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| November 29th, 2020 – 10:30amSpringfield Presbyterian ChurchOrder of Worship - Advent I – Keep Awake in Hope Lighting the Christ CandleLeader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:**People: Christ is the Light of the world and center of our lives.** Gathering of the PeopleLeader: The Lord be with you!**People: And also with you!** [Greetings and Announcements] Call to Worship  Leader: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes.**People: We can see a better world.**Leader: When we close our eyes,**People: We can dream a better dream.**Leader: But when we open our eyes,**People: We begin the work of faith.**Leader: The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space,**People: We can see a better world.**Leader: When we enter this space,**People: We dream a better dream.**Leader: But when we leave this space,**People: We begin the work of faith.**Leader: So come in, dream your dream.**People: Find hope here.**Leader: For in an hour,**All: We will begin the work of faith. Let it be so.**\* Hymn    Savior of the Nations, Come  GTG#102 Prayer of ConfessionOriginal 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, Amen. Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Assurance (responsive)Leader: Even when we sneak under our covers, even when we hide our face, you again and again show the power of grace.**People: Thanks be to God who forgives us! Amen!**The PeaceLeader: The peace of Christ be with you!**People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you) The Proclamation of the Word Prayer of Illumination  O Great Dreamer, you dreamed up a whole world, a world for your people –A dream of justice, a dream of hope, a dream for eyes wide open to be the world’s suffering and the world’s beauty. So today, as we read and hear the Scripture, we ask that you would plant that same dream in us. Pour out your Spirit upon our hearts and minds so that we may see what you see, and dream what you dream. Amen.Scripture Lesson    Mark 13:24-37 NRSV The Coming of the Son of Man**24**“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, **25**and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. **26**Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. **27**Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. **28**“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. **29**So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[[a](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=2288662d69&e=ea8fc2a60a)] is near, at the very gates. **30**Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. **31**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. **32**“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33**Beware, keep alert;[[b](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=d4f4d92f2f&e=ea8fc2a60a)] for you do not know when the time will come. **34**It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. **35**Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, **36**or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. **37**And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”Sermon Keep Awake in Hope The Response to the Word \* Hymn The Church’s One Foundation  GTG #321  Verses 1, 3 & 4  Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.”Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…**Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.** Offertory PrayerHymn   People, Look East   GTG #105 Charge & BenedictionLeader: Go in hope,**People: Dream of better dreams.**Leader: Dream of a world of justice, hope, joy,**People: Dream of a world of peace, one of love.**Leader: And let us live it, let us open our eyes,**People: As the body of Christ, let us enliven these dreams. Amen.**  |
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