



Faith

United Church Of Christ

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 am**

January 2021

Nebuchadnezzar's Troubling Dream

In the ancient world, dreams were thought to be visions of future events. King Nebuchadnezzar's dreams were troubling him and he sought resolution and interpretation of his visions from the wise men of Babylon. However, the king would not reveal his dreams to them and said if they truly were supernatural men they would know his dream and its interpretation. God then discloses his dream to Daniel, a vision of a giant statue made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and clay.

Then, in the dream, "a stone was cut out by no human hand" and struck the statue breaking it into pieces as the wind carried them away leaving no traces behind. Daniel explained to the king that the statue represented four successive kingdoms based upon power and wealth, beginning with Babylon, while the stone and mountain signified a kingdom established by God that would never be destroyed nor given to other people.

The full story of scripture is in DANIEL 2

1 In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. **2** So the king summoned the magicians, enchanter, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, **3** he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means. " **4** Then the astrologers answered the king, "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

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5 The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. **6** But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me." **7** Once more they replied, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it." **8** Then the king answered, "I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided: **9** If you do not tell me the dream, there is only one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me." **10** The astrologers answered the king, "There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. **11** What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans." **12** This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. **13** So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death. **14** When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. **15** He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. **16** At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. **17** Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. **18** He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. **19** During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven **20** and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. **21** He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. **22** He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. **23** I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king." **24** Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." **25** Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means." **26** The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?" **27** Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, **28** but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you were lying in bed are these:

29 "As Your Majesty was lying there, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen. **30** As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind. **31** "Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. **32** The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, **33** its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. **34** While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. **35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth. **36** "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. **37** Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; **38** in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold. **39** "After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. **40** Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. **41** Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. **42** As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. **43** And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay. **44** "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. **45** This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy." **46** Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. **47** The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery." **48** Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. **49** Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.



" And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven "

James 5 : 15

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To **ADD** or **REMOVE** names to :

- *Prayer List*
- *Newsletter Mailing*
- *Birthday/ Anniversary*

Please contact Jennifer Stull
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Donald Shook's surgery on his leg now has been postponed to February. He would like to express his thanks to Faith Church for his Christmas bag. He is happy to hear from Faith Church and misses everyone.

Dan Houck is recuperating after a fall at his home on Christmas Day. He had hip surgery the following day and returned home on December 29.



Jaylin and Calvin Woodward enjoyed their Christmas bags! They are growing up so fast!



Thanks to **Rick** and **Bill Houck** for clearing the church parking lot and driveway during the recent snowstorm.

Thanks to **Mary Catherine Martz** for opening up the church for Lifeline on December 23 and then cleaning up after they left.

Thank you to our **Consistory Board : Mary Catherine Martz, Calvin Woodward, Carole Houck, Jennifer Sunday, Jim Bostian and Jennifer Stull** for 2020 as they have had regular meetings to keep our church in order. Discussions, decisions, and voting has been busy this year and we are thankful to have such a great group!

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for keeping our pastors lined up for our worship services, signing important paperwork as Consistory president, opening up church in the mornings and among other duties for our church. We are grateful to have you!

Thank you to **Carole Houck** for being our Church Secretary! She does the filing, returns calls and emails, takes care of the incoming mail, and other events that come along and takes care of outside landscaping. We are so appreciative for all of the volunteer work you do!

Thank you to **Mary Frances Bostian** for the time and dedication for the providing our weekly hymns and for providing the communion supplies. Your talent is a blessing to us all! Thank you to **Pat Harley** for playing for us occasionally when she is needed. We are thankful to have her talent as well!

Thank you to our **Property/Cemetery Committee : Carole Houck, Doug Sunday, Jim Bostian, Bill Houck and Jennifer Stull** for the many decisions, time and physical work to our church property on a weekly and monthly basis. Our church has been renovated, repaired and kept in great shape because of your dedication and caring. The Parsonage has kept the property committee busy as well with repairs and maintenance. That is a lot to take on and we are grateful to have you all! Thank you to **Rick and Bob Houck** for their volunteer work helping them along the way!

Thank you to our **Treasurers : Jennifer Sunday** for the many hours put in weekly and monthly paying bills, running reports and writing checks. **Shirley Bazan** for recording the offerings/donations from our congregation, providing yearly contribution paperwork and other duties that come along with it. We are blessed to have a great treasurer team.

Thank you to **Cindy Schall** and **Jennifer Stull** for stepping in and running a Hymn Sing when the occasion arises. We all enjoy the extra hymns and a thank you to **Mary Frances Bostian** for her continued playing the organ for the extra hymns!

Thank you to the Advent Candle lighters this year!

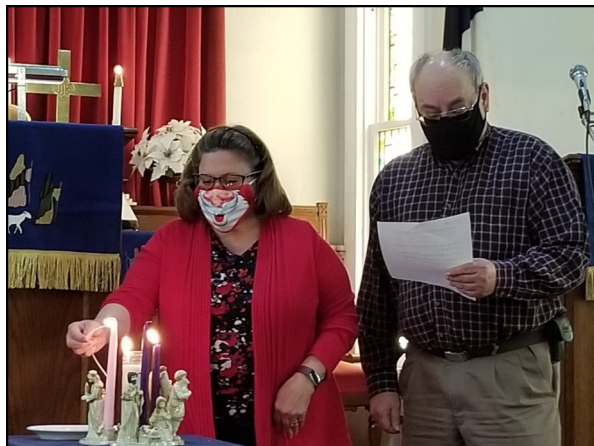
FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE
SHIRLEY BAZAN



SECOND ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE
SUNDAY FAMILY



THIRD ADVENT CANDLE - JOY
MEL AND CINDY SCHALL



FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE
STEVE AND JENNIFER STULL



CHRIST CANDLE
JIM & MARY FRANCES BOSTIAN

CLOSING POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, power outage, or any cancellation of worship service that may be necessary, we will use our current call list to contact all church attendees. If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Catherine Martz

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NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING

JANUARY 10 @ 1:30 PM



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2021

12:30 pm

Bring your concerns, ideas and questions! This is the most important meeting of the year as a church family!

Following worship we will gather at approximately 11:45 am for lunch before the meeting (pizza will be provided by the church for all attendees).

The snow date is set for Sunday, January 24. The Installation of Officers for the Consistory Board for 2021 is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, during worship service.

A special THANK YOU to **Chad Weddle** and **Tim Waybright** for providing us inspiring and encouraging sermons this year! We are blessed to have such dedicated, thoughtful and caring pastors. Thank you to **Rich Gibbs** for filling in at times needed. We are grateful for your time spent with us and enjoy your worship services as well.

A MOUNTAIN LAKE

By Erma Grove



The quiet beauty of a mountain lake,
With its peace my soul does fill;
As heaven bends down and kisses the earth,
In repose by waters still.

My thoughts are transformed by this tranquil pool,
Perplexities drop from view;
Amidst cleansing, refreshing harmony,
Life's purpose is found anew.

Silent trees nearby lift their holy hands,
Ever pointing to the sky;
A fresh grasp on things eternal they bring,
And help from the hills on high.

Beside still waters my soul is restored,
And strength comes from hills above;
In quiet beauty there is holiness,
In harmony there is love.



Jan 13
Sgt Kyle Stull