

THOSE
WHO DREAM

*keep
awake*

1ST sunday in advent

Our Worship of God

November 29, 2020

11:15 am

~ First Sunday of Advent ~

Pre-service Music

Jesu
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Jim Brickman

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

The power of dreams lies in waking up.

For when we close our eyes,

We can see a better world.

When we close our eyes,

We can dream a better dream.

But when we open our eyes,

We begin the work of faith.

The power of worship is the same.

When we enter this space,

We can see a better world.

When we enter this space,

We dream a better dream.

But when we leave this space,

We begin the work of faith.

So come in. Dream your dream.

Find hope here.

For in an hour,

We will begin the work of faith.

Let it be so.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Shelby Myers

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Candle Lighting Liturgy: The Candle of Hope

Jon & Sydney Ludwig
Westley & Wyatt Ludwig

I dream of sunflower fields.
I dream of key lime pie with a mile-high meringue.
I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd.
I dream of snow days.
I dream of empty beds in jail cells.
I dream of a world that will let kids be kids.
I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies.
I dream of schools with enough money to teach.
I dream of parents with enough money to feed.
I dream to keep awake, because if we don't dream of better days, then
we might forget that this is not what God imagined.

So today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that
keeps dreams afloat.

Light candle.

May this light be an invitation to keep awake.

May this light be our invitation to be Advent people—people who
dream.

Amen.

Visio Divina

Those Who Dream

by The Many

Children's Time

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Missions Moment

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn

Watcher, Tell Us of the Night

*Watcher, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are.
Traveler, O a wondrous sight!
See that glory beaming star!
Watcher, does its beauteous ray
News of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes: it brings the day,
Promised day of Israel!*

*Watcher, tell us of the night,
Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth its course portends.
Watcher, will its beams alone,
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
See, it bursts o'er all the earth!*

*Watcher, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight,
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watcher, you may go your way;
Hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, I rejoice today,
For Emmanuel has come!*

Message

Those Who Dream Keep Awake

Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Response

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Life of the Church

Benediction

Over and over again in scripture, we hear God's dream for a beautiful world.
We hear God's dream for peace and reconciliation.
We hear God's dream for harmony and togetherness.
We hear God's dream for community and hope.
So in this Advent season,
May we be those who dream and those who wake up.
May it be so. Amen.

Postlude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Praetorians

Worship Notes

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Words: Latin hymn, 12th c; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; st. 5, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916. Music: Thomas Helmore, 1854; based on plainsong phrases.

Liturgy by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

”Those Who Dream” song written and recorded by The Many | Art by Lauren Wright Pittman, Hannah Garrity, & Lisle Gwynn Garrity | Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Watcher, Tell Us of the Night, , John Bowring, 1825. Tune: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1879.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Rowland H. Pritchard, c. 1830; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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Week at a Glance

Tuesday, December 1

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

Wednesday, December 2

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol this week

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Sunday, December 6

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

11:15 Online Worship Service

Announcements

Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

Pledge Drive

You should have received your 2021 commitment card in the mail. It’s not too late to turn one in! Go to our website at fbc-columbia.org for an online pledge card.

VAC Holiday Program

For many years First Baptist has partnered with Voluntary Action Center during the holiday season to help with Christmas presents for those in need. This year we plan to continue that tradition, however, because of the pandemic, VAC’s efforts will look a bit different. Beginning November 22, First Baptist will be collecting donations to purchase gift cards for VAC partner families. We will collect funds through December 9 at the church (checks need to be made to First Baptist Church with VAC Holiday Program in the memo line), and then purchase the needed gift cards as instructed by VAC. While we will miss the joy of picking out the perfect toy or gift to be sent in, we are grateful to VAC for continuing this work and look forward to the opportunity to bless those in our community this season.

First Kids Gratitude Café

In November, First Kids is focusing on gratitude. Brittany is hosting Gratitude Café (not as catchy as Blizzards with Brittany, but we're rolling with it). Families can sign-up for a slot and Brittany will deliver Hot Chocolate (or apple cider) and do a gratitude practice with your family while the beverages cool. Email Brittany (bnull@fbc-columbia.org) for the link to register. In the form there is a place to write down times that will work around your family's school schedule!

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing

This November, Give to American Baptist Churches -One Great Hour of Sharing to help with ongoing disaster relief. To ensure your donations are correctly recorded, please mail your contributions to the church. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church with ABC Offering in the memo line. If you wish to give electronically, you may do so by going to the American Baptist Churches USA's website at <http://abc-oghs.org/donate/>. Thank you for your generosity and kindness during these difficult days.

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

The Sanctuary is now open for prayer and personal reflection on Mondays from 9 am-5 pm. One person or family at a time may sign up for a 30-minute time slot by contacting the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or phone 573-442-1149.

Blue Christmas Service - Friday, December 18, 6:30-7:30 pm

In a normal year, Christmas can be a painful time. The anguish of broken relationships, the first Christmas without a loved one or the weariness of ill health can make us feel alone in the midst of celebration. This year, we have the added grief of 240,000 Americans and 1.7 million people worldwide who have died from COVID-19. Due to the Pandemic, we may not celebrate with extended family in the same way. Though the Christmas season is often marked with expressions of excitement and joy, we want to recognize that for many, this season evokes a lot of pain and grieving, particularly this year. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and grief; we need to know and see that we are not alone and hold space for healing and hope. For these reasons, we are offering a special Blue Christmas service on Friday, December 18 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Join us in sharing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledges God's presence is with those who mourn, now and always.

Christmas Eve Service -December 24 at 5pm

Bundle up and join us for a candlelight Christmas Eve Service on the front lawn!

Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!