



# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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## Welcome To Worship

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

*Rev. Trish Eckert*



**And I heard the voice of the Lord saying.  
"Whom shall I send. And who will go for us?"  
Then I said. "HERE I AM! SEND ME."**

**ISAIAH 6:8**

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

*"Greed and Hate" Rev. Ted Anderson*  
*Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church*

## ✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** *There is a Longing in our Hearts* ~Tippe Musicians

## ✧Welcome and community news

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

Tippe offers two weekly worship opportunities via zoom! (Links sent out through email on Wednesdays and Fridays)

- Sunday evenings at 6 pm you are welcome to join us for Centering Prayer.
- Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm *Sanctuary Time of Belonging*. We discuss sacred texts and explore how they speak to us today. All are welcome!

Adult Education gathering: “Spiritual Support for Healthy Eating” next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in the parlor after worship, led by Betsy Gonwa

Sign up sheet for Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in which Tippe provides the dinner for Divine Intervention. Grace folks are also welcome to sign up and join us!

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

Sunday: 9:30 am Grace joins worship at Tippe

JCLCBC Worship 12:30 pm.

Tonight: Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday: **Session meets at 4:30 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 Blessing Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

***Praise Song for the Day***, by Elizabeth Alexander © 2009

Each day we go about our business,  
walking past each other, catching each  
other's eyes or not, about to speak or  
speaking.

All about us is noise. All about us is  
noise and bramble, thorn and din, each  
one of our ancestors on our tongues.

Someone is stitching up a hem, darning  
a hole in a uniform, patching a tire,  
repairing the things in need of repair.

Someone is trying to make music  
somewhere, with a pair of wooden  
spoons on an oil drum, with cello, boom  
box, harmonica, voice.

A woman and her son wait for the bus.  
A farmer considers the changing sky.  
A teacher says, Take out your pencils.  
Begin.

We encounter each other in words,  
words spiny or smooth, whispered or  
declaimed, words to consider,  
reconsider.

We cross dirt roads and highways that  
mark the will of some one and then  
others, who said I need to see what's on  
the other side.

I know there's something better down  
the road. We need to find a place where

we are safe. We walk into that which we  
cannot yet see.

Say it plain: that many have died for this  
day. Sing the names of the dead who  
brought us here, who laid the train  
tracks, raised the bridges,

picked the cotton and the lettuce, built  
brick by brick the glittering edifices  
they would then keep clean and work  
inside of.

Praise song for struggle, praise song for  
the day.

Praise song for every hand-lettered sign,  
the figuring-it-out at kitchen tables.

Some live by *love thy neighbor as  
thyself*, others by *first do no harm or  
take no more than you need*. What if the  
mightiest word is love?

Love beyond marital, filial, national,  
love that casts a widening pool of light,  
love with no need to pre-empt grievance.

In today's sharp sparkle, this winter air,  
any thing can be made, any sentence  
begun. On the brink, on the brim, on the  
cusp,

praise song for walking forward in that  
light.

## ✧ **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**

## ✧ **Gathering Hymn 757 *Today We are Called to Be Disciples***

### ✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace** (Psalm 138: 1-3, 6,8 adapted)

I give you thanks, Yahweh, with my whole heart!

**Together with all, we sing your praise!**

We bow down in your holy temple!

**And give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness!**

On the days I call, you answer me!

**You increase our strength of soul!**

Although Yahweh is far above us, God regards the lowly.

**Your steadfast love, Yahweh, endures forever!**

### ✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Worship begins each week with a communal acknowledgement that we have failed the task set before us. God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator so that we may be free to live into our purpose again.

**Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.**

Beloved people, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts despite our failures and God treasures the beings that we are. Thus, we are forgiven. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

**Hallelujah! Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen!**

✧ **Special Music *Ripple***, by Ahlay Blakely

What if what we are doing right now  
ripples out beyond what the eye can see?

What is this step a part of that's  
bigger than me, bigger than me, bigger than me?

What is happening through me?  
happening, happening, happening through me?

✧ **Prayer of Illumination**

Holy God, as we prepare to read your living Word, open our hearts, our ears and our eyes that we may encounter your Spirit.

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching**

**Isaiah 6:1-13** 1 (Living Bible translation)

The year King Uzziah died I saw the Lord! God was sitting on a lofty throne, and the Temple was filled with his glory. 2 Hovering about God were mighty, six-winged angels of fire. With two of their wings they covered their faces, with two others they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 In a great antiphonal chorus they sang, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is filled with God's glory." 4 Such singing it was! It shook the Temple to its foundations, and suddenly the entire sanctuary was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, "My doom is sealed, for I am a foul-mouthed sinner, a member of a sinful, foul-mouthed race; and I have looked upon the Ruler, the Lord of heaven's armies." 6 Then one of the mighty angels flew over to the altar and with a pair of tongs picked out a burning coal. 7 He touched my lips with it and said, "Now you are pronounced 'not guilty' because this coal has touched your lips. Your sins are all forgiven."

8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send as a messenger to my people? Who will go?" And I said, "Lord, I'll go! Send *me*."

9 And God said, "Yes, go. But tell my people this: 'Though you hear my words repeatedly, you won't understand them. Though you watch and watch as I perform my miracles, still you won't know what they mean.' 10 Dull their understanding, close their ears, and shut their eyes. I don't want them to see or to hear or to understand, or to turn to me to heal them."

11 Then I said, "Lord, how long will it be before they are ready to listen?" And God replied, "Not until their cities are destroyed—without a person left—and the whole country is an utter wasteland, 12 and they are all taken

away as slaves to other countries far away, and all the land of Israel lies deserted! 13 Yet a tenth—a remnant—will survive; and though Israel is invaded again and again and destroyed, yet Israel will be like a tree cut down, whose stump still lives to grow again.”

**Corinthians 15:1-11** (New Revised Standard Version Updated)

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures 4 and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

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 “Greed and Hate”** Rev. Ted Anderson

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 300 *We are One in the Spirit* (v 1-3)**

✧ **Our gifts of support**

**Call for the Offering**

We are called to participate in God’s abundance through the choices we make with our time, our talents, our emotions and our physical resources. Let us honor God with our offering.

**Offertory Hymn Hymn 5 *All That We Have***

## **Offertory Blessing**

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better.

## **✧Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **✧Benediction**

God touches our mouths,  
**so we may go to share the good news.**

Jesus touches our hands,  
so we may serve all in need of life and hope.

The Spirit touches our hearts,  
**so we may be a haven for those who are longing for acceptance and love.**

*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** *One Tin Soldier*, by Dennis Lambert and Brian Potter~Tippe Musicians