



Heritage Presbyterian Church

Nov. 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Those Who Dream...Keep Awake (Hope)

*Much of today's liturgy is written by or adapted from
Rev. Sarah Are of A Sanctified Art.*

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

Those who dream do not fall asleep to the realities of the world. God prompts us to pay attention to where God's dreams for change and new life are emerging. In Advent, we remember that God's ultimate dream is to be intimately connected to us – to come down and dwell among us.

~ A Sanctified Art

Prelude “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” Nicolai, arr. Unke

A Visit from the Anticipation Angel

Gathering Words

Rev. Sarah Are

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 gather for worship, we can see a better world. When we gather, we dream a better dream.

But when we leave this time of gathering, 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.

Candle Lighting Liturgy | The Candle of Hope Rev. Sarah Are

I dream of sunflower fields and of key lime pie with a mile-high meringue. I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd and of snow days.

I dream of empty beds in jail cells and of a world that will let kids be kids. I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies and of schools with enough money to teach and of parents with enough money to feed.

We 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.

Gathering Song #350

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”
(The music is printed on page 11 of the bulletin.)

Call to Prayer

The season of Advent is one of hope and expectation. In the same way, let us approach the Lord in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Sarah Are

Original Dreamer, over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope.

We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes.

We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world. Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights.

silent confession

Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world.

With hope we pray, amen.

Words of Life 1 Peter 1:3 (NRSV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God’s great mercy we have been given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we have been restored to the hope of God’s salvation.

Our Response #134 “Joy to the World” (*verse 3*)

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

The Peace

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

And also with you.

God’s Word Comes Alive

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Sarah Are

O Great Dreamer, you dreamed up the stars in the sky. You dreamed up that magic baby smell and the way cream sinks into coffee. You dreamed up the crunch of fall leaves and jazz music. You dreamed up wisteria and evergreen and the pure magic that is a six-foot-tall sunflower.

And in the midst of all of that, you dreamed up a dream for your people – a dream of hope and justice, a dream for eyes wide open, to both the world’s suffering and the world’s beauty.

So today, as we hear your Word proclaimed, we ask that you would plant that same dream in us. Pour out your Spirit on our hearts and minds so that we may see what you see, and dream what you dream. Gratefully we pray, amen.

A Reading from the Prophets Isaiah 64:1-4 (NRSV)

- ¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –
² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil –

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels Mark 13:18-37 (CEB)

¹⁸ Pray that it doesn't happen in winter. ¹⁹ In those days there will be great suffering such as the world has never before seen and will never again see. ²⁰ If the Lord hadn't shortened that time, no one would be rescued. But for the sake of the chosen ones, the ones whom God chose, he has cut short the time.

²¹ "Then if someone says to you, 'Look, here's the Christ,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it. ²² False christs and false prophets will appear, and they will offer signs and wonders in order to deceive, if possible, those whom God has chosen. ²³ But you, watch out! I've told you everything ahead of time.

²⁴ "In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. ²⁵ The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. ²⁷ Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

²⁸ "Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he's near, at the door. ³⁰ I assure you that this

generation won't pass away until all these things happen.

³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

³² "But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows.

³³ Watch out! Stay alert! You don't know when the time is coming. ³⁴ It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. ³⁵ Therefore, stay alert! You don't know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. ³⁶ Don't let him show up when you weren't expecting and find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!"

Message "Those Who Dream...Keep Awake (Hope)"
Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Choral Anthem "Your Peace Will Make Us One"
American folk melody, words by Julia Ward Howe
New lyrics by Audrey Assad

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God.

We believe that God has dreams for humanity.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.

We believe in Jesus.

We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, inviting us to be the church in the world.

We believe in dreams.

We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.

So in this Advent season, we are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.

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

Communion

Welcome

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

Certain that hope will prevail in the world, let us offer to God from that which we have been given.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of all hope, we bring you these gifts, certain of your presence in the world. May they bring hope to the hopeless and restoration to the broken. Amen.

God Goes with Us into the World

Sending Song #97 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

(The music is printed on page 12 of the bulletin.)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Presbytery of Whitewater Valley,
Indiana
The people of Hong Kong

Praying for the Persecuted Church: North Korea

Birthdays	Nov. 30	Sam Robinson
	Dec. 2	Joane Kavajecz

In Our Prayers

If there are any prayer requests you would like to share, please send them to roxannelawrence77@gmail.com or post them on Heritage's website and Roxanne will send them out.

Our Ongoing Prayer List

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Pat Zebrick, and Jane Arloszynski's brother Earl Duckwall

Announcements

Important News from Heritage

While Tudor Oaks is closed to outside visitors, we will still be worshipping. Pastor Michelle will prepare a video worship service that will be available on our website:

(<https://www.heritagechurchmuskego.com>) by 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Even if we can't be together in person, we can still be together in Spirit.

If you have any questions or are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Michelle (mahenrichs@gmail.com).

Congregational Meeting, Dec. 6

Session has called for the 2nd Congregational Stated Meeting to be held via Zoom on Sunday 12/6 @ 11:00 a.m. Purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for 2021.

Prayer and Meditation via Zoom

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 3:00 p.m. for a Prayer and Meditation gathering via Zoom. Our next meeting date is December 9. The information is below (same link each week) and it is also set up as an event on our Facebook page.

<https://zoom.us/j/730001908?pwd=a2Y2K2thUUxzZnR1L01kL0pwdjQ2QT09>

Audio only using any phone (you will need to enter meeting ID and password): 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 730 001 908 | Password: 056113

A Service of Advent Longing

Please join us on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Advent Longing. This contemplative service is designed to allow individuals to worship and reflect on the Good News of Great Joy in a way that recognizes and honors all of the feelings and emotions we experience during the holiday season. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8201890568?pwd=UUtkUHd4dWY1ZFpIMjRJS1F2dlVLDz09>

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“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”
Text and Music: African American spiritual

“Joy to the World”
Text: Isaac Watts, 1791, alt.
Music Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

“Your Peace Will Make Us One”
Text: Julia Ward Howe
New Lyrics: Audrey Assad
Music: American folk song
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“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Text: French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860, alt.
Music: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937
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“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868
Music: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

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1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!