

# My Soul Waits for the Lord: Psalms of Advent

*November 29, 2020*



## ARE YOU NEW TO KNOX? WELCOME!



### Prayer

Please use the Knox app or the website to request prayer. A member of the Prayer Ministry team will call and pray with you on the phone.



### Communion

We celebrate Communion weekly. If you are a baptized follower of Christ, we invite you to join us.



### Questions?

If you'd like to talk with a member about questions you have, please contact the Knox Office. Information is also available through the Knox app or website.



### Connecting at Knox

Community Groups are one of the ways we seek to help folks get and stay connected. For more information contact Einiri Zemke ([eirini19@gmail.com](mailto:eirini19@gmail.com)). These small groups are a way to engage in Gospel-centered community as we study God's Word, worship, pray, serve, and seek to live out a God-honoring, neighbor-loving life together.

Visit the Knox website to find out more about how you can get connected to a Community Group or contact the CG Leadership Team if you have any questions.

## - FOR REFLECTION -

*“One of the essential paradoxes of Advent: that while we wait for God, we are with God all along, that while we need to be reassured of God’s arrival, or the arrival of our homecoming, we are already at home. While we wait, we have to trust, to have faith, but it is God’s grace that gives us that faith. As with all spiritual knowledge, two things are true, and equally true, at once. The mind can’t grasp paradox; it is the knowledge of the soul.”*

- Michelle Blake



# ∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

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## – GOD GATHERS –

**Prelude** *(You are invited to pray and reflect silently.)*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *Based on Isaiah 40:3*

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Songs of Praise** *Come Light Our Hearts  
Jesus Messiah*

## – GOD RENEWS –

**Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Grace** *Isaiah 40:1-2*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Song of Preparation** *Out of the Deep I Call*

## – GOD FEEDS –

**Scripture Reading** *Psalms 130*

**Sermon** *Waiting in the Depths*

**Approaching the Table** *Come Witness This Gospel to Me*

**The Lord's Supper**

**\*Song** *King of Kings*

## – GOD SENDS –

**\*Charge & Benediction**

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

# WAITING IN THE DEPTHS

*Psalm 130*

*Next Week: Psalm 62*

# - GOING DEEPER -

Today's sermon wants to remind us that waiting is not a blank space where time is wasted as we wait, but a place to which God has called us. It is in that place of waiting that God forms us into a people of hope and expectancy.

- ▶ This has been a year of waiting – waiting for the end of the pandemic, waiting for the election, waiting to see if school will begin again, waiting to see what might happen to your job, waiting to see if the economy will tank, and on it goes. How has that waiting been for you? A time of expectancy and hope or a time of frustration and anxiety?
- ▶ What has this year of so many forms of waiting shown you about yourself? What have you discovered about your own heart as you have sunk into the depths?
- ▶ As the psalmist descends into the depths, he says he waits for the Lord. Think of Anna and Simeon, waiting over years for the Lord to reveal his salvation to Israel. Their waiting was fueled by hope. Like the psalmist, they were waiting for Jesus and the fulfillment of God's promises in him. How could you look to Jesus as you wait in the depths? How might Jesus infuse your waiting with hope?
- ▶ As Pastor Bryan notes, the psalmist urgently reminds us that “the Lord hears our cries from the depths. The Lord is attuned to the miserable cry of nobodies from nowhere. The Lord is attentive to and moved by the beggar.” If that is true (and it is), why do we spend so much time trying to “dress up” for God, making ourselves presentable and acceptable?





## Community / Ways to Connect

- ▶ The Knox Office sent out a Planning for Christmas survey by email last week. Please respond by Monday, Nov. 30. If you did not receive the survey, email the office ([knox@knoxannarbor.org](mailto:knox@knoxannarbor.org)).
- ▶ For years, our church has partnered with Hope Clinic through the Tree of Hope to provide gifts to the needy that the Clinic serves. Due to social distancing requirements this year, Hope is asking us to provide \$25 gift cards from specific local stores instead of gifts. For details, look for "Tree of Hope" on our website.
- ▶ If you are new to Knox, welcome! Visit our website ([knoxannarbor.org](http://knoxannarbor.org)) to find out more about our church. Our home page has links to words of encouragement from our pastors, ways to help within Knox and in our broader community, news and updates, and the ongoing conversation regarding Sabbath, race and community.
- ▶ If you would like to receive our weekly email, contact the office ([knox@knoxannarbor.org](mailto:knox@knoxannarbor.org)).
- ▶ Download our app to see the Knox calendar, listen to sermons, make contributions, and receive notification of building closures due to weather or power outages. Look for "app" on our website for details.
- ▶ Are you a single mom, widow or senior who needs help with little fix-it tasks around the house? Or are you handy and want to help? Look for "Handiworks" on our website to request help or to volunteer.
- ▶ If you are struggling in your walk with Christ or experiencing difficulties with a life challenge, we encourage you to seek support from your small group. If you would like to receive confidential care, contact the office and our staff will connect you with someone to provide the care you need.



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In All Things, Charity.



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