

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Chris Peters

Prelude

John Ross, organ

Call to Worship

Deacon Carolyn Harp

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes...

All: We can see a better world. We can dream a better dream.

One: But when we open our eyes,

All: We begin the work of faith.

One: Dream your dream! Let us worship God with anticipation and hope!

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Kent, Jaime, Grace, Aspen,
and Isaac Hemmerling

****Hymn #82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Individual Silent Prayer

God of hope, over and over in scripture, we hear of 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 awaken. We continue to live with curtains drawn to the realities of the world. Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will illumine our way through the darkest nights. With hope we pray, Amen.

Response to our Confession

#88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1

***O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel***

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#113 Angels We Have Heard on High v.1

***Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-o-o-ria in excelsis Deo!
Glo-o-o-ria in excelsis De-o!***

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospels Mark 13:24-37

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon "Those Who Dream... Keep Awake"

Rev. Chris Peters

Hymn #357** ***The Days Are Surely Coming

Prayers of the People

Deacon Carolyn Harp

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.

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

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

John Ross, organ
