



We Gather in Spirit

11/29/20 ~Advent 1 ~ Hope

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**Welcome to Worship with
Kingston Presbyterian Church**

Prelude Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming, arr. Gilbert Martin, from Four Carol Meditations

Call to Worship

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 this space,

All: We can see a better world.

One: When we enter this space, All: We dream a better dream.

One: But when we leave this space, All: We begin the work of faith.

One: So come in. Dream your dream. All: Find hope here.

One: For in this time, All: We will begin the work of faith. One: Amen. Let it be so.

Advent Candle Lighting

A: I dream of sunflower fields. B: I dream of key lime pie with a mile-high meringue.

A: I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd. B: I dream of snow days.

A: I dream of empty beds in jail cells. B: I dream of a world that will let kids be kids.

A: I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies. B: I dream of schools with enough money.

A: I dream of parents with enough money to feed. B: 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.

A: So today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat.

Light candle.

B: May this light be an invitation to keep awake.

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

Time of Prayer ~We Tell the Truth About Ourselves and We Turn to God

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...

We pray these things together, as your grateful people. Hear us now as we pray the prayer you taught saying, 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

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Message Dreams & Advent

Scripture Mark 13:24-37, 2 Peter 3:8-15

Sermon Those Who Dream Keep Awake

Pastor Sharyl

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Continuing our worship, we will give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges, and tithes by mail or online with Tithe.ly at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>. We offer God our hearts, hands, minds and money as an expression of gratitude and our love for God and as a marker of our partnership with God through our Kingston Presbyterian Church.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

6 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. [Refrain]

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude Veni, Emanuel, arr. Alec Wyton