



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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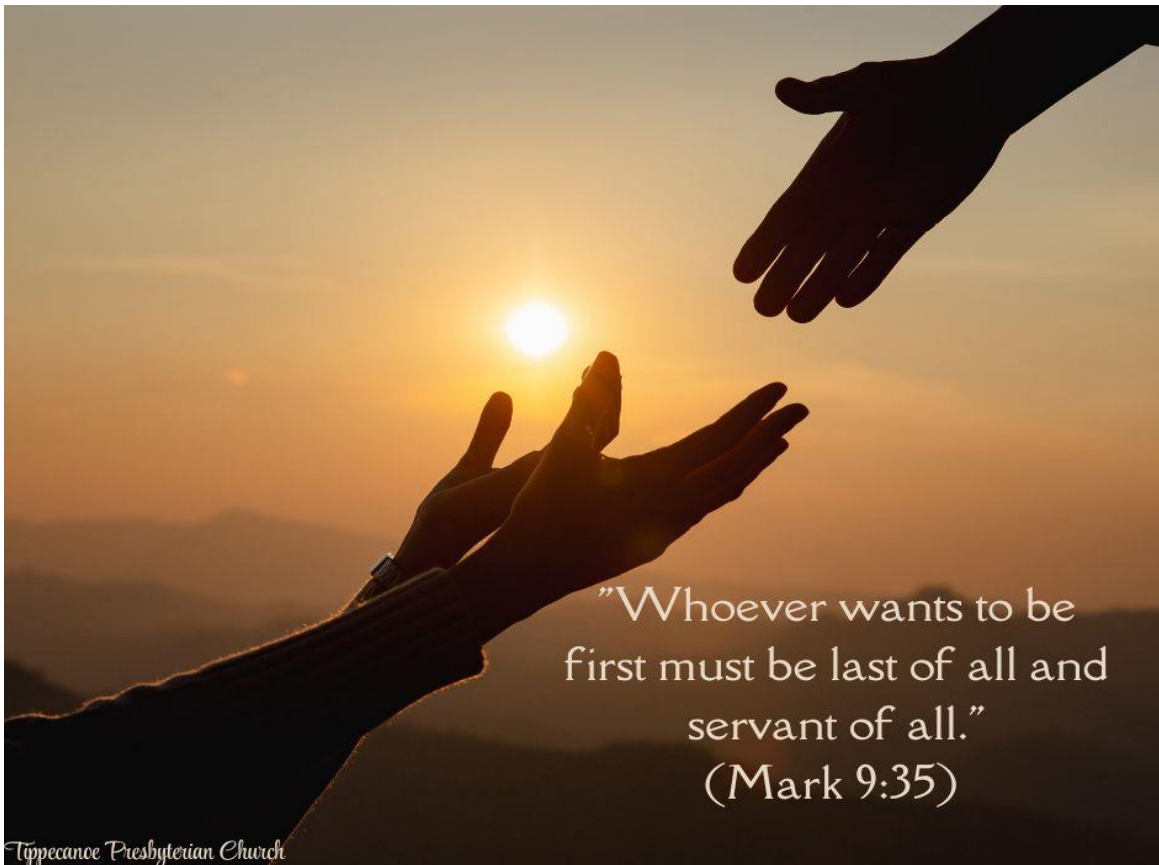
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Welcome To Worship

September 22, 2024

9:30 a.m.



*"Whoever wants to be
first must be last of all and
servant of all."
(Mark 9:35)*

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

"The First Must Be Last of All" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** “When Peace like a River” – *Phil P. Bliss* ~Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news

Next Sunday, September 29th during worship we will celebrate the life of beloved Tippe member, Barbara Wooldrage. Please join us as we share stories, pray, sing, and fellowship together in honor of Barbara.

On Sunday, October 6th we are being joined by members of Crossroads Presbyterian Church during their “Faith in Action Sunday,” which is an annual project for them. They will send two crews to support Tippe’s ministries – we’ll have an outdoor crew wrapping up the garden season and an indoor crew making preparations for the Divine Intervention season. Tippe will hold a shorter worship that morning beginning at our usual 9:30 am time, including celebrating communion, and wrap up by 10:15. Crossroads’ folks will arrive by about 10:30 am and we’re encouraging our own Tippe community to remain with us after worship to serve alongside – this is a wonderful opportunity to be intentional about our ministries while collaborating and building relationships.

Join us for a “Tippe Night In” on Friday evening, October 18th for a gathering around our fire pit near the labyrinth – a time for fellowship and rich conversation. We’ll get started around 5:30 pm.

✧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

Song for Autumn ~ Mary Oliver

In the deep fall
don’t you imagine the leaves think how
comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the
nothingness of air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don’t you think
the trees themselves, especially those
with mossy,
warm caves, begin to think
of the birds that will come – six, a dozen
– to sleep
inside their bodies? And don’t you hear

the goldenrod whispering goodbye,
the everlasting being crowned with the
first
tuffets of snow? The pond
vanishes, and the white field over which
the fox runs so quickly brings out
its blue shadows. And the wind pumps
its
bellows. And at evening especially,
the piled firewood shifts a little,
longing to be on its way.

✧ **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 Choices**

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme** – this week we turn to the lectionary, and dive into the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus frames for us what it means to be a disciple. Throughout these next couple of months, we'll be exploring aspects of discipleship, discerning gifts, sharing our resources, and reflecting on what it means to build community. Let us share and learn alongside one another throughout this harvest season.

✧ **Gathering Hymn No. 72 (WAP) “ I Will Delight (Psalm 1)”**

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

One: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

All: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

One: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

All: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

One: Loving God, help us to truly become your disciples.

All: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. Amen.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

God of patience and mercy, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.

✧ **Special Music** “Meditation on Psalm 1—“How Happy Are the Saints of God”

✧ **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 Teaching

Psalm 1

¹Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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 “The First Must Be Last of All” Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- Do I seek opportunities to both provide loving care for my family and do service in my community?
- Do I remember that it is the spirit of my service that makes love visible?
- Am I faithfully serving God by seeking justice and showing loving kindness to all I meet?

Queries excerpted from "Plain Living: A Quaker Path to Simplicity" by Catherine Whitmire

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn No. 188 (GTG) "Jesus Loves Me!"**

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Offertory Hymn No. 717 (GTG) "For the Life That You Have Given"

Offertory Blessing

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

**Spirit of Life and Love, Holy God, Source Eternal,
in our midst yet still ever so elusive:**

To breathe your sacred name is a blessing.

**Your world become,
Your will be done here, on Earth,
inspired by our aspirations to do and be better people.**

May we have all that we need to survive, live, and thrive.

**Remind us to be gentle; may we love mercy and kindness,
recalling the times when we've fallen short ourselves.**

**Call us to be firm; may we not be tempted to follow selfish motivations or
reside in our narrow privileges, unexamined and uninterrogated;
move us to counter and overcome evil and injustice in ourselves, our lives,
and institutions.**

**Yours is the Beloved Community,
the fire of commitment in our hearts,
and the spirit of generosity and abundance, now and always. Amen.**

✧ **Benediction**

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

yours are the eyes, you are his body. ~ Teresa of Avila

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** “I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry”—*John C. Ylvisaker* ~Tippe Musicians