

December 17, 2017



Third Sunday *of* Advent

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:00 am Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Welcome visitors – We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself.

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children, and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a children’s table in the balcony, a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the back table. We do offer a staffed nursery for children 5 and under during worship if you’d prefer to use it. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal** or **Bulletin**. Inside this bulletin is an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service. A fellowship time with refreshments is offered in the Gathering Place at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

Tipton First United Methodist Church

Welcome to Worship

10:00 am

December 17, 2017

Together We Come Into God's PRESENCE

** Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit. (Items in **bold** spoken by congregation)*

PRELUDE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Jo Brown, Dee Wallace

(The Light of Christ enters our worship)

SPECIAL MUSIC Danica Rippentrop and Gwen VanScoy, Flute Duet

(Let this be a time when you prepare your heart for worship.)

WELCOME

* PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE "Angels We Have Heard on High" 3rd-6th Grade No. 234

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Cummins-VanScoy Family

ACT OF PRAISE "Carols of the Season" Chancel Choir

FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW Betty Russell

(The pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Away in a Manger" Preschool-2nd Grade

God Calls Us to PRAY

(The paper insert in your bulletin includes space to write prayer concerns.)

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 216

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

* SCRIPTURE READING John 1: 6-10, 14-17, 19-20, 23 (NRSV) Alec Heil

Leader: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "The Gift of Being Who We Are" Pastor Jenny

Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Spirit of God" Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

We Are Sent Forth for God's SERVICE to the World

SPECIAL MUSIC "Go Tell it on the Mountain" All SS Children No. 251

* BLESSING AND SENDING

* POSTLUDE "What Child is This" Dee Wallace, Jo Brown

Please join us for refreshments in the Dining Room after worship. Everyone is welcome!

Today's Servants

Acolytes: Gwen VanScoy Danica Rippentrop	Greeters: Bob & Glenda Holets Nursery: Kamryn Chapman
Children's Lesson: Betty Russell	PowerPoint: TBD
Liturgist: Alec Heil	Fellowship Coffee: Heil Family, Bob & Barb Rickard
Ushers: Steve & Cheryl Persons Bob & Barb Rickard	Advent Candle: Cummins-VanScoy Family

This Week

Sunday, Dec 17 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Leadership Council	Wednesday Dec 20 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Hand Chime Rehearsal 6:30 pm GIG 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	Saturday, Dec 23 11:00 am Shared Blessings
Tuesday, Dec 19 *Newsletter Deadline* 1:00 pm GIG 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm Girl Scouts	Thursday, Dec 21 10:00 am GIG 6:30 pm Trustees	Sunday, Dec 24 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Worship

Prayers

Hospitalized/Procedures: Arlene Errthum, Jan Esbeck, Berrie Glick, Myrna (Lorna Muller's sis)

Healing: Nick Brown, Jerry Ferguson, Bob Gould, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Deborah Lowry, Lynn McIntosh, Ken McKay, Randy Nau, Mike Smith, Marjorie Stonerook, Rhonda Waugh, Brady (Sherry Willey's grandson), and others.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions: Sylvia & Ken Gould

Individuals & Families experiencing loss. Pastor Jenny and Family, Marv & Kay Miller, Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson, Twyla Hein & Kim Cross, Ken & Lorna Muller

In Treatment: Clara Italiano, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter)

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshaeck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey & Alexa Ormsby, Chris Paul, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's nephew), Dave Russell

Budget:	Christmas Offering \$20.00
General Fund \$4,940.00	Thanksgiving Offering \$20.00
GIG Books \$10.00	<u>Copper Kettle \$44.76</u>
LFP Salary \$1,227.22	<u>GRAND TOTAL \$6,321.98</u>
Missions \$50.00	

Special Announcements

Christmas Eve Worship will include regular morning Worship at 10:00 am and Candlelight and Communion Worship at 5:00 pm, on December 24. The 5:00 service is family friendly, so there will not be a nursery.

January 7 - Intergenerational Celebration Sunday School for all at 8:45 in the dining Room. An all-church Potluck will follow worship.

The church office will be closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1

Sunday Schedule

8:15-8:45 am - Choir Kids Practice 8:45-9:45 am -Adult GIGs, Adult Classes, Youth Sunday School and Children’s Sunday School 9:45-10:00 am - Fellowship-Gathering Place for all ages.	10:00 Worship Service 11:00-11:30 am Fellowship - Gathering Place for all ages. 11:15 am-12:15 pm – New Adult Classes and GIGs meet
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<i>December 24 10:00am</i>	<u><i>Sunday Servants</i></u>	<i>December 24 5:00pm</i>
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Acolytes: Volunteers Needed
 Children’s Lesson: Pastor Jenny
 Liturgist: Mary Jo Heil
 Ushers: Volunteers Needed
 Greeters: Bob & Becky Young
 Nursery: TBD
 PowerPoint: Jessie Lieser
 Fellowship Coffee: McKinney Family
 Advent Candle: Larry & Berrie Glick

Acolytes: Volunteers Needed
 Children’s Lesson: Pastor Jenny
 Liturgist: TBD
 Ushers: Volunteers Needed
 Greeters: Chris & Abby VanScoy
 PowerPoint: Ethan Seylar
 Fellowship Coffee: TBD
 Advent Candle: Ange, Patrick &
 Lauren Catanese

Church Staff

Jenny Seylar - Pastor	Melinda Stonebraker - Discipleship Ministries Director
Greg Brown- Administrative Ministries Coordinator, Christian Chaos Director	
Don Griffith - Custodian	Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director
Jo Brown, Dee Wallace & Mary Savelkoul- Accompanists	
Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director	
Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Director/Teacher	