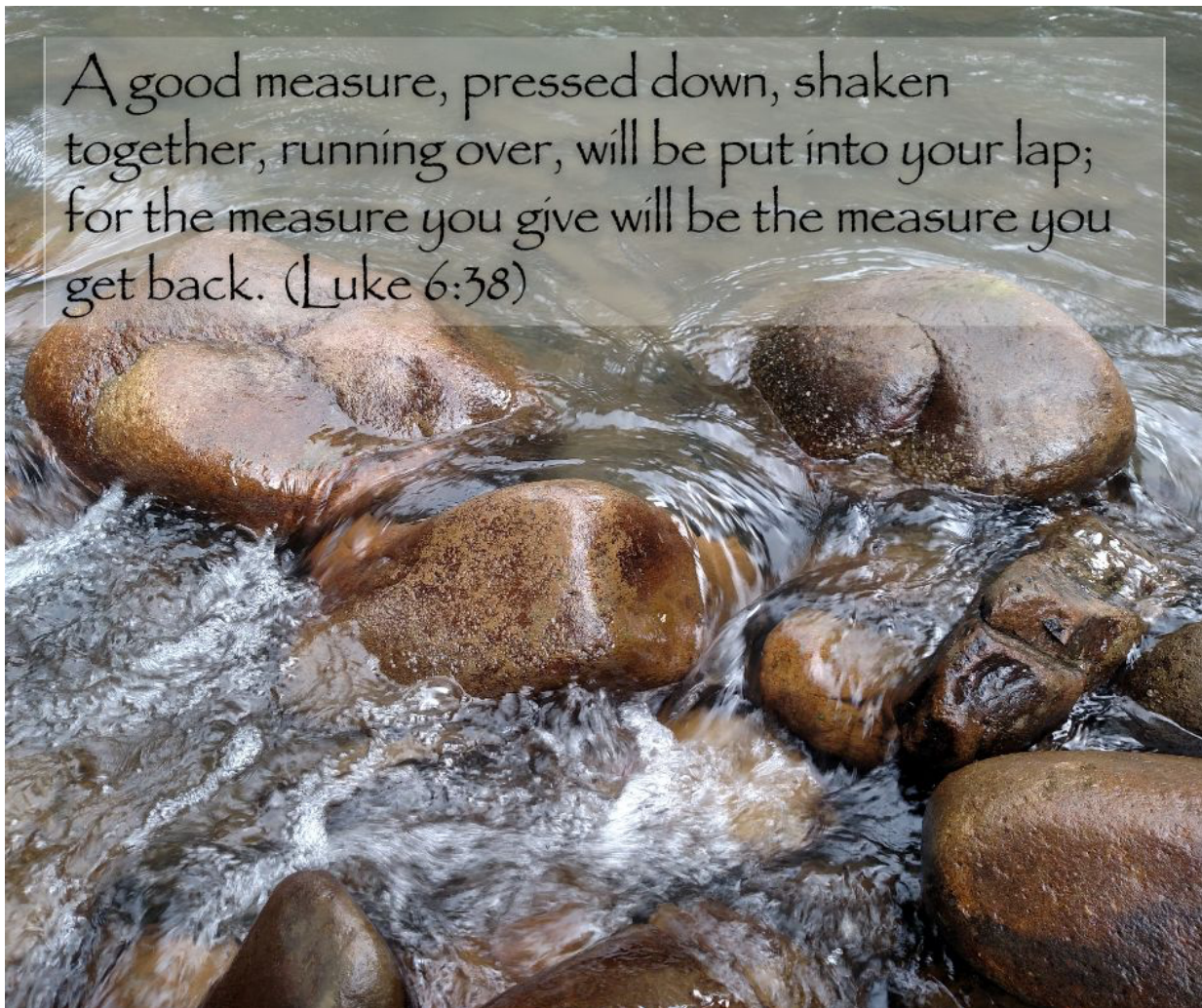
# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

*"We take the Bible seriously, but we don't take it literally."*

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## Welcome To Worship

*February 23, 2025*  
9:30 a.m.



*A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. (Luke 6:38)*

*Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.*

*"Pressed Down and Shaken: Love Running Over"*

*Rev. Trish Eckert*

*We welcome Grace Presbyterian & Rev. Ted Anderson*

## ✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** *Help Us Accept Each Other* ~ Tippe Musicians

## ✧Welcome and community news

Join us for *Tippe Café* immediately after worship at the back of the sanctuary this morning.

Southeast Clergy Association is collaborating on offering **worship services throughout the Lenten season**, and all are welcome:

- **Ash Wednesday services** are on March 5th, at Christ Church UCC, 915 E Oklahoma Ave:
  - Noon – Community Worship
  - 5:45 pm – Potluck Dinner (bring a dish to share)
  - 7 pm – Community Worship
- **Lent Midweek Services** on Wednesdays March 12 – April 9, at Christ Church UCC 915 E Oklahoma Ave. 11 am lunch, Noon worship

More details to come regarding Holy Week community worship services:

- **Maundy Thursday** is April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at Tippecanoe Presbyterian
- **Good Friday** is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at Unity Evangelical Lutheran 1025 E Oklahoma Ave

### **Attn: Grace Members:**

The ANNUAL MEETING will be held following worship next Sunday, March 2nd.  
*Please plan on attending so we have a quorum.*

Communion will be held at Grace on March 2nd.

### **Free Bay View Neighborhood Concert!**

No strings attached. 😊

Sunday, March 2, 2025 @3 p.m.

Family-Friendly! 😊 (but no pets 😞)

Grace Presbyterian Church, 2931 S. KK

The concert is a mix of Irish, U.S. and Canadian tunes with a few originals from these professional musicians. The audience is welcome to sing along and can learn a song in Irish!

Donations Accepted!

Sunday: 9:30 am Grace worship

JCLCBC Worship 12:30 pm.

Tonight: Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: JCLCBC Bible Study 5pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7pm.

Friday: Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7pm.

Saturday: Hmong congregation worship 10-noon.

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!***

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✧ **A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

***New Day's Lyric*** ~ Amanda Gorman © 2022

May this be the day

We come together.

Mourning, we come to mend,

Withered, we come to weather,

Torn, we come to tend,

Battered, we come to better.

Tethered by this year of yearning,

We are learning

That though we weren't ready for this,

We have been readied by it.

We steadily vow that no matter

How we are weighed down,

We must always pave a way forward.

This hope is our door, our portal.

Even if we never get back to normal,

Someday we can venture beyond it,

To leave the known and take the first steps.

So let us not return to what was normal,

But reach toward what is next.

What was cursed, we will cure.

What was plagued, we will prove pure.

Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,

Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,

Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;

Those moments we missed

Are now these moments we make,

The moments we meet,

And our hearts, once all together beaten,

Now all together beat.

Come, look up with kindness yet,  
For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.  
We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,  
But to take on tomorrow.

We heed this old spirit,  
In a new day's lyric,  
In our hearts, we hear it:  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
Be bold, sang Time this year,  
Be bold, sang Time,  
For when you honor yesterday,  
Tomorrow ye will find.  
Know what we've fought  
Need not be forgotten nor for none.  
It defines us, binds us as one,  
Come over, join this day just begun.  
For wherever we come together,  
We will forever overcome.

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme— *Love***

Throughout February, we've explored themes of being called by God and embracing discipleship. Last week there was an emphasis on blessings and woes and this week we focus on mercy and compassion, with teachings on loving enemies and recognizing the Golden Rule. At the center of all of this is the transformative power of love. What a joy it has been to gather together as the beloved community and reflect on the ways that love shapes us, nurtures us, and challenges us. Welcome to worship!

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other - Our Check-in**

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

One: May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you

**All: And also with you**

One: Thanks be to God

✧ **Time for Young Hearts *God's Dream*** by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

✧ **Gathering Hymn 95 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

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

Beloved Community, love is an all or nothing proposition. Only by loving your enemies as well as your friends do you live as children of the Most High.

Come and learn the ways of life.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Come and learn the ways of life.

### ✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God~ Prayer of Yearning**

Teacher of hard truths,

it is difficult to let go of our anger

toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways;

**it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them.**

We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated.

**Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.**

### ✧ **Special Music Love** by Rumi, set to music by Rosie Rain, © 2012

Love came, and became

Like blood in my body, it rushed through my veins

And encircled my heart.

Everywhere I looked, I saw one thing.

Love's name written on my limbs,

On my left palm, on my forehead,

On the back of my neck, on my right big toe.

Oh my friend, all that you see of me

Is just a shell,

And the rest belongs to Love.

### ✧ **Prayer of Intention**

Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious Word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

### ✧ **Bible Wisdom Teachings**

#### **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

3 Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

#### **Luke 6:27-38**

27 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Holy Parent is merciful.

37 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

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

✧ **Message “Pressed Down and Shaken: Love Running Over”** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- Are there people or situations that I'm not yet prepared to forgive? Am I gentle with myself about my inability to forgive? Do I ask God to forgive those whom I am not yet able to forgive?
- What helps me accept and endure hurt without letting it degrade me and without passing it on?
- What trials in my current life might be able to be turned around by seeing them as challenges to love?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 445 *God, How Can We Forgive?***

✧ **Our gifts of support**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure...running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**Offertory Hymn 710 *We Lift Our Voices***

**Offertory Blessing**

Source of every blessing,  
as you sent Joseph into Egypt to save the world from famine,  
you sent Jesus into our lives to save us from selfishness and greed.  
For teaching us to treat others as we would have them treat us,  
we give you our thanks and praise.  
Bless these gifts, that we have received from your bounty,  
and send them forth to those in need, whether they be friend or foe.  
For all are your beloved children and our sisters and brothers. Amen.

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**O most Compassionate Life-giver,**

**may we honor and praise you;**

**May we work with you to establish your new order of justice peace and love;**

**Give us what we need for growth,**

**And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.**

**Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil,**

**For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

~ Bill Wallace, Aotearoa/New Zealand

### **✧Benediction**

Go with God's blessings.

**As followers of Jesus,**

**we love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.**

Go with God's blessings.

**As followers of Jesus, we will bless those who curse us and pray for those who persecute us.**

Go with God's blessings.

**As followers of Jesus, we will do unto others as we would have them do unto us.**

Go with God's blessings. Amen.

*Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

### **✧Our Response:**

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

### **✧Postlude *Move My Mountains* by James Perkins and Ashley Dean**

Jesus, move my mountains, even if the mountain is me (2x)

(v1) My spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak.

Savior, Messiah, set my captives free.

Come have Your way in me, O Lord

For You can do all things with a single word.

Jesus, move my mountains, even if the mountain is me (2x)

Your name alone conquers death,

Your strength is shown with ev'ry breath

Your life sacrificed has set us free;

The greatest love this world has ever seen.

Tear it down, make it level. Holy ground, raise Your temple (2x)