



# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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## Welcome To Worship

*March 15, 2026*

9:30 a.m.



**seeking:**  
*Who sinned?*

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

*"The Third Alternative" Rev. Zo Trembley*

## ✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** “Sometimes a Light Surprises” -- William Cowper  
*Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;  
it is our God who rises with healing in God’s wings;  
When comforts are declining, God grants the soul again  
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.*

## ✧Welcome and community news

Merger Subgroup Meeting: **The Subcommittee for Christian Education** (Adult and Children's Ed) will be held at **Grace Presbyterian Sunday, on March 15th at 11:30 am**. We ask that those who feel drawn to this aspect of church life attend the meeting as we continue to move through the subgroup discussions that help shape our process.

Merger Subgroup Meeting: **The Subcommittee for Property** will meet at **Tippe on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am** – let Jerry Watkins know of your interest.

## Holy Week Worship Services

- **March 29** Palm Sunday service 9:30 am at Tippe
- **April 2** Maundy Thursday service at Grace Presbyterian  
2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave at 7 pm
- **April 3** Good Friday service at Bay View United Methodist  
2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave at 7 pm
- **April 5** Easter Sunday service 9:30 am at Tippe

Anyone interested in joining a combined choir for Maundy Thursday worship at Grace? Please email Betsy Gonwa to learn about the timing for a rehearsal. Then, singers will gather early at Grace to run through the song before the 7 pm service on April 3rd.

✧ **Invocation:** Sure-ly God is in this place, Ho-ly Ground.  
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✧ **Call to Worship: Psalm 23** “Shepherd Me, O God”  
(Response) Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants,  
be-yond my fears, from death in-to life.

**East:** God is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**West:** God makes me lie down in green pastures.  
God leads me beside still waters.

(Response)

**E:** God restores my soul.

God leads me in paths of righteousness  
for the sake of God's name.

**W:** Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

*(Response)*

**E:** You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**W:** Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in God's house  
my whole life long.

*(Response)*

✧ ***Becoming Present to God and Each Other***

~ **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 No. 314, vs 1, 2, 5, "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"**



*Sometimes we look, but don't see. . . There are four hidden figures in this picture. Can you see them?*

✧ **Prayer of Intention:**

One: Holy Spirit, may we hear your precious Word for us today.

May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love . . .

**All: As we open the eyes and ears of our minds and hearts  
to the transforming message you have in store for each of us. Amen.**

✧ **Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

\*[City Leaders (*frightened*): **Is this a peaceful visit, seer?**]

✧ **Special Music** “Spirit of the Living God”

Spir-it of the Liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me; (*Repeat*)

Melt me, mold me fill me, use me,

Spir-it of the Liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

✧ **Lesson from the Gospel:** John 9:1-41

*Part I, John 9:1-12 . . .*

\* Neighbor (*cue*): Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?

(*Cue*) Some said:

East side: **He is the one.**

(*Cue*) Others said:

West side: **No, he isn't. He just looks like him.**

\* \* \*

I heard the voice of Je-sus say, “I am this dark world's light;  
look onto me your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-ling days are done.

*Part II, John 9:13 -34 . . .*

\* (*Cue*) Some of us Pharisees said . . .

East: **The man who did this cannot be from God,  
for he does not obey the Sabbath law.**

(*Cue*) Others of us, however, said . . .

West: **How could a man who is a sinner perform  
such miracles as these?**

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A-maz-ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved someone like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

*Part III, John 9: 35-41 . . .*

\* (*Cue*) We were right there with him; we heard him say this, so we  
asked him . . . **All: Surely you don't mean that we are blind, too?**

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.**

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Je-sus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Je-sus.



***Prayer for Illumination*** (from Psalm 19:14)

One: May the words of my mouth,

**All: And the meditations of our hearts, be pleasing  
to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen**

✧ **Message** “The Third Alternative” – *Rev. Zo Trembley*

✧ **Questions for Reflection . . .**

- What have been my blind spots? How did I learn to see? What did I see?
- Where do I look for en-*light*-enment? When/where have I found it?
- How can I give up blame and shame for others and myself, and better show God’s love and grace to myself and others?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Offertory Sentences** (from I John 3:18)

One: Friends, our love should not just be words and talk;

**All: It must be true love which shows itself in action.**

✧ **Offertory:** Treasure, God, you have entrusted, gain through powers  
your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to show the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

✧ **Offertory Blessing**

**Prayers of Joy and Concern . . . Pastoral Prayer . . . The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father (*Mother/Parent/ Amma/Abba/Maker/Creator*),  
who is in heaven (*in us/ on earth/ in all creation/  
at the heart of the Universe*)

hallowed (*holy, honored*) be your name.

Your kingdom (*reign, rule, realm*) come; your will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread (*bread for today, bread for tomorrow*).

Forgive us our trespasses (*wrongs, sins, debts*), as we forgive  
those who trespass against us (*wrong us, sin against us,  
are our debtors*).

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom (*reign, rule, realm*), the power, and the glory.

For ever and ever. Amen.

✧ **Closing Hymn:** NCH, No. 252, "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

✧ **Benediction:**

One: May our Shepherd lead us out into the world,

**All: And into all our tomorrows.**

May the eyes of our hearts and minds be opened

**To all the love, joy, and grace that surrounds us.**

May we follow the Light

**Wherever that Light leads us.**

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

(sung) **Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.**

**Your Word lives on in us.**

❖ **Postlude:** “My Shepherd Is the Living God” – Isaac Watts; Thomas Sternhold  
*My shepherd is the Living God, I therefore nothing need;  
in pastures fair, near pleasant streams you settle me to feed.  
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
And lead me for your mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace.*



*When I look, do I really see?  
Find four hidden figures in this picture.*

## **A Responsive Reading**

*from Progressive Christianity.org (of which Tippe is a member)*

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean we are Christians who . . .

**Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the sacred and the oneness and unity of all life.**

We affirm that . . .

**The teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the sacredness and oneness of life, and that we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom in our spiritual journey;**

We seek . . .

**Community that is inclusive of ALL people, including, but not limited to:**

- Traditionalist \* Christians and questioning skeptics,
- Believers and agnostics,
- Women and men,
- Those of all sexual orientations and gender identities,
- Those of all classes and abilities;

We know . . .

**That the way we behave toward one another is the fullest expression of what we believe;**

We find . . .

**Grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes;**

We strive . . .

**For peace and justice among all people;**

We strive. . .

**To protect and restore the integrity of our earth;**

We commit . . .

**To a path of life- long learning, compassion, and self-giving\*\* love.**