



THOSE WHO DREAM

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this Advent season
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BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2020

PRELUDE

Creator of the Stars of Night

Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

Follow the tune at GTG #84. Lemmens has transformed the freeform chant melody into a rather “regular” hymn tune. Throughout most of the piece (until the last measure) there is one note at a time for each hand, and one note for the pedals, featuring the three softest flute stops on our organ. The linkage of the advent of the Savior with his sovereignty over all creation is an ancient, pithy theological concept worthy of exploration in our time of ecological crisis.

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

The poet, Emily Dickinson, wrote:

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul.”

The psalmist declared “I put my hope in the Lord all day long.”

Hope is more than wishful thinking.

Hope is the Spirit of God dwelling within us, reminding us we are never alone.

Hope is our active commitment to be God’s faithful people,
whether we walk an easy path or face fiery trials.

Let us open our hearts to the creative power of Hope,
that we may walk in the light of Christ.

CANDLE LIGHTING

The Candle of Hope

Janine and Russ Spiller

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Anna Banzhoff, *song leader*

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
Is - ra - el; that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un -
Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the law in
til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em -
cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Dreams,

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, O God.

- Silent Prayers -

O God who awakens 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 PARDON

Friends, believe this good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, *Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's

tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save and

give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64: 1-9

SERMON

Keep Awake: HOPE

HYMN

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



Pre- pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! Let
He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove. His

ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. Greet
rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love. Lift

One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry. O
high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.

blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

An Advent Prelude

Charles Callahan

Libby Barker, *flute*

The offerings we give acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God. Thank you for participating in the ministry and mission work of BMPC. You can find instructions for all ways of giving online [here](#)

The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

JS Bach

The first of 50+ chorale preludes in the *Orgelbuchlein* demonstrates Bach's mastery of the use of a miniscule motif to fashion a stunning work of art. The tune is in GTG #102.



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Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Family and friends of Isbell Behrer who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 23.

Family and friends of Evelyn Bannerman who died on November 16.
When we can safely gather, we will witness to the resurrection and give thanks to God
for the gift of Evelyn and Glenn's lives.

John Campbell (Hugh & Penny Mayronne's friend) recovering from a heart attack

Bob Evans (Laurel Broadhurst's father) recovering at home from a heart attack

Cindy Hile and family following the death of her mother, Maggie Hughes, November 17

Ayla Maeve Maidment baptized in God's grace at Vespers November 15

Margie Tyas, back home at Highland Farms, ill with covid

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar;
Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**
Seminary Student: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer, in Guatemala**

The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer
church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

**Martha Jean Alvis, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle,
Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson,
Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison**



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Holy One, we have waited long in darkness, while lies and greed and violence reigned, in us and in others.
Now you announce to us a new day! You promise comfort, pardon, health and peace. And greatest gift of all,
your holy presence with us! Oh let it be, Lord! Let us behold our God in human flesh, your Spirit in these
bodies brown and white, all precious in your sight, all set apart to love and truth and justice! All a new Creation,
the risen body of the Crucified! Of this we dream; for this we pray! O come Lord Jesus, come! Amen*

Prayer composed by John LaMotte

Our Church's Vision

Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship
Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

Session

Mike Ballard, *clerk*

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Anne Provost Drummond
John Evans
Patti Pyle

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Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

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Cheryl Wilson

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Gay Ferguson
Olivia & John LaMotte
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Class of 2022

Susan & Ernie Banzhoff
Kay & Jim Layman
Susan McElrath
Mary & Don McMahill
Martha Jane Petersen
Delores Spielman
Janine & Russ Spiller

Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson Pastor/Head of Staff
David Carter Florence Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation
Bob Tuttle Parish Associate
Michael Barker Director of Music and Worship Arts
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations and Youth Ministry
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
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