

November 29th Online
Advent 1: HOPE
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Fair Trade Alternative Giving

Advent Candle Liturgy

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 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 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.

*Song

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Prayer of Confession

-- based on Isaiah 64

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

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.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we fell away.

Restore us, we pray, through the coming of our Lord Jesus,

in whom we place our hope and trust.

Silent Prayers

*Assurance

*Passing of the Peace

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

*Hold onto the peace of Christ, and right where you are, and pass it to any who are around you,
and to those on your heart with a call, text, email or letter.*

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, the power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes, we can see a better world and we can dream a better dream. But when we open our eyes, we begin the work of faith. As we hear your word today, may you open our eyes. In the hope of Christ we pray. Amen.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Coming to Christ as a Child

*Song *For Unto Us A Child Is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Mark 13:24-37

Meditation *Those Who Dream...Keep Awake!* Pastor Robin

*Song *O Come Emmanuel*

*Affirmation of Faith —Our Song of Hope, st. 3, closing prayer

Our only hope is Jesus Christ.

After we refused to live in the image of God, he was born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and our instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of God.

Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in him.

Come, Lord Jesus: We are open to your Spirit.

We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone.

*Song *While We Are Waiting, Come* Glory to God #92 vs.1
***While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come.***

Presenting Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

God of creation, take these gifts and draw us to Christ, in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Song *Hark the Herald/King of Heaven*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude