



# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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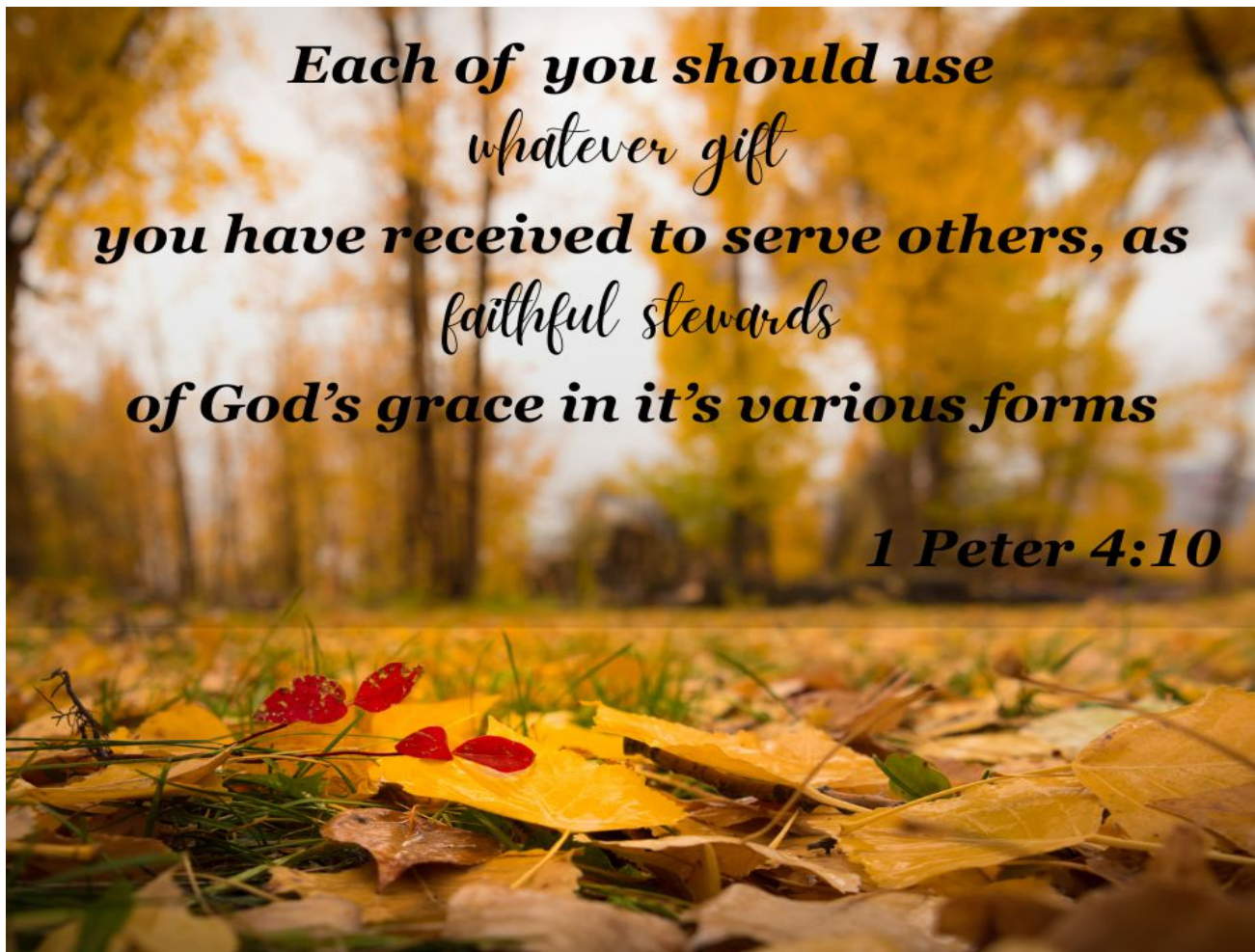
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## Welcome To Worship

*November 16, 2025*

9:30 a.m.



***Each of you should use  
whatever gift  
you have received to serve others, as  
faithful stewards  
of God's grace in it's various forms***

***1 Peter 4:10***

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

*"Faithful Stewards of God's Grace" Rev. Trish Eckert*

## ✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** 714 *God of the Fertile Fields*~Tippe Musicians

## ✧Welcome and community news

The last Sunday of this month - **November 30<sup>th</sup> - is the first Sunday of Advent**, and during worship we'll participate in the "hanging of the greens" in the sanctuary.

**Divine Intervention warming season** begins Wednesday night, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – please reach out to Pastor Trish if you'd like to learn more about how you might be involved in this vital ministry – there are countless ways to participate!

## ✧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

***Blessing*** ~ Christine Valters Paintner, from her book, "Birthing the Holy: Wisdom from Mary to Nurture Creativity and Renewal" (2022)

Mary, Blessed Virgin,  
we give you thanks for your strength and power,  
for your clarity of purpose,  
for your alignment of vision with the Divine imagination.  
Bless us with a heart that knows the treasure you are;  
let our yes rise up like a sacred song we know by heart.  
Blessed are you complete unto yourself;  
you are in touch with the primordial wholeness we each contain.  
When the angel asked his question, everything in you trembled;  
you knew the weight of this choice,  
could see the ripples in that moment out into the world.  
So you breathed into your fullness, felt the weight and density  
of your own presence, and said that holy, mighty, potent yes.  
Mary, be with us in our moments of annunciation.  
When the angel whispers to us in a dream  
or shimmers forth in our lives, help us to listen closely,  
to slow down and know this moment for the gift it is.  
Help us remember our own sanctity and wholeness,  
to respond not from any sense of lack  
but from an abundance of grace flowing  
freely within us all the time, at every moment.  
Bless us in our own virginity,  
to know the gift we bring  
into the world as wholly ours to offer.  
Let this moment be an invitation

into a deeper intimacy with  
the divine presence dwelling in our hearts.  
Help us to say yes.

~ **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

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Stewardship**

The definition of stewardship is “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.”

This morning, we'll be turning our attention to the gifts we've each been given – some of us naturally provide hospitality, others of us share our gift of music, still others an ear for poetry, or creating beautiful worship spaces, or the ability to listen deeply. Some of our gifts are hard-wired into us, and others are hard-won. In some cases, through practice, we've honed a natural ability or followed a passion that has enabled us to readily draw upon our talents and experience in ways that benefit those around us.

Today, let's notice the gifts that are growing and bearing fruit within us, and consider how we might share those gifts with others.

✧ **Time for Young Hearts *Sharing our gifts***

✧ **Gathering Hymn 710 *We Lift Our Voices***

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

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**The One who calls us,**

The One who equips us,

**The One who loves us without end.**

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

O Gracious, gentle Spirit of Love,

Your energy permeates the Universe,

Igniting Earth with

Your Goodness, Truth and Beauty.

Open our minds and hearts

To a deeper awareness

Of our interconnectedness with You,

Each other and all creation.

May we experience

Your unique presence

Within the sacred web of creation.

✧ **Special Music Special Music Love** poem by Rumi, set to music by Rosie Rain ©2012

Lyrics

Love came, and became  
Like blood in my body, it rushed through my veins  
And encircled my heart.  
Everywhere I looked, I saw one thing.  
Love's name written on my limbs,  
On my left palm, on my forehead,  
On the back of my neck, on my right big toes.  
Oh my friend, all that you see of me  
Is just a shell,  
And the rest belongs to Love.

✧ **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**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**1 Peter 4:10**

<sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms.

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 "Faithful Stewards of God's Grace"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- When have I had a sense of being nudged or led by God? What happened when I did or did not follow the leading?
- Before following a leading, am I willing to prayerfully probe my motives and acknowledge my self-will? Am I willing to engage others in helping me be clear about my leading?
- Am I faithful in sharing my gifts? Am I supportive of the gifts of others?

Queries excerpted and adapted from Catherine Whitmire's book, "Practicing Peace: A Devotional Walk Through the Quaker Tradition." (2007)

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 586 *Come to Tend God's Garden*** (*New Century* hymnal)

✧ **Our gifts of support** We have the opportunity to give thanks through our offering of ourselves and our possessions to the work God calls us to do. We cannot repay God for our lives, our minds, the beauty of earth and sky, the abundance of resources that we enjoy. But we can respond with acts of gratitude and kindness, with generosity and thanksgiving.

**Offertory Hymn 712 *As Those of Old their First Fruits Brought*** (v 2)

**Offertory Blessing** We rejoice, O God, in the new world you are creating around us and within us. We give thanks for the joy we find in this beloved community. It is our intention to share the joy, and to work quietly and enthusiastically for a world where your love reigns. To these ends, we dedicate our offerings. Amen

✧ **Prayers of the People**  
**Community Prayers**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
may Your name be honored everywhere.  
May Your kin-dom come.  
May the desire of Your heart for the world  
be done, in us, by us and through us.  
Give us the bread we need for each day.  
Forgive us.  
Enable us to forgive others.  
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.  
For You reign in the power that comes from love  
which is Your glory forever and ever. Amen.**

(Author unknown)

✧ **Benediction**

Now listen to the sounds that stir within,  
listen to the cries for help that ring around you,  
and follow a path of healing and liberation for you and all you encounter. Take peace in  
the sound of your own voice  
as you choose the life that honors your truest self. May it be so.

~ Cole Arthur Riley, from her book: "Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human" (2024)

*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 747 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth***