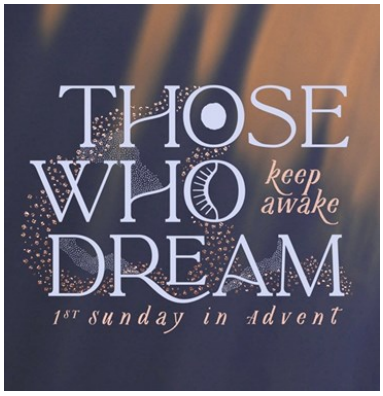
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

E-Link

November 30, 2023

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



First Sunday in Advent - December 3

THOSE WHO DREAM…KEEP AWAKE

Scriptures: Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

About the Those Who Dream Theme from the Series Creators,
A Sanctified Art

In our study of this season's lectionary scriptures, the opening lines from Psalm 126 jumped off the page: *"When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream."* What does it look like to live as those who dream? The prophets, the psalmists, John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, the shepherds and the Magi—they were all dreamers. They received, discovered, and responded to God's dreams for the world. In Advent, we step into the mystery and awe of God's dreams and pray they shape our reality. On the first Sunday of Advent, we consider that 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. Where and how do we glimpse God's dreams unfolding in our lives? What does it mean to be a faithful dreamer—immersing ourselves in God's holy imagination and taking action to make change?

Prayer of Preparation

O Great Dreamer,
You love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own. Teach us to live as those who have hope so that all may know your love. In the name of God the original dreamer, Jesus the dream come true, and the Holy Spirit who enables us to be those who dream. Amen.

Church Birthdays

Nov. 30– Maribelle Betterton, Dec. 1-Lanny Zimmer, Doris Wilken, 4-Bonnie Bickett, 6-Ann Crawford, 7-Mark Mortenson

For Your Prayers...

Denise Brown's nephew's (David Haddock) wife (Amanda) passed away

Coming Soon...

There will be NO Wednesday night meal in December.

Sunday, December 3
SHINE kids will rehearse for the Christmas Program after worship.

Friday, December 8
1:00 pm Deacons fill Christmas treat bags.

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
Sign Up: Worship Leaders
Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Ray Burfeind

Computer Operator: Steve Moon

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Thank You to everyone who stayed to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent, and Jim & Jane Seeley and Julie Rokes for coordinating.

Membership Anniversaries

Carol Dotseth, 12/10/78, 45 yrs.

Brad & Sandy Jensen, 12/18/88, 35 yrs.

Sanctuary Decorations

The Worship Committee invites you to sponsor this year's poinsettia arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one. Beginning on December 3, a basket for donations for sanctuary decorations will be in the narthex. Names of those donating and in memory or in honor of a loved one can be left on the sign-up sheet. A display of the names will be posted in the Dec. 20th newsletter and in the narthex on Christmas Eve.



Upcoming schedule

Sunday, December 3

10:00 am Worship/Communion, sanctuary

11:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 5

9:30 am Budget Meeting, classroom

5:30 pm Communications Team, classroom

Wednesday, December 6

10:00 am Working for Justice/White Ally

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, December 7

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

3:30 pm Sarah Circle, classroom



Pledge Cards

It is not too late to fill out and return your Estimate of Giving Pledge Card for 2024. If you have already sent it in-thank you!



Save the Date!

Our annual Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 10! The congregation will be invited to take part in the performance again! It will be fun for all, with treats provided following the service.

Families, please let Pastor Julie know which role you are interested in via the email she sent. Also, please note that the rehearsal will now be on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD (not Wednesday the 6th) following church. Pizza and cookies will be provided to families following rehearsal.

UNI New Horizons Band Concert

Monday, December 11, 7:30 pm

Great Hall, Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

Diana Blake, Director

Special Guests: David & Lisa Lang, Alphorn

Thank You

Thank you all for the generous donation for the students at Hoover and Bunger Middle Schools. These items were much needed and appreciated! We can't thank you all enough!

Sincerely,

Lisa Kilburn, Family Support Worker

Hoover & Bunger Middle Schools

(Feminine hygiene product drive)

Winter Weather Cancelations

With winter approaching we wanted to let you know that for any worship cancelation or office closures due to winter weather, you can look for an email, a message on our Facebook page, or KWWL's Closure and Delays for any announcements.

Adopt A Family

Our annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family gift giving opportunity is here once again!

You do not need to create an account or enter in any payment information! You are only signing up to bring a gift.

All you need to do is follow these directions....

In order to choose one or more gifts from the remaining "Three Trees," click on the links below. You can select from any or all of the three choices. After you have shopped for your gift, please wrap it and put a tag on the gift that tells who it is for and what it is. We will change the tag to the name only before we deliver the gift. Your gifts should be taken **to the church library** in the basement. The **deadline to return gifts is Sunday, December 10.** Please do not leave gifts in the entryway for security reasons. A cart is available if needed.

> Click on the link/s below, click the 'sign up' button on the right by the item/s you wish to shop for, then click 'save and continue' at the bottom of the screen. You'll be directed to the next page; enter in your name, email and phone number then click 'Sign Up Now' at the bottom. Your information is confidential; only the church office will see it. You will then receive a confirmation email.

Or, please consider sending a check to First Presbyterian Church and put Adopt-A-Family in the memo. We would be happy to do your shopping for you.

If you have any questions please contact Jan Thedens, Julie Rokes, Sue Weinberg or call the church office 319-277-3930.



12 yr old girl: Adopt-a-Family 12 yr old girl



8 yr old boy: Adopt-a-Family 8 yr old boy



Mother: Adopt-a-Family Mother



Household: Adopt-a-Family Household items (**no tags left! Thank you!!**)