

~ Welcome To Worship ~

**TIPPECANOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

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

**Living Waters Contemplative Life Center**  
**Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless**  
**Tippecanoe just.good.food Garden - Food Justice Site PCUSA**  
**Arts and Science Literacy Camps For Children**

December 4, 2016

9:30 a.m.

"The Wondrous Gift Is Given:  
Our Healing Story"



*Advent 2016*

*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! Affirming and open to all!*

**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 "nursery."

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



**In today's Wisdom Teachings ...**

we hear of a promise and a way to give ourselves to a most wondrous healing! Seeking healing, we move out from our safe place living into a Brave Place...to live the lives we long to live. The timing is ours to choose as *the most wondrous gift is given!*

**Today...we also celebrate Communion. All people, each with our own faith journeys, children and adults alike, are welcome at Table together!**



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



**WARNING....**

If you take the Bible literally you may be disappointed here. We hope not, but we think you should know that we don't take *all* of scripture literally.... any more than Jesus did, *but we DO* take it all seriously.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

*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. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.*

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

### *Why do we worship? Think on this...*

*Worship is a human activity, celebrated in the presentness of God...the Sacred, rather than praise required of us by God. And so the "goal" is to help us know (head in our heart) how we relate as individuals to ourselves, others, world, universe.*

*To celebrate that relationship! To touch sources of creative transformation! To reinterpret our experiences! To reaffirm living in this world which is indeed our sacred and worshipful work to do!*



### "The Wondrous Gift Is Given: Our Healing Story"

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

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✧ **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 The Bible and Bread Forward*

♦ *Ring the Bell...an ancient tradition to clarify the air enabling our prayers to rise more easily to our God.*

*Based upon A Creed for  
Healing by Realms of  
Day, May 24, 2013*

*Written by Mark Lowry,  
music by Buddy Greene*

## Gathering As God's People

### ✧ **Becoming Present To God And Each Other**

Pastor: Advent is the time of year when...full of self-reflective anticipation, a healing impulse draws us to restore what is good, what is right within us. The Advent - Christmas Story is a healing story...indeed, the most wondrous gift ever given!

One: The power of the Holy Story's curative Love flows through the generations and through us. A love that cares for my damaged self as it also nurtures injured others.

**All: Restorative truth cleanses us of painful confusion, freeing us from destructive illusion.**

One: We believe in life's revival, a healing enlivened by gratitude, enriched with generosity...captured in the Holy Wisdom Teachings of the coming of Jesus!

**All: I believe in a caring faith whose healing restores me.**

### ✧ **Gathering Hymn**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;  
this Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will give sight to the blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will calm the storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,  
and when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?  
Oh Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,  
the lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.

*Continued on next page...*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb?  
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM!

*For your own reflection,  
ponder this: Name a way  
in which you seek healing  
this Christmas or feel you  
are receiving it.  
Or, name an aspect of  
the story that feels  
especially healing to you  
this season*

*Please listen once to this  
Threshold Song. In joy,  
sing to fade!*

*You are invited to agape  
Bread and to light a prayer  
candle now and anytime in  
worship you hear a prayer  
lifted or answered.*

*Listen once. Then, let's  
sing twice.*

## ✧ **Affirming Our Faith *With Intention***

**Lighting Our Advent Candles....  
*Sharing A Healing We Are Hoping For In Our Lives***

**~ Christian~**

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

### ✧ **Kyrie**

I am sending you light, to heal you...to hold you.  
I am sending you light, to hold you in love.

### ✧ **\*Passing of the Peace...*Temenos!***

*Temenos is an ancient Greek concept of creating a safe space  
for others in which healing can take place in the midst of what is.*

## **Held WithIn the Word**

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

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

### ✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Isaiah 11: 1-10**

### ✧ **Hymn of Preparation #44 Hymnal**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

*“The Wondrous Gift Is Given!”*

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Matthew 3: 1-12**

One: This is the way our story is told.  
God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.  
All: **Thanks be to our God!**

*Feel free to write in the margins! Use this space for your personal reflections!*

✧ **Prompting**

*"Our Healing Story"...*

**"Preparing From The Inside Out!"**

Pastor Karen Hagen

✧ **A Moment Of Personal Reflection...**

*From Leonard Cohen's  
"Hallelujah"*

✧ **Sung Response**

I did my best, it wasn't much.  
I couldn't feel, so I learned to touch.  
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you.  
And even though it all went wrong  
I'll stand before the Lord of Song  
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah...  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah...  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah....

## Opening to God's Grace

*Deeply hear this invitation.*

*Based on Ann Weem's poems, The Christmas Spirit, Into This Silent Night, and We Seem To Forget. Let these words serve as our confessed longing and affirmation of faithfulness.*

### ✧ Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ✧ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

The Christmas spirit is hope which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful. And, announces in the face of any inner or outer world Herods...and all the inn doors slammed in our faces... and all the dark nights of our souls...that God makes all things possible...*still*. That even now unto us a Child is born. And so, we can find healing. We can retell our stories imagining a different ending.

(Go deeper...)

What concerns me, what lies on my heart, is this: That we in the church are telling the faith story all wrong...are telling it as though it happened 2,000 years ago...or is going to happen as soon as the latest crisis is handled. We seem to forget that Christ's name is Emmanuel, God with Us no matter what...to face whatever is! We seem to forget we need Jesus born right now... just as much as they did then...maybe even more so! God born in us! Let us tell the *true* story and *power* of Christmas!

(Go deeper...)

O Holy One, into this approaching silent night...as I make my wandering way I know not where...just when the night becomes its darkest and I cannot see the path...just then is when the story assures me the angels rush in, hands full of stars shining...and I fully see...healing *is* happening.

(Go deeper...)

This Advent, I go to Bethlehem seeking healing and wholeness.

✧ You may wish to name the inner or outer world Herod's that seem to be holding you back from Christmas; or you may share with God how you feel God with Emmanuel this season of your healing; 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.

*Let this invitation to personal sharing move you toward the Divine. Contemplate the mystery!*

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



Let there be some quiet. We will be “stilled” together  
for 5 minutes or so! You have time....go deeper....

*Please listen to this  
Threshold Song once and  
then sing to fade.*

✧ **Kyrie**

*We walk not into the dark,  
We walk but toward the Star!*

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

*A Sung Response*

✧ **\*Rejoicing In God’s Divine Care**

**Glory be to the Father, & the Son, & 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!**

✧ **Naming Our Gratitudes, Joys, and Concerns**

**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:

- ♦ Gregory and Elizabeth Charewicz & Jeannine Stone
- ♦ Christian Education

*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 and shared  
with Pastor Karen.*

*Members & Friends  
Tippe Ministry*



*Spiritual Leaders:*

*Elder*

*Deacon*

*Staff*

- ♦ Betty Salamun
- ♦ Nancy Hartmann
- ♦ Pastor Karen

*Community*

*Outreach Partners*

- ♦ Common Ground and MICAH

*Divine Intervention*

*& Arts and Science*

*Literacy Camps*

- ♦ Holding Guests, Hosts, Staff into the light of our prayer!
- ♦ Holding Teachers, Artists, Children and their Families in the light of our prayer!

*Faith Communities*

*Partnering in Ministry*

- ♦ St. Marks ELCA

*Current Issues Calling*

*Us To Prayer*

- ♦ Employment      ♦ Immigration Reform
- ♦ Torture Awareness   ♦ God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

✧ **Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**

*Please listen and then  
sing twice.*

✧ **Sung Call To Prayer**

**Oh God, I call. Oh God, I call.  
From deep inside I yearn, from deep inside I yearn.  
From deep inside I yearn...for...YOU!**

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

**Giving Thanks To God**

✧ **Offering Ourselves**

✧ In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!

✧ **Offertory and Sung Response:**

**Hymn of Thanks      #2      Hymnal**

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

✧ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*After the Words of Institution, please come forward, as you are able.*

*Be mindful of members whose step may be vulnerable.*

*If you wish to remain seated as you commune, we will gladly serve you.*

*Please join in a circle of hearts and hands around the sanctuary connecting with those seated, creatively as necessary!*

*Please keep the circle on the inside of the columns so all can be seen.*

*As we commune, join in singing “Hallelujah” chorus.*

*Please bring your Song Sheet with you to the Circle to lift as our Departing Hymn.*

As you leave, 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. Please take a copy of a previous prompting from the Cart in the back for your own or another's enrichment!

## Sending Forth With Blessing

### Giving Thanks To God

#### ✧ Preparation Of The Table Great Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Adventing God, it is right and good that together, we lift up Your name as holy. Always active, ever watchful, You keep Your promise of healing which brings new life. You make a way where there is no way. You claim us as Your very own in this life and all time to come. You invite us to more life....to powerfully rewrite our stories with endings full of wonder and possibility... to write it backwards (to know how we want the story to end as we live into each day!) if this is what it takes for us to embrace the healing You offer in these amazing Wisdom Teachings and stories.

Let us join in giving God our praise, affirming our faith, singing the Hallelujah chorus (only) as after the prompting.

#### ✧ Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread Communion of the People

##### ✧\*Departing Hymn

##### Song Sheet

**“A Savior Born, A Gift Of Joy”**

##### ✧\*Benediction

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

##### ✧\*Our Response

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

*Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, adapted, with permission.*

#### ✧ Postlude...and Tippe Café right here in the sanctuary!

# Tippeca-News December 4th, 2016

*So glad you have come.*

*Join us for Tippe Café right after  
Worship here in the Sanctuary!*

*All Are Welcome!*

*TODAY and THIS WEEK at Tippe*

**Monday Nights 6:30pm:**

**Sanctuary Time of Belonging meets  
tomorrow night but join us next week!**

Come for this worshipful time of self-reflection and theological thinking as we informally gather around table in the sanctuary, closing each gathering in prayer and communion.

**Circle of Faith** meets Wednesdays 10:30am in the parlor as we reflect on our individual and corporate lives through the lens of the wisdom teachings...*lectio style!*

**AA Meeting** Wednesday 7pm in Study Lounge.

**An extension of ASLC...our Bay View Children's Choir** meets weekly Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 in the sanctuary. A \$5 offering is appreciated for each child's participation each semester.

*TODAY and THIS WEEK at Living Waters*

**Center yourself... Sunday Centering meets 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6pm.** Join us for a time of quieting, opening us to the Holy within & within each other.

**One Blessing** meets **Tuesday** evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

**Thursday Centering** meets 2:30pm in the parlor.

**Southside Buddhist Sangha** of the **Mindfulness Center** gathers in the sanctuary, Thursday 7pm.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

**Lunch Bunch** will gather at Howard Village, 2500 East Howard Ave, Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please pay at the reception desk for the meal (\$7.00 each exact amount). Please bring a wrapped simple Christmas gift for our gift exchange.

## ADVENT 2016

**Our Theme:**

"The Wondrous Gift Is Given: Our Healing Story"

Special Worship with Guest Rich Hanhardt sharing "A Healing Story".

Monday December 12 6:30pm and  
Sunday December 18 9:30am

Caroling and Soup Supper Together!

Off to carol and return for hot soup and stories at the Becker's!  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm

## CHRISTMASEVE CELEBRATIONS!

4:30pm: Children's Gathering

5pm: Special Music, Singing,  
Hot Wassail and Cookies

5:30pm: Candlelight Christmas Celebration!

No Worship Sundays

December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>.

No "Sanctuary Time Of Belonging"

Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2!

Epiphany Intergenerational Worship

Dancing the carols with music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers! Chili Wapatui and Epiphany Cake complete with Crowning of the Wise Ones!

Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>

## Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

**One:** Our call as Christians is not to come to church, but to go out into the world seeking our own healing and offering healing to others....living lives of shalom and shalom-making. But that's hard to do....for often we let life scatter us to the winds, stretch us too thin, break us in two. And, we're really practiced at finding good excuses to keep doing things the way we've always done them!

This season, we can let faith's healing guide us....hearing that once still, small voice and making new meaning of our lives. We can rewrite our own stories...a re-birthing story of our own!

It's Advent. We find ourselves full of wonder...waiting yet not passive, centering not scattering, passionate about the healing that is offered. We share our real lives with our God during this most holy of seasons....because we can....and because God wants us to share deeply.

Each with our own beloved story,  
let us **SILENTLY** lift our prayers to our God  
using the written prayer on page 6 to guide us.

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### **Tippe-Ministers**

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

#### **Today in Leadership**

Pastor/Teaching Elder ..... Karen Hagen  
Accompanist ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Church Secretary ..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski  
Worship Leader ..... Diane Wirhanowicz  
Worship Hosts ..... Christian Pavlock  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
Director of *Living Waters* ..... Pastor Karen  
*Living Waters* Staff  
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna  
*Living Waters* Adjunct Staff ..... Kathy and Don

#### **Next Week in Leadership**

Pastor/Teaching Elder ..... Karen Hagen  
Accompanist ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Church Secretary ..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski  
Worship Leader ..... Jerry Watkins  
Worship Hosts ..... Jerry Watkins  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
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**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).**

**If you have donations for Project Home, please contact email: [projecthomedon@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedon@gmail.com).**

**For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please contact email: [aslcforkids@gmail.com](mailto:aslcforkids@gmail.com).**

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