



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, November 29, 2020
Gathering Around the Word**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Jody Andrade

Introit

"Thanksgiving"
by George Winston

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship

The Rev. Katie Day

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 begin the work of faith.

One: The power of worship is the same. When we enter worship

All: We can see a better world.

One: When we enter worship

All: We dream a better dream.

One: But when we leave worship

All: We begin the work of faith.

One: So come. Dream your dream

All: Find hope here.

One: For in an hour,

All: We will begin the work of faith.

One: Let it be so.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Park Family

All: I dream of hope.

One: I dream to keep awake, because if we don't dream of better days, then we might forget that this is not all God imagined. So today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat.

May this light be an invitation to keep awake.

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

Amen.

Call to Confession

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession

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.

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

With hope we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Jennie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon

Jennie

Prayer for Illumination

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Pam and Ralph Griffin

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

D A/C#

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 2
Dsus D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

First Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Alondra Carr-Valenzuela

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anthem*"I Shall Know Him When He Comes"*

Chancel Choir

by Douglas Wagner

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 13: 24-37

Jody

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.

Sermon*"Those Who Dream: Keep Awake"*

Jody

Responding to the Word**Affirmation of Faith**

Jody

One: We believe in God.

All: We believe that God has dreams for humanity.

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

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

One: We believe in Jesus.

**All: We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up,
Inviting us to be the church in the world.**

One: We believe in dreams.

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

One: So in this Advent season,

**All: We are those who dream and those who wake up.
May it be so. Amen.**

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Katie

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Jennie

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● mail your offering to the church: 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096

Prayer of Dedication

Jennie

Hymn 82

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Jody

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hyoun Joo

arr. Paul Manz

Some of this morning's prayers are adapted from

Those Who Dream by Sarah Are

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