



Lacey Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Prelude Hymn #20 *“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”*

Welcome

Pastor Shari

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy: The Candle of Hope

Kevin and Vonnie Tallon

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Vonnie Tallon

A Song of Praise *“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the world Thou art
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

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Original Dreamer,
Holy God, Three in One,
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, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness from 1 John 1: 5, 7

Sharing Advent Peace

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent and The Lord's Prayer

Bill Stutz

If you have a specific need or concern for which you would like to have someone pray, please email prayer@laceypres.org. Your request will be shared with the Care Team. If you wish to have someone call you, include your phone number. If you would prefer a written note, include your mailing address.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 13: 24-37

Rev. Layne Brubaker

“But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

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

Message
Brubaker

Rev. Layne

“The Surprise of the Unexpected”

Reflection Questions

1. Today’s reading from Mark 13 describes the importance of watchfulness. What helps you keep alert and watchful?
2. What is the relationship you see here between those who dream and keeping alert and watchful?

“Those Who Dream” Video

Song written and recorded by “The Many”. Featuring art by Lauren Wright Pittman, Hannah Garrity & Lisle Gwynn Garrity.

Invitations

Pastor Shari

Benediction

**Come back at 11:30 and join us for the LPC Fellowship Time on Zoom.
Use the same link that was given for the worship service today.**

Join us in the main Zoom Fellowship Room to share what is going on
in your lives and to see church friends.

Birthdays this Week

November 29th	Ellen Tengesdal
November 29th	Valerie Tribble
December 1st	Phyllis Braget
December 1st	Dianne Foster
December 1st	Rodney Kehoe
December 2nd	Hazel Emmans
December 5th	Joshua Sumner
December 5th	Tracee Thornburg

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