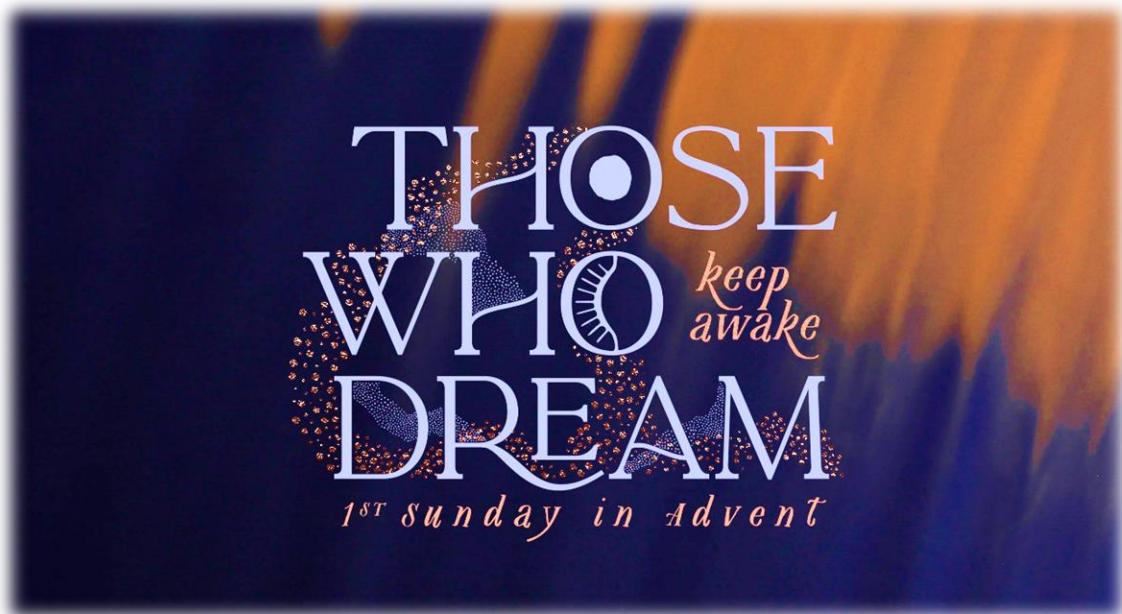




Covenant
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Worship

**-Please stand in body or in spirit
(For the safety of all, please wear your mask while singing.)*

***-Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word**

Prelude “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” arr. Aaron David Miller
Jake Landau, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ

Words of Welcome

Celebrating Covenant Life

Introit “Once in Royal David’s City” arr. Jay Althouse
Jake Landau, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ; Sanctuary Choir

Lighting of the Hope Candle The Allen Family

***-Hymn of Praise and Promise, #2** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***-Call to Confession**

One: With hope and confidence in Christ,
All: **let us confess our sins.**

***-Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

Original Dreamer, over and again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world; for peace and reconciliation; for harmony and togetherness; 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. Kindle in us a flame that will burn bright with your hope, peace, joy, and love. Make of us your Advent people whose faith shines brighter than a million suns. Amen.

***-Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, proclaim the good news,
All: **and believe it forevermore!**
One: In Jesus Christ,
All: **we are loved and forgiven! Amen.**

***-Response, Hymn #8 (verse 3)** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

(All children are invited forward for the children’s sermon during the singing of this hymn.)

***Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.***

Teach

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination Ron Cronise

Psalms Reading Psalm 126

Gospel Reading Mark 13:32-37

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Those Who Dream..."* Dr. Kyle Allen

Anthem *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Mark Edwards
Jake Landau, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ; Sanctuary Choir

Nurture

Invitation to Offering

Giving of Self and Substance

Offertory *"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"* Paul Manz, Philip Brunelle
Jake Landau, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ

*-Doxology #591

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore, praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*-Prayers of Dedication, Intercession, and the Lord's Prayer

Reach

*-Hymn of Hope, #2 (verses 1-2) *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

*-Charge and Benediction

*-Congregational Response, #2 (verse 3) *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

*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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*-Postlude *"Rejoice Greatly!"* (from *"Messiah"*) G.F. Handel, Jack Schrader
Jake Landau, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us in worship today, and we hope you will join us again. More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. Please speak with one of our pastors if you would like to learn more about becoming a member of our congregation.

Greetings, Parents! We want all of God's children to feel comfortable in our sanctuary, and children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children under 3 years old in our Eden Nursery (Room 4) downstairs. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

Special children's bulletins and activity bags are available on the table in Heritage Hall.

We are pleased to welcome Jake Landau to our worship this morning. Jake is a trumpet player from Galax, Virginia, currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in music performance from George Mason University. He now lives in Roanoke and freelances with several local ensembles, including the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Opera Roanoke. Jake also teaches private lessons to brass students in the Roanoke area and online.

*The chancel flowers are given by Charlie and Ethel Simmons to the glory of God
and in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary on November 24th.*

Leaders in Worship:

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| Dr. Kyle Allen, Pastor | Covenant Sanctuary Choir |
| Richard Rudolph, Director of Music | Ron Cronise, Liturgist |
| Ronn Lowe, Organist/Accompanist | Roger Dickenson, Audio |
| Jake Landau, Guest Musician | Gene Collier, Pranav Singh; Video |

Ushers: Rick Aydlett, Christopher Bircher, Jonathan Fiedler, Kathryn Overacker

Faith Formation

“Hold fast to dreams/For when dreams go/Life is a barren field/Frozen with snow.” – (*Dreams*, Langston Hughes)

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