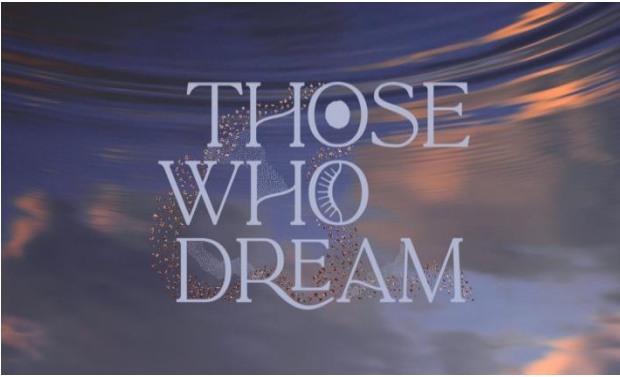


Corbin Presbyterian Church Weekly Update

December 13, 2020



In our study of this season's lectionary scriptures, the opening lines of Psalm 126 jump off the page: "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream." What does it look like to live as those who dream? The prophets, the psalmists, John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Simeon and Anna, the shepherds and the Magi – they were all dreamers. They received, discovered, and responded to God's dreams for the world. In Advent, we step into the mystery and awe of God's dreams and pray they shape our reality.

This Advent, Christmas and Epiphany season is for the dreamers in all of us—those who dream of a deeper connection with God

and those who dream of a better world. It's for those who dream of comfort and those who have given up on their dreams. It's for those whose dreams have been crushed and for those who show us that dreams take time. Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi. Join us as we seek and sow God's dreams for the world.

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent our theme is *Those Who Dream...Sow Joy – Luke 1:46-55 / Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 / Psalm 126*. Ultimately, dreams sow joy even if that joy doesn't immediately spring forth. Sowing seeds into the soil always feels risky and feeble – how can something so small become something so beautiful, so big, and so nourishing? As we hear Mary's song in Luke, called the Magnificat, we hear a young woman rejoicing in very precarious circumstances, but with the confidence that God can be trusted. Like Mary, we are called to tend and nurture the dreams God has woven into us.

Sowing seeds is always an act of faith. Some of the seeds won't germinate at all, remaining buried in the soil. And if they do, some of the weak sprouts must be weeded out in order for their stronger neighbors to thrive. Seeds must be kept moist at all times or else they won't survive. A hard rain or rough winds can easily pummel them, pests can devour them before they have a chance to develop. And yet, our entire food system depends on seeds. All plants begin and end with seed. Often, we think of joy as a big, full emotion. But what if joy, like seeds, starts small? What are small actions that help us cultivate joy? I look forward to hearing your responses.

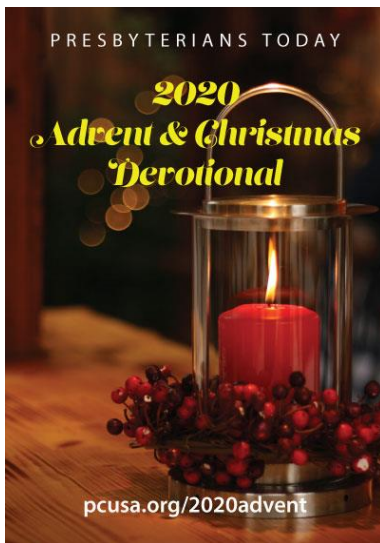
Grace and peace,

Lisa

The Sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection this week:

Sunday, 5-6pm; Tuesday 5-6pm; Monday-Wednesday, during Church Office Hours, 9am-1pm

During this time when we are unable to gather for in-person worship, we still long to be in a familiar space where we can be quiet, surrounded by the symbols of the Advent & Christmas seasons, and feel God's presence. There will be devotional resources available for those who wish to use them. If you would like to come at an alternate time, please contact the Church Office to make arrangements.



The Presbyterians Today 2020 Advent & Christmas Devotional

is based on the words of Howard Thurman's poem, "I Will Light Candles This Christmas:

*I will light candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.*

**Contact the church office
if you'd like a printed copy.*

Here are the links to the introduction and weeks 1 and 2 of online devotional:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/advent-intro/>
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/advent-week-1/>
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/advent-week-2/>



Homebound friends and family members; Sandra Adams; Dwight Barnett; Chuck Barton; Family of Jim Becker; Charlene & Tom Blair; Mason Jones; Steve Carnes; Aiden Craft; Pam & Rob Hall; Carolyn Henderickson; Philip Martin; Ruth Martin; Jearld Robinson; Donny Seay; Susan Simms; Keats Smith; Jack Taylor; Ed Tye; Karllye Keith Young; Kathy Zanio; Students, Teachers & Families; Margaret Henderlight; Jean Jacobs; Denise Hinkle; Sheila Milburne; Kingston Diehl; Family of Aileen (Tabby) Tucker – Dianne Lay's aunt; Family of Margaree Gray (Kathryn Lay's sister); Thomas Brown; Alberta Irby (Margaret Henderlight's sister-in-law); Barry Irby (Margaret Henderlight's brother)

With confidence in your love and mercy, O God, we lift our prayers for those in need. Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope. Amen



The Church Office will be closed on December 10th, 11th, 24th and 25th.

There will be a Session meeting on December 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This will be held via Zoom and for those who wish to meet in person, space will be made to do so in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to those who were able to donate to Buckhorn this year. We were able to send \$625 in gift cards to the young ladies in Midway Cottage.



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“In Honor Of...”

<i>Margaret Keith</i>	<i>Karllyle Keith Young</i>
<i>David & Mary Begley</i>	<i>Ora Begley</i>
<i>Anne Hoskins</i>	<i>Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren</i>
<i>Harold & Susan Davis</i>	<i>Our Blessings</i>

“In Memory Of...”

<i>Margaret Keith</i>	<i>Luke Keith</i>
<i>Margaret Henderlight</i>	<i>Mark Henderlight</i>
<i>Margaret Henderlight</i>	<i>William & Mildred Irby</i>
<i>Margaret Henderlight</i>	<i>Bonnie & Charles Miles</i>
<i>Susan Williams</i>	<i>Charles “Chuck” Williams</i>
<i>David & Mary Begley</i>	<i>Bob & Martha Sizemore</i>
<i>David & Mary Begley</i>	<i>Carl Begley</i>
<i>Lisa Eye</i>	<i>William B. Eye</i>
<i>Lisa Eye</i>	<i>Dwight & Elsie Foote</i>
<i>Lisa Eye</i>	<i>Joseph & Arbutus Eye</i>
<i>Anne Hoskins</i>	<i>Springer Hoskins</i>
<i>Anne Hoskins</i>	<i>Jim Hoskins</i>



Richard Sadler ~ 12/03

Madison Bricker ~ 12/10

Mary Begley ~ 12/17

Ruth Martin ~ 12/20

Lisa Black ~ 12/21

Brayden Nies ~ 12/22

Katherine Hoskins ~ 12/27