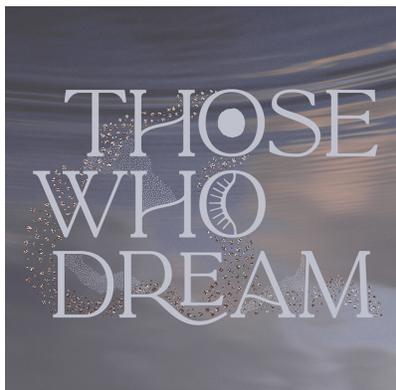




COLLEGIATE WESLEY ADVENT 2020



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

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ADVENT SMALL GROUPS

Looking to dive deeper into advent or a small group? Now is a great time! Our advent studies are 4-5 weeks long and offer a meaningful advent experience with others.



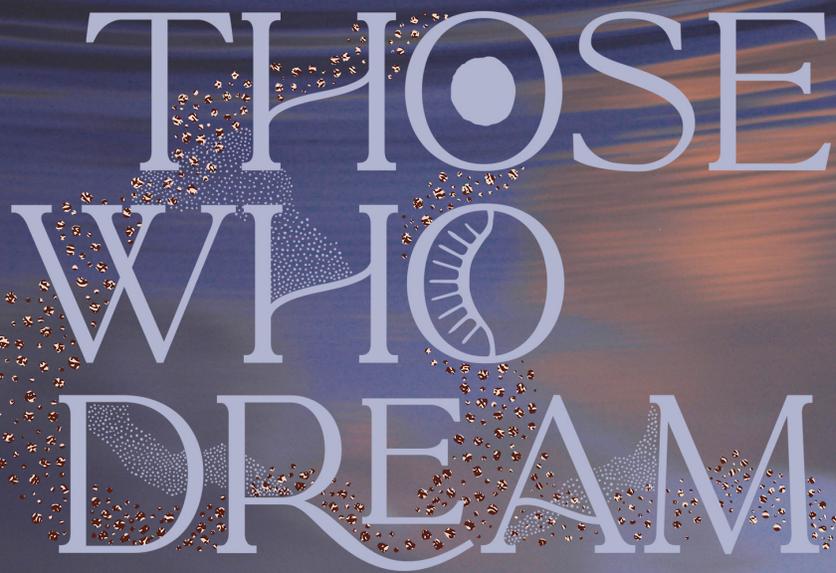
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

ABC's of Christmas
Reflective Service with Communion.
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Starting November 29th

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THOSE
WHO
DREAM

The First Sunday in Advent
THOSE WHO DREAM... *keep awake (hope)*

The Second Sunday in Advent
THOSE WHO DREAM... *prepare the way (peace)*

The Third Sunday in Advent
THOSE WHO DREAM... *sow joy (joy)*

The Fourth Sunday in Advent
THOSE WHO DREAM... *are not alone (love)*

CHRISTMAS EVE



DECEMBER 24TH

Facebook, YouTube, cwames.org

We will have three Christmas Eve Services for you to enjoy! They will all be posted at 9:00 am on Christmas Eve for you to watch when it fits into your schedule. We will also premiere them live on Facebook so we can be in community with you and your family. Our services will be available on Facebook, YouTube and cwames.org

5:00 pm The ABC's of Christmas. Hear from Collegiate Wesley children and youth as they share the story of Christmas. A wonderful service for all ages.

7:00 pm Service: Luke 2: 1-20 This Night we are Those Who Dream. A reflective service with Communion, Hymns and the Christmas Story.

11:00 pm Join us for a very special lessons and carols service written by enflashed. Walk through the story of God enflashed through scripture, poetry, prayer and song.

DIGITAL SMALL GROUPS

GOD WITH US

Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays 1-2:30 p.m.

God With us by John Birch. This Advent Study will be available to you for free digitally or by paper copy if you prefer. This 4-week study covers the Nativity account in Matthew and looks at how God is with us is similar or different than when the Gospel was written. Some of our pondering will ask: how do we feel about unexpected visitors; what is our "desert" experience like John the Baptist; would we listen to a John the Baptist today; who are our messengers; why Joseph; how did you choose your children's names; how would you describe God with you; how would you describe God with the world? Sign-up here: [God With Us Advent Groups](#)



MAYA ANGELOU AND THE FREEDOM POETRY OF ADVENT

Sundays at 11:00 am

In this Advent devotional, biblical texts and simple, accessible practices interweave with Maya Angelou's stirring vision of faith, freedom, and dignity. Week by week, as we wait, and watch, and pray, we'll walk toward Bethlehem - with Maya Angelou as our guide. Spiritual Formation Class, Sundays, 11:00 am on zoom.

Sign up here: [Spiritual Formation Advent Study](#)



DO NOT BE AFRAID ALL AGES GROUP

Sundays at 5:00 pm

The inspiration for our theme comes from the angels' message in the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke: "Do not be afraid!" This phrase is an instruction God gave to God's people throughout their history, and it's a message God continues to give to us today. This Advent, we invite you to explore what it looks like to hold hope when life feels really uncertain, to bring peace in the face of fear, to practice joy when everything seems burdensome, and to choose love, when sometimes, it's just really hard. You'll be invited to wonder more deeply about this classic story, to imagine some of the details that aren't filled in for us, and to make connections to your context this season.

All ages are welcome to participate in this Sunday evening digital group.

Sign-up here: [Do Not Be Afraid Advent Group](#)

ADVENT SPECIAL OFFERING



GOAL: NEW STOVE FOR FOOD AT FIRST \$5,500

The Food At First program, currently consists of two parts: a daily free meal program, plus a perishable food pantry known to the community as the Food at First Free Market. Food at First is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing meals to anyone who is hungry, no questions asked. FAF serves a hot meal every day of the year. In 2017 43,000 families came through the Free Market, and 20,000 had meals in the dining hall. Food at First operates on donations from individuals and businesses. We have a great partnership with Food at First as we serve meals on the 4th and 5th Friday each month. You are always welcome to sign-up to help.

Food at First has a new stove on their wish list and we want to help make this happen! With 20,000 meals being served a year you can imagine the importance the stove is for this ministry. To help us reach our \$5,500 goal and donate to Food at First, you can make a donation online at our website here: Food at First



ADVENT SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Monday, December 21 7:00 pm:
Blue Christmas-The Longest Night

Join us on Facebook, YouTube and cwames.org for a reflective service of lament, candles, prayers, scriptures and music that will create space for you to acknowledge the grief in the midst of the season of joy. You are not alone; join with others experiencing the longest night.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Advent Workshop has been an important part of many families' holiday celebrations. This year due to COVID-19, we will be doing it in a different way. We will be providing several different crafts as kits that can be done at home with scissors and glue. These instructions and supplies will be delivered to you early December. The deadline to register is December 1st. Sign-up here: [Advent Workshop 2020](#)



FOOD AT FIRST PASS ALONG PARTY



Last year thousands of gifts were donated to Food at First for their pass along party with hundreds of participants able to get gifts for their families. This year Collegiate Wesley will be hosting a drive-by event so that individuals can still get gifts for their family members. This drive by event will be December 12th.

Items for all ages will be needed such as, coloring books, bath bombs, games, gift cards, scarves, mittens. Gifts for babies-teens. No clothes or Christmas decorations please.

If you have new items to donate our donation days are:
Saturday Nov. 21st 1-3pm, Tuesday Nov. 24th 4-6pm, Thursday December 3rd 4-6pm. You can drop donations off at the Wesley Hall door. Questions? Contact Lauren lauren@cwames.org