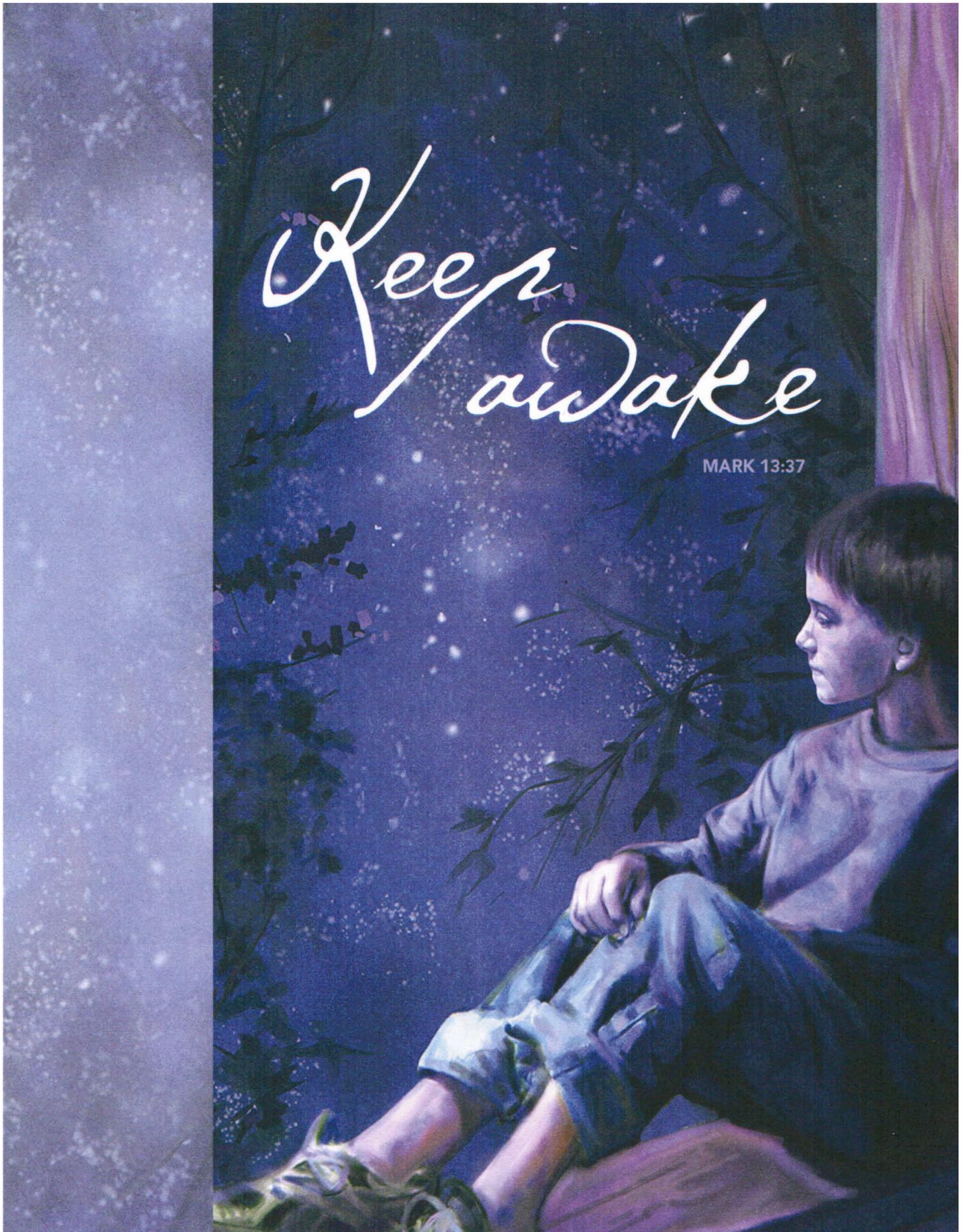


Keep Awake

MARK 13:37



ORDER OF WORSHIP
1st Sunday of Advent - HOPE

November 30, 2014

10:45 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Come Lord Jesus, We Are Waiting Chancel Choir, SAPC Youth and Children Chime Choir

Advent candle readers: Rose Rogers, Zachary Maddux, and Will Maddux

Reader 1: "Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come... Watch, therefore, lest God come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch." [From Mark 13]

Reader 2: We light our first Advent candle today as a reminder that we are watching for Jesus to come. God promised a Savior, and a Savior was born. God keeps all promises, so we watch, knowing Jesus will come again.

Reader 3: Let us pray. Help us to keep this candle's light shining in our lives, Lord. We are the people who watch and wait for Christmas and want you to come to us again. Stay in our hearts this Advent season. Amen.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & *GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Welcome to worship on the Lord's Day. Please take a minute to sign the Friendship Book that you will find in your pew. After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall!

HYMN OF PRAISE** ***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn! Glory 107

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is never easy for us to confess our sins, O God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help. Forgive us, God of all hope. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, as revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, so we might follow it more fully. *<moment of silent confession>*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA** ***Angels We Have Heard on High (verse 1) Glory 113

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: *The peace of Christ be with you all.*

P: **And also with you.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LET THE CHILDREN COME

Caroline Anderson

ANTHEM

Advent Awakening

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-21

Pew Bible: N.T. p.1

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Awful, Awe-filled News

Rev. Dr. Anne Cameron

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE & ADVENT PRAYER CANDLES**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Glory 103

If you know of someone who could use the hope of Christ right now, please come forward after the last stanza and light a candle on their behalf at the HOPE table.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter

Caroline Anderson, soprano

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER**

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Glory 750

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Glory 136

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Suzanne Anderson

**Those who are able may stand.*

SHARING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY

St. Andrew's Chancel Choir • Bruce Salzman, liturgist • Zoltan Szentkiralyi, percussion

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY

We hope you will join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service. It was a pleasure having you with us today! If you are interested in learning more about membership at SAPC, please contact Rev. Rob.

GUEST PREACHER

Please take a moment to welcome back Rev. Dr. Anne Cameron! We are thankful that she's filling in for Rev. Rob while he's away on Thanksgiving vacation with his family.

ADVENT PRAYER CANDLES

Each Sunday in Advent we will offer the opportunity for you to light a candle on behalf of someone who could use that Sunday's theme. For example, today marks the Sunday of *Hope*. A "HOPE table" is available with candles on it, and you are invited to come up after the responsive hymn to light one (or more) in honor of the person who could use the hope of Christ. Prayers for hope will be offered in the Prayer's of the People, with those people collectively in mind. Next week the table of Peace will be available, Joy following that, etc.

NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no adult Sunday school next week on Sunday the 30th. Rev. Rob will continue his study on the book of II Corinthians on December the 7th in the library at 9:30am.

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- **Reflect God's love and compassion in service to others**
- **Extend hospitality of Christian inclusiveness**
- **Celebrate diversity**

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