



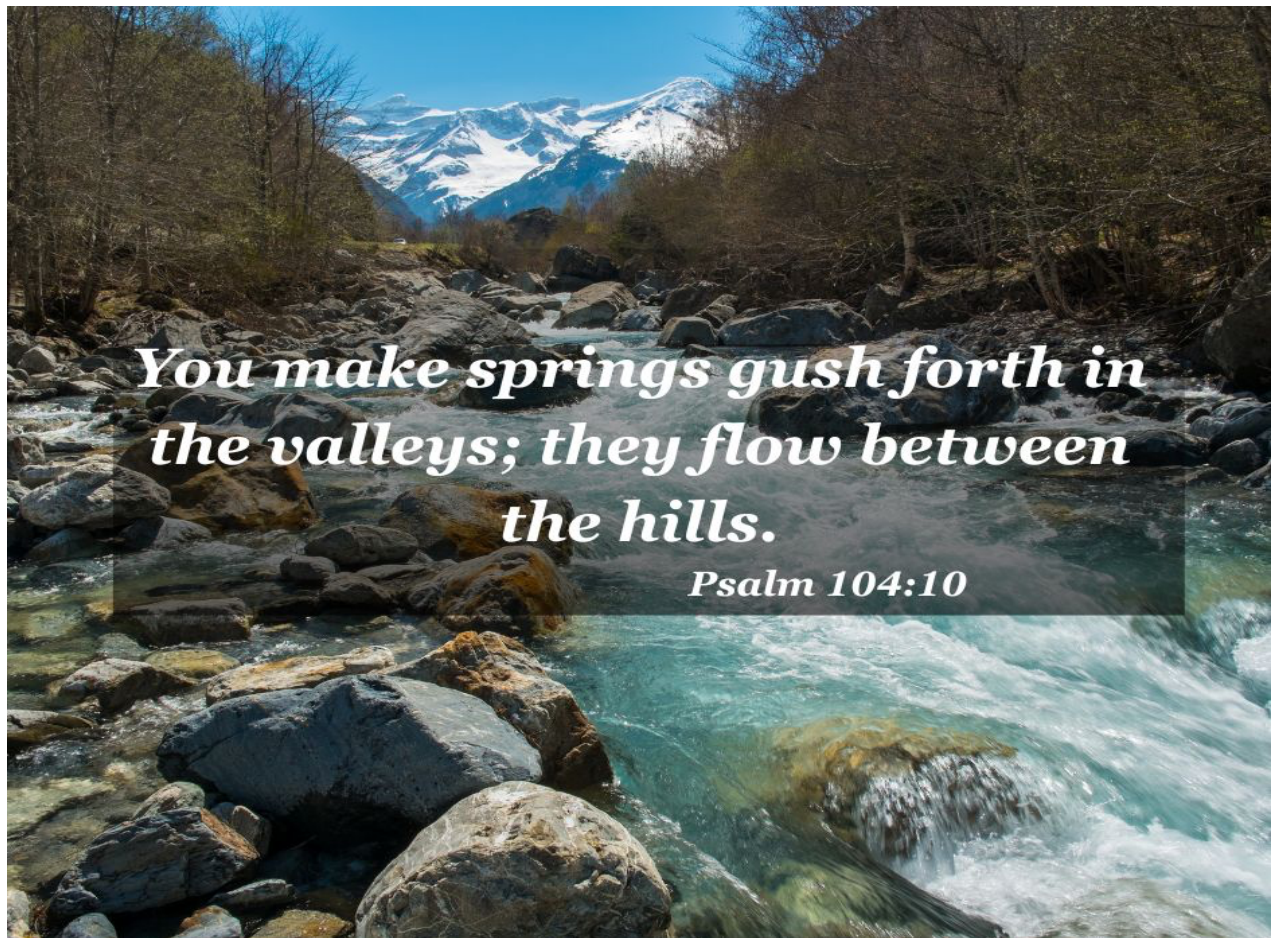
Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

September 28, 2025
9:30 a.m.



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

"Let the Children Come to Me" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** *Let the Children Come to Me* ~ Tippe Musicians
by James V. Marchionda

✧Welcome and community news

Serve alongside us **at Tippe on Saturday, October 4th** as Crossroads Presbyterian engages in their annual "Faith in Action" service project around our building from **10:30 am – 2:20 pm**. We're looking for Tippe folks to join the small group of volunteers coming from Crossroads as we spread dirt around the foundation of our buildings in order to level out and grade the ground and angle rain water away from our buildings. Please bring any shovels and gloves that you have, to ensure we have enough equipment.

The dates for **Divine Intervention volunteer orientation** for the 2025-2026 season have been established. We hope you'll select one of these dates to join us in the sanctuary from 4-5:30 pm:

- Sunday, October 26
- Sunday, November 2
- Sunday, November 9

Session update from our Clerk, Jerry Watkins

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment

Poem: The Spirit Likes to Dress up ~ by Mary Oliver, from "Dream Work"

The spirit
likes to dress up like this:
ten fingers,
ten toes,

shoulders, and all the rest
at night
in the black branches,
in the morning

in the blue branches
of the world.
It could float, of course,
but would rather

plumb rough matter.
Airy and shapeless thing,
it needs
the metaphor of the body,

lime and appetite,
the oceanic fluids;
it needs the body's world,
instinct

and imagination
and the dark hug of time,
sweetness
and tangibility,

to be understood,
to be more than pure light
that burns
where no one is—

so it enters us—
in the morning

shines from brute comfort
like a stitch of lightning;

and at night
lights up the deep and wondrous
drownings of the body
like a star.

✧ **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 *Remember***

✧ **Gathering as God's People: *The Gift of Baptism***

Today is a special day - we have the joy of baptizing another beloved child of God! As we officially welcome her into our church family, we are reminded yet again of our own baptism, which serves as a sign and seal of the covenant of grace.

Through this celebration we also witness the beauty of deepening within an intentional community that supports and accompanies each of us; shaping our experience of the divine and the condition of our hearts.

On this special morning, I invite us to remain mindful of how precious, vulnerable, and resilient children are – how so often they reveal truths to us and illustrate the deep understanding of the sacred all around us.

We too are invited to tap into our child wisdom, as Jesus reminds us that if we do not receive the realm of God as a little child, we will never enter it.

May we carry forward with us the abundant gifts of baptism and community as we cherish all of the children – not only those in our hearts, but those beyond our church walls and around the world.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 301 *Let Us Build a House***

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

Awaken us to the Oneness of all things,
to the beauty and truth of Unity.

May we become aware of the
interdependence
of all living things,

and come to know You in everything,
and all things in You.
For as we attune to your Presence within us,
we know not separation,
and joy becomes our dwelling place.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Gracious God, too often our lives reflect chaos instead of creation. Living in disorder and turmoil, we exist as though you do not. Rather than the tender hovering of your Spirit, we feel the buffeting currents of change and doubt. Have mercy on us. Blow through our lives like a mighty wind this day, clearing away the clouds of despair. Shine brightly among us, renewing our reason for hope. Rain your love upon us, creating in us a new day.

This is the good news: The One who goes before us is more powerful than we are. Christ baptizes us not just with water but also with the Holy Spirit. As we receive that baptism, we become a new creation. We are forgiven. And God sees that it is good. The peace of God is yours.

✧ **Special Music 490 *Wash O God, Your Sons and Daughters***

✧ **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**

Psalms 104: 1-13; 33

1 Bless the Sovereign, O my soul.

O Sovereign my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

2 wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind;

4 you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

5 You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it shall never be shaken.

6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they flee;

at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.
9 You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
11 giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to God,
for I rejoice in the Sovereign.

Mark 10: 13-16

13 People were bringing children to Jesus in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the realm of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the realm of God as a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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 "Let the Children Come to Me"** Rev. Trish Eckert



✧ **Baptism**

✧ Presentation

✧ Affirmation of Faith:

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith.

**ALL: We trust in God, who has created and is creating—
from water and wind to painters and poets,
giving a home to all the families of the earth,
blessing the world through faithful people.**

**We trust in Jesus, Word made flesh—
who healed, touched, taught, and ate,
drawing outsiders, women, sinners, and friends into God’s new
community of love.
Even in death, his arms stretched wide, encircling all.
And on the third day he rose, reconciling the whole world to God.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, breath of life—
present in every place and time, offering love and compassion,
calling forth faithfulness, generosity, and justice.**

**Living among us, beside us, and within us, the Triune God provides in the
everyday, and the exceptional; the cosmic, and the ordinary.**

✧ Thanksgiving over the Water:

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

As the water is poured into the font:

One: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water that by it we may be reminded of our baptism into Jesus Christ and that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may be kept faithful until you receive us at last in your eternal home.

**ALL: Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was and is, and shall always
be, world without end. Amen.**

✧ The Baptism

✧ Greeting Estelle

✧ Welcome:

Estelle has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**ALL: With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in Christ's ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

✧ **Hymn *This Little Light of Mine***

✧ **Our gifts of support**
Offertory Hymn 709 *God We Honor You*
Offertory Blessing

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Dear One,
closer to us than our own hearts,
farther from us than the most distant star,
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious
not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,
but also in the seemingly base
and common processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day,
to keep body and soul together, because
clever as you have made us,
we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you,
we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings,
putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.**

**Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty.
So it is. Amen.**

✧ **Benediction**

**Renew in us, O God, all the gifts of baptism—
strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering,**

the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life;
through Jesus Christ who makes us one.
Send us in your Name, Holy One, 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** *May the God of Hope Go With Us* ~ Tippe Musicians
Please remain seated during the Postlude.