

Dec. 2, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

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We Gather in God's Name

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**As We Prepare for Worship**

I find that people are most likely to change when they are *held inside of both safety and some necessary conflict* at the exact same time. God can then come to you indirectly, catching you off-guard and free from your illusions of control, when you are at least somewhat empty instead of full of yourself. – Richard Rohr

**Prelude**      “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”      Prichard

**Choral Introit**      “Celtic Advent Carol”      Angerman & Barrett

**\*Gathering Words**    *Psalm 105:1-4 (The Message)*

Thank God! Pray to him by name!

**Tell everyone you meet what the Lord has done!**

Sing God songs, belt out hymns, translate the Lord's wonders into music!

**Honor God's holy name with Hallelujahs, you who seek God. Live a happy life!**

Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence.

**We come to worship the Lord!**

**\*Gathering Hymn #93**    “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

**Call to Prayer**

With expectation and hope, we come before the Lord in prayer.

## **Our Prayer of Hopelessness and Hope**

– with Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 14 (CEB)

*The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?*

***The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?***

But fear, we do. It is difficult not to when there are so many voices around us telling us we should be afraid. It is difficult to hold on to hope when bad news is the news of the day.

***Do not hide your face from us, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been our helper. Do not reject us or forsake us, God my Savior.***

We confess our hopelessness. We confess our willingness to believe the worst of ourselves, of others, of you.

***Hear our voices when we call, LORD; be merciful to us and answer us.***

We confess our hopelessness. We confess our willingness to rely on ourselves or false securities of the world.

***My heart says of you, “Seek the LORD’s face!” Your face, LORD, we will seek.***

We confess our hopelessness. We confess our willingness to deny your power in our lives.

***Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.***

*silent confession*

Amen.

## **Words of Light** Psalm 27:1, 13 (CEB)

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

**We remain confident of this: We will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

Today we light a candle recognizing the light of hope in a dark world. It is the hope of our salvation.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Our Response #113** “Angels We Have Heard on High” (*refrain*)

### **The Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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### **God’s Word Comes Alive**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy Spirit, reveal to us the Word you would have us hear.

Amen.

### **A Reading from the Gospels** Luke 21:25-36 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all

things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**A Reading from the Epistles** Philippians 1:27-30 (NRSV)

<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Message** “A Life Worth Living” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

**Choral Anthem** “The People Who Walk in Darkness”  
Angerman & Barrett

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**God Is Made Known to Us  
Through the Breaking of Bread**

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**Communion**

Welcome

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Jesus, Good News in a broken world, we enter into this season of Advent as a people of hope. We remember how you came into

the world bringing hope to an expectant people. Like them, we too, look forward to your coming. Just as you proclaimed the good news to the poor, release to the captive, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed, we look forward to the day when we will know these things in their fullness.

**O, the glories of your righteousness and the wonders of your love!**

God, creator of salvation, we seek your Kingdom in the midst of this world. We remember how you heard your people cry out in the midst of their captivity in Egypt. We remember how you led them in the wilderness – even in the midst of their rebellion. Your faithfulness has been known in every age, and we continue to proclaim it in this one.

**You rule the world with truth and grace!**

Holy Spirit, Advent within us, you tend to us as we live in this time in-between. Like the early Church, we are a people who don't belong to this world. In times of strength, you make our voices sing of your Good News. In times of difficulty, you encourage us to continue believing in the hope in which we have been saved.

**Let our hearts repeat your sounding joy!**

Holy Spirit, be present with us as we share the cup and the loaf. Make room in our hearts, in our lives, in our world for our shared communion with you and one another. Let hope be born within us even as we wait for the day when we will be in the presence of the risen Lord. Until that day, we continue to join our voices, saying: Our Father...

*(You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer using the words that are most familiar to you.)*

Invitation

Sharing in the Cup and Loaf

*We will be celebrating the Sacrament by intinction. All who desire to be fed by Jesus are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There are no requirements of membership. All elements are gluten- and alcohol-free.*

Prayer after Communion

**Our Shared Life**

*Welcome, members, guests and residents of Tudor Oaks! We hope that you will join us again soon. Please sign the red fellowship folder as it is passed and read the announcements in the bulletin.*

*If you have an announcement, please alert the liturgist, who will bring the microphone to you.*

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**God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks**

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**Call to Offering**

With hearts full of hope, let us joyfully offer to God the gifts of our lives.

**Offertory** “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” Haugen

**\*Doxology #117**

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night” *verse 6*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, our offerings are a statement of hope. Hope in your continued provision; hope that they will bring Good News to others.**

**In addition to our monetary gifts, we also dedicate these gifts for Bradley, Rosario, Azaria, Nalani, and Eljiah. We pray that your joy would be theirs this Christmas. We offer all of this in your name and to your glory. Amen.**

**\*Sending Song** “Prophets Told Us, ‘Pay Attention!’”

*(Words below; tune, Regent Square – “Angels from the  
Realms of Glory”)*

Prophets told us, “Pay attention!  
God is working in the land.  
Lo, the days are surely coming;  
seek the justice God has planned!  
Seek the signs of your redemption;  
hear God’s word and understand!”

Christ, you taught us: “Pay attention!  
Nature’s signs are sure and clear:  
When the trees grow leaves and blossom,  
summertime is almost here.”  
So it is in God’s good kingdom;  
be alert; God’s reign is near!

As we welcome your salvation,  
all around we see distress;  
There is trouble in the nations!  
There is greed and wickedness;  
As we trust in your redemption,  
may we live your righteousness.

May we work for what you call for;  
may we labor for your reign.  
Families cry out at the border;  
children suffer grief and pain.  
May your church, committed, prayerful,  
work for justice in your name.

Christ, you taught us: “Pay attention!”  
So we humbly serve and pray:  
May we gladly live your kingdom  
in a world that’s gone astray.  
May the hope of our salvation  
guide the things we do and say.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Bound for the Kingdom”

Giamanco



You may wish to be seated for the postlude and then stay for coffee and fellowship.

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**Today & This Week at Heritage**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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9:15 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship: Rev. Michelle Henrichs  
Liturgist: Jeanne Musolf  
Communion: Gigi Sheridan  
Ushers/Greeters: Glenn & Gigi Sheridan  
Set-up / Take-down: Ron Kohler & helpers

11:00 a.m. Fellowship time  
Congregational meeting

**Tuesday**

4:30 p.m. Worship Council  
5:30 p.m. Session

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**Sunday, Dec. 9**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship: Rev. Michelle Henrichs  
Liturgist: Jan Tesch  
Ushers/Greeters: Jane Arloszynski  
Jeanne Musolf  
Set-up / Take-down: Ron Kohler & helpers

11:00 a.m. Fellowship time: Brandy Bohman

## **A Visit with the Pastor**

Pastor Michelle is in the office on Tuesday afternoons (except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) from 2:00 - 4:30. If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle at another time, please contact her at 262-488-5100 or [mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com). You may also leave a message with the church office at 414-425-2050.

## **Prayer Concerns and Celebrations**

*Each week, we remember two families in prayer. We thank God for them, ask God's blessing upon them and God's presence with them. Please keep these highlighted families and the other listed people and places in your personal prayers throughout the week.*

Highlighted Families: Gerry Kohl  
Susan Fellows & Amy Lehmann

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Presbytery of Scioto Valley, OH  
The people of India

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Iran

Birthday: Dec. 2 Joanne Kavajecz

## **In Our Prayers**

*This week's prayer list:*

Joy that Harold and Karen Anderson have arrived safely in Arizona where the sun is shining and the weather is warm.

Joy that Janet Ahrens enjoyed a wonderful time with family.

Kathy Kozicki's Aunt Barb had a risky surgery on Thursday.

Safe travel for Ginni and Ron Kohler's son and daughter-in-law who drove in from Texas.

Traveling mercies for all the college students who headed back after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Joy that Phil and Nancy Walters (Jeanne Musolf's dad) arrived safely from Florida. They came early because of the storm.

Evie Hittle went back to school following surgery for a broken leg and picked up a virus and missed more school. She's on the mend and returned to school this past week.

Tudor Oaks resident Charlotte Makowski died recently. Prayers of comfort for her family and friends.

*Our on-going prayer list:*

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Steve Seeker, Jane Arloszynski's brother Earl Duckwall.

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### **Announcements**

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In case a Tudor Oaks resident needs assistance, please notify the Nursing Station in the Health Center or the Front Desk or call 1-414-529-0100.

*Congregational Meeting Today, Dec. 2*

Session has called for the second stated Congregational Meeting to take place on 12/2/18 after the service. Changes to the existing church by-laws will be considered and officers (elders & deacons) will be elected for 2019 and possibly longer.

*The Wired Word Update*

The Wired Word will not meet during December. Starting January 6, we will be changing our meeting time and place to 11:15 in the Olive Wood Theater.

*Share Our Suppers Meals, Divine Intervention*

Tippe's Divine Intervention ministry needs folks to provide meals in December.

NOW is the time to really search your calendars and your friends' calendars (and maybe their friends' calendars) to see if you or they can take one more day – especially the open ones in December.

Please call Tippe's church office at 414-481-4680 for more information or to volunteer.

### *Pastor's Bible Study Update*

The Bible Study group meets at 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday of the month except the third Tuesday. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at [mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com).

### *Our Christmas Families*

Heritage has adopted two Christmas families! We are collecting and dedicating the gifts today.

Thanks so much for helping bring Christmas joy to these families!

### *Supporting Your Deep Care of All God's People: D.I.*

Providing you the opportunity to minister to those homeless as you deepen your holy connection to all that is "just and right."

**Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless...**  
a collaborative mission of 56 Faith Communities!

**Orientation/Training**  
**Sunday, December 2, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

Tippecanoe Church 125 W. Saveland Avenue  
BayView Area of Milwaukee  
*We will gather in the sanctuary.*

A great way to find out more about our Prayer Vigils...why we do what we do the way we do it! And, to explore if this may be just the right fit for you on your journey of faithfulness. Coming is not

a commitment to ministry, but you cannot be in ministry as a Host without coming! *Come find out more!*

Do you know as a Host, YOU work collaboratively with two overnight ministry volunteers and our Pastor is present nightly 5:30-7:30 as Guests enter? Do you know why we call those who come in...*Guests*? Do you know you get to watch tv, read a book, sleep at least half the overnight?

Do you realize most of our Guests are well-read because they spend time in libraries...where they cannot fall asleep!

Do you realize most of our Guests are clean and well-kept because they care about themselves and laundromats are one of the few businesses homeless can frequent as long as they are doing their wash?

**Questions or to RSVP: Call 414-481-4680**

*A Message from Larry Under the Bridge*

Monetary donations are great...  
but we need more than money right now!\*

The temps have fallen and so have our supplies.  
Larry's Top Five list of URGENT items:

- hand warmers
- food\*\*
- coffee (regular & decaf), sugar, & creamer
- hot chocolate
- dish soap / hand soap / hand sanitizer

If you can purchase any (or all) of these items, that would be great!  
They can be dropped off at the church door closest to 1st Street.  
(We are in and out of that door all day long so someone will bring them in.)  
THANK YOU!!

Crystal Stinemates, Ministry Support Associate, Tippecanoe  
Presbyterian Church

Church Office Hours: Tuesday 2:30-5:00 and Thursday 9:30-3:30

Working collaboratively with 56 intra-faith communities as a  
positive presence in Milwaukee!

Please pray and consider a financial contribution to sustain our  
vital, life changing

missions: <http://www.tippechurch.org/donate.html>

\*Money is good too, so if that's what you can do at this moment,  
please donate. Thank you! :)

\*bread, milk, margarine, butter, peanut butter, Jell-O, Pop Tarts,  
cereal, oatmeal

### *Service of Advent Longing, Dec. 10*

The Christmas season is one of bright lights and decorations,  
family and friends, and good food. However, in the midst of being  
merry and bright during the Christmas season, the truth is that  
many of us are feeling anything but that. Our annual Service of  
Advent Longing provides sacred space for the stress, anxiety,  
family, health problems, politics, financial pressures, or the other  
weighty matters of our lives as we prepare to celebrate the Word  
becoming flesh even as we look forward to the final redemption of  
Creation. Please join us (and maybe even invite a friend) as we  
worship together on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 pm.

### *Bring Your Grandchild to Worship Sunday, Dec. 16*

Our worship service on the third week of Advent will be a  
participatory service for children of all ages. Bring your  
grandchild – and your inner child – to worship!