



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

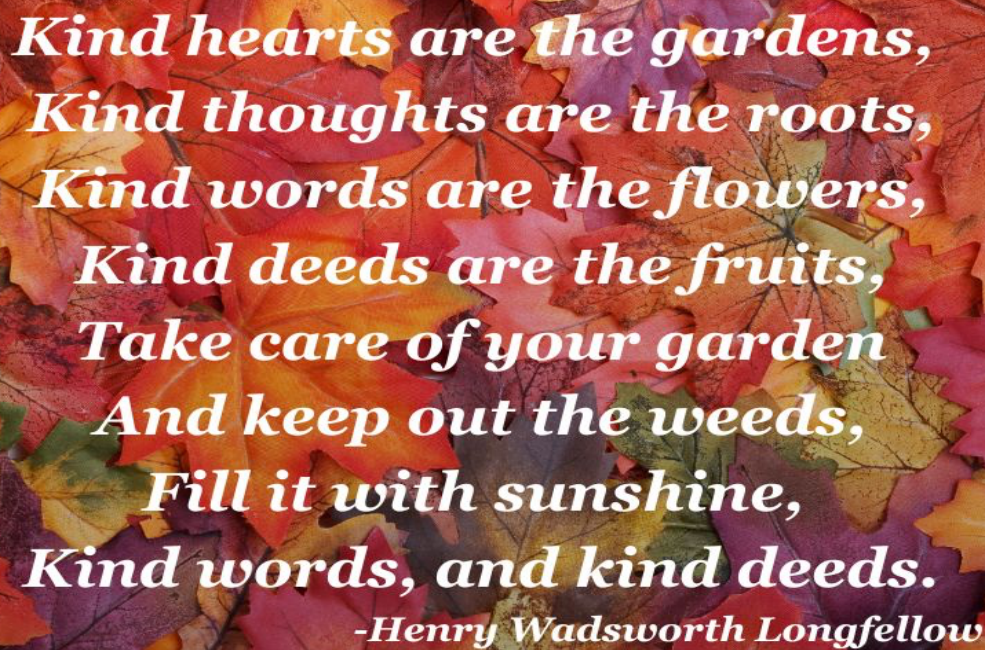
"We take the Bible seriously, but we don't take it literally."

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Welcome To Worship

October 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.



*Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits,
Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds,
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words, and kind deeds.
-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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

"Cultivating Kind Hearts" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* ~ Tippe musicians

✧Welcome and community news

DI orientation sessions for the upcoming season will be held on:

Sunday, October 26 | 4:00pm-5:30pm

Sunday, November 2 | 4:00pm-5:30pm

Sunday, November 9 | 4:00pm-5:30pm

RSVP's to tippechurch@gmail.com are helpful as we prepare for each date. We are working on adding a Zoom option. Volunteers need attend only one.

Tippe Membership Classes “Being Presbyterian”

If you are interested in becoming a member at Tippe, or are curious about how Presbyterian theology and history shapes our faith tradition today, please join us on 3 Sundays after worship (about 11:15 am - 1pm) October 26, November 2, and November 9. Questions? Contact Pastor Trish.

HUGS pledge drive begins mid-October – keep your eye out for your invitation in the mail – we hope to receive folks’ responses by end of October as we strive to build our 2026 budget.

✧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

A Blessing for Kindness ~ by Kaki Grubbs, from “Spirituality & Practice”

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/practices/view/29452/a-blessing-for-kindness>

May you find, when you most need it, the other who stops to kindly listen to you as you pour out your heart in fear, sadness, loneliness, anger, joy, or wonder.

May you live kindness by choosing to let it flow freely on the just and unjust.

May your heart expand wide to include being kind to everything, knowing that everything belongs.

May kindness be your daily mantra that guides your heart, your thoughts, and your actions.

May you keep kindness simple so that you can practice it easily and often.

May you remember the acts and words of kindness given to you so that you can do the same for others.

May the words of Mr. Rogers on the three ways to ultimate success be woven in your heart and lived to the fullest:

“The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.”

Kindness is the way.

~ **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 *My Heart*** (book written and illustrated by Corinna Luyken)

✧ **Gathering as God’s People: *Cultivating Kindness***

Today we begin a 4-week worship series, “Cultivating Kindness,” and on this first Sunday we begin with cultivating kind hearts. We are entering our stewardship season and throughout it, we’ll turn our attention to what we want to cultivate, grow, and build here at Tippe, as well as within ourselves and among our community.

We are called to stand where Jesus stands—with and for those whom society often seeks to exclude, erase, or diminish.

The gospel we proclaim insists that our neighbor’s need is the occasion for our love and that our public life is shaped by justice, mercy, and a commitment to the common good.

In the words of the theologian, philosopher and activist Cornell West, “justice is what love looks like in public.” In the coming weeks, let us contemplate love through the lens of kindness – in our hearts, in our thoughts, through our words and through our actions.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart***

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

Gather in, you who are seeking refuge,
you who need to know God is ready and able to shield you ...
to be your sure defense.

Many shout angry words,
but the entire world is not angry.

Many spout hatefulness,
but the whole world is not hateful.

Gather in, and see that there are others like you
who long for kindness and compassion,
for joy and peace.

Gather in, under the shadow of the Almighty.

God is here.

Let us worship God.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted.

We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid.

We need one another when we are in despair, in temptation,
and need to be recalled to our best selves again.

We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone.

We need one another in the hour of success,
when we look for someone to share our triumphs.

**We need one another in the hour of defeat,
when with encouragement we might endure, and stand again.**

We need one another when we come to die,
and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey.

All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us.

We need to reach out in love, to recall one another. For this is the call of our faith.

– Rev. George Odell ~ responsive reading from “Singing the Living Tradition” (UUA worship and hymnal)

✧ **Special Music** *Try a Little Kindness*, words and music by Bobby Austin and Curt Sapaugh

✧ **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**

Colossians 3: 12-17

12 Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Sovereign has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Psalm 19: 7-14

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
12 But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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 “Cultivating Kind Hearts”** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- How do I monitor the status of my body, mind, and soul so that I know when it is time to rest and renew myself?
- When there are difficulties in the community, do I hold the community in prayer and remember to look for the good in people's motivations?
- In what ways am I endeavoring to face the evil in the world and to match it with redemptive love?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn *God Is*** (song sheet) Words & Music: Karen Drucker, www.karendrucker.com Used with permission

✧ **Our gifts of support**

God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole.

In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money – and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in building God’s realm here on earth.

Offertory Hymn 711 *God is all Good* **Offertory Blessing**

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

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**

May the love which overcomes all differences
which heals all wounds
which puts to flight all fears
which reconciles all who are separated
be in us and among us, now and always, 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** *Love Is* written by Abbie Betinis