



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

September 29, 2024

9:30 a.m.



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

"A New Heaven and a New Earth" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** *Blessed Are They Who Hear God's Word* (composer unknown) ~Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news

On **Sunday, October 6th** members of Crossroads Presbyterian Church will join us here 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. We will have a shorter worship that morning beginning at 9:30 am, 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, snacks, and rich conversation. We’ll get started around 5:30 pm.

You are invited to contribute to a **holiday cookie recipe book** for the 2024 holiday season! Send your recipes to Deacon Janet Scheffel at tippecares@gmail.com by **Monday, October 28th**. When you submit your recipe, provide a bit of history regarding the recipe you are sharing – maybe it’s an old family recipe, or there is a particular memory attached to it or a specific reason that you like this recipe. Area congregations are also invited to contribute. The books will be bound by a printer and sold among the contributing churches. All proceeds will support our Divine Intervention ministry

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

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✧A Blessing as we Center Ourselves in this Moment

Hummingbird ~ Travis Bowman
Fierce, fluttering spirit,
speed your way into my life.
Teach me the secret wisdom of the
flowers.
Hold me in everlasting flight,
through past, future, and present

wings tracing the shape of eternity,
beak sipping the nectar of pure joy.
Tireless and independent,
fearless, flickering warrior,
hover always near,
lifting my spirit on your invisible wings.

✧ **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 Creation Shows Us the Way***

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Celebrating the life of Barbara Wooldrage and Reflecting on Community and Connection**

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. Eventually, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day (usually celebrated on the first day of November) has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age.

This season we are focusing on the spiritual path we each are walking, noting what it means to engage in membership, discipleship, stewardship, community, and how we discern our gifts and share our resources. I thought that tapping into the scriptures and liturgy of All Saints would be fitting as we celebrate the life of Barbara Wooldrage this morning, and we in turn also reflect on the many people in our lives, both living and dead, who have shaped us and modeled for us what it means to live faithfully.

We will share stories and memories of Barbara later this morning, mindful also of the beloved members of our circles of community that reveal the way along our path. Let us make room for joy, grief, insight, and wisdom as we grow in self-understanding, build community, and deepen our connection with the divine.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 325 *By All Your Saints Still Striving***

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

Gracious Spirit, creator of life, carrier of hope,
make your presence known among us.

Enable us to be brave in our remembering,
honest in our sorrow,

and open in love and compassion to each other.

Help us to seek not so much answers to our questions,
but, rather, the patience to mourn and grieve.

Enable us to remember with joy the lives of those we have loved.
Send us your peace. **Amen**

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

We are in the presence of God
in our need and in our sorrow.

We are in the presence of God
in thankfulness for the life we knew and shared.

We are in the presence of God
seeking hope and courage for the future

We are in the presence of God
who has promised to be with us always, till the end of time.

✧ **Special Music *We are All God's People* ~ by Betsy Gowna**

Refrain:

We are all God's people.

All we on earth are all God's people.

We are all God's people. All the people on earth.

✧ **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 24

1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

2 for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.[a]

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Savior.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.[b][c]

7 Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Revelation 21: 1-6a

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and God will dwell with them. They will be God’s people, and God will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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 “A New Heaven and a New Earth”** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Memories of Barbara**

✧ **Hymn 822 *When We are Living/Pues Si Vivimos***

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Offertory Hymn 146 *We are an Offering*

Offertory Blessing

✧**The Lord's Prayer**
Indwelling God,
infused throughout all existence,
we honor you with many names.

Your realm is within the human heart.
We accept life for all that it can be,
on earth as throughout all creation.

May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth,
and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own.

May we ever move from separation toward union,
to live in grace, with love in our hearts,
forever and ever. Amen. (Fred F. Keip)

✧**Benediction**
Deep peace of the running wave to you;
Deep peace of the flowing air to you;
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
Deep peace of the shining stars to you;
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you. 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** *The Dwelling of God is Among You Today* ~ by Don Austin
Tippe Musicians

Barbara Wooldrage Obituary

Published by Legacy Remembers on May 4, 2024.

Like the hummingbirds she so adored, our dear Barbara Wooldrage peacefully flitted from our lives on Thursday, May 2, 2024 with her family close by.

Born Barbara Laurie Organ on March 18, 1936 in [Racine, Wisconsin](#) to Burnette and Bernice Organ, she was the little sister to Bud (Burnette Jr), all of whom preceded Barb in death.

Barb's early life included active participation and leadership in Job's Daughters Racine Bethel 22, including helping establish Bethels in Europe, and later on serving as Guardian of Milwaukee Bethel 6. After graduating from Horlick High School, she attended Lawrence University before marrying Jack (John) Wooldrage, her sweet "Bubala," (a yiddish term of endearment) on March 5, 1957. March of 2024 saw them celebrate 67 years of marriage!

A dedicated wife and mother, Barb enjoyed serving and actively supporting others. She was involved in numerous community activities throughout her life, especially in her longtime home city of Milwaukee. She served at "Social Security dinners," was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, regularly donated blood, took part in long term studies with the Women's Health Initiative, supported countless non-profits, and she and Jack were fixtures at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church for over 50 years, serving in many roles there. Both an ordained deacon and elder, Barb was passionate about her Tippe family and this vibrant communities' ministries. Tippe wasn't just their church - it was their extended family.

Barb was a fan of card games like cribbage and King's Corners, and was known to call out good cribbage hands from license plates. She had a curious mind and always wanted to know more about people and topics. Barb was a big baseball fan, and during the season, there would always be a Brewer or "Cubbie" game on the radio. She and Jack would share the daily crossword from the newspaper and rarely left a puzzle unfinished. PBS dramas and mysteries were a life-long joy, but nothing came close to her love for Perry Mason. Barb kept a faithful notebook with each episode title, victim, and perpetrator!

Diagnosed in 2017 with Multiple Myeloma (a form of blood cancer), Barb was thankful for the excellent treatment and support she received at Froedtert Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin. She was known to repeat the phrase "quality of life over quantity of life" which helped guide her treatment. Her caregivers were big fans of Barb's "bucket list" for which she was always adding new entries.

In 2023, Barb and Jack left their dear Milwaukee neighbors and home of over 50 years and moved closer to family in northeast Wisconsin. Their time at Appleton Retirement Community brought them a second family, and so much gratitude is extended to the staff for their excellent care of Barb in her final days, as well as the vital support provided by Compassus Hospice.

Barb will be greatly missed by her loving husband Jack; her children, Carol (Jeff) Garrett, Mark (Gretel Stock) Wooldrage, and Shanah Wooldrage; her grandchildren, Ivy Garrett, Sienna (Christopher) Fossell, Alora Garrett, Lonnie Wooldrage, and Rayne Wooldrage; sisters-in-law Elizabeth Organ and Juanita (Frank) Schonscheck, extended family, and friends. She impacted many with her "attitude of gratitude" and motto of WASBA - We Are So Blessed. (It was even Jack and Barb's license plate!)

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church, 121 W Saveland Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207, or online at tippechurch.org. Thank you for ongoing prayers and support.