



Sunday, November 29, 2020 Service – Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, Arizona
First Sunday in Advent
Those Who Dream...Keep Awake



PRELUDE *“People Look East (French Carol) – arr. Cherwien*

INTROIT *“Emmanuel” - George & Ruth Van Otten and George Wheat, trio*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

All: We can see a better world.

One: When we close our eyes,

All: We can dream a better dream.

One: But when we open our eyes,

All: We can see a better world

One: When we gather together,

All: We dream a better dream.

One: But when we enter the world,

All: We begin the work of faith.

One: So, enter in. Dream your dream.

OPENING HYMN *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #88 (Verses 1, 5, 6, & 7)*

*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 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, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, blind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

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.
Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world.
With hope we pray, amen.**

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the God who sent dreams to two Josephs, to Jacob, and to Mary
Casts out our fears with love, and affirms that we are beloved children of God.
The Good News is this: Jesus Christ lives, and we live in him. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Ruth and George Van Otten

CHILDRENS TIME – Richard Carter

Today's children sermon references a story about Audrey Hepburn - you can find this story read at <https://youtu.be/e33Pq4o9LM0>

SPECIAL MUSIC “Some Children See Him” - Burt Sharon Deist, Soloist

SCRIPTURE – OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 64:1-9

64 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.
⁵ 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 transgressed.
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered^[a] us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE - GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-27, 32-37

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.
²⁷ 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.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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SERMON

“Awake for What?”

RESPONSE

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

CLOSING HYMN “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS” #82

*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.*

BENEDICTION

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*While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.*

POSTLUDE “Prepare the Royal Highway” (14th Century Swedish) arr. Cherwien

Participants:

The Reverend Renée Rico – Preacher
Elder Sonja Vander Meulen – Worship Leader
Elders Ruth & George VanOtten, George Wheat – Introit
Elder Richard Carter – Children's Sermon
Sharon Deist – Special Music
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ
Elder Paul Hay – Video/Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew – Photo

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Happens at 11:15 a.m.

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