

In Preparation for Worship

"It takes strength to dream.
I imagine it's that same strength that leads people to say, "I love you" first,
Those three vulnerable words,
Wrapped in heart strings,
Whispered,
Because what could be
Is too good to keep quiet about...." - Sarah Are

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected

Hymn #82*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

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
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... (Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

Those Who Dream, Keep Awake

Musical Reflection

Of the Father's Love Begotten *Rebecca te Velde*

Affirmation of Faith

LiturgyLink, Submitted by Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, PCUSA

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.
For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.
We wait for the coming of the One
who is the fulfillment of God's promise,
the fulfillment of hope,
the declaration that we have been redeemed.
Even so, we are not a naïve people.
We know that the world in which we live
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.
We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.
We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.
But because we are an Advent people,
we know that none of these things will win in the end.
The Holy One is coming,
to make holy once again
all that was, is, and ever will be.
And in our waiting and our hoping,
we work and worship,
pray and play,
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign
in our lives and in our world, now and forever. Amen.

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Song of Thanksgiving

Doxology

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three in One. Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart as we glory in your presence giving from a grateful heart.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Hymn #88,* verses 1,2,6 and 7

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Benediction

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come