

I wonder as I wander – John Jacob Niles

STS 32 – *Oh Beautiful star*

Ninth Reading: *In the beginning*

John 1:1-14 (selected)

Penny Russell

HWB 212 – *O come, all ye faithful*

The Ministry of Giving:

Our Christmas Eve offering goes to Community Crisis Services, Inc., the organization that oversees the Warm Nights program. We are one of fifty local congregations that take a week, from November to April, to host individuals and families who are homeless. Warm Nights is the only Hypothermia Shelter in the Greater DC area that provides shelter to families. CCSI also operates other community-based services such as crisis and suicide hotlines, counseling for families who may become homeless, and protective services for child abuse and neglect. With the economic downturn, life is increasingly difficult for those threatened by homelessness. Our support helps CCSI respond to the many needs in our community.

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 193 – *Silent night*

Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening. We invite you to join us for Sunday worship. As we are in the midst of a transition from University Park Church of the Brethren back to our almost completed renovation at 4217 East West Highway, Hyattsville, MD, please watch our website for service time and place: www.hyattsvillemennonite.org. For more information, contact Cynthia Lapp, pastor.



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

A Christ-centered welcoming church committed to peace and justice.

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Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

HWB—*Hymnal: A Worship Book* STS—*Sing The Story*

Prelude

Rorate

Alma redemptoris mater

Ave Maria – Ellen Keating

HWB 172 – *O come, o come Immanuel*

Welcome and prayer

Community Reading (from Psalm 98)

Leader: Sing a new song to God who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought deliverance.

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Left: Shout to the most high, all the earth,
break into joyous songs of praise.**

**Sing praise to God with the harp,
with the harp and melodious singing.**

*Right: Let the sea and all within it thunder,
the world and all its peoples.*

Let the rivers clap their hands

and the hills ring out their joy before YHWH.

All: YHWH comes to judge the earth;

**YHWH will rule the world with justice
and its peoples with equity.**

HWB 319 – *Joy to the World*

Introduction to Lessons and Carols

First reading: *In the beginning*

Genesis 1:1-5

Eva Beidler

HWB 177 – *Creator of the stars of night*

Second Reading: *Light and Shadow*

Isaiah 9:2-7, I John 1:5-7

Jesse and Dorothy Leissa

HWB 189 – *To us a child of hope is born*

Third Reading: *Prepare*

from Isaiah 40 and Mark 1:1-3

Mark & Judy Nord

HWB 176 – *Comfort, comfort*

Fourth Reading: *Rejoice*

from Isaiah 61 and Luke 1:47-55 Verna Zook and Kathleen Zook

Ave regina caelorum – Guillaume Dufay

STS 124 – *My soul cries out*

Fifth Reading: *God with us*

Isaiah 11:1-6, Matthew 1:18-23 Tim Wiens & Mary Jo Schumacher

Morning star – traditional, arr. by Virgil Thomson

HWB 211 – *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Sixth Reading: *The time comes*

Luke 2:1-7

Tim & Meadow Platt

Away in a manger – Adam Tice/Blake Henson

HWB 191 – *O little town of Bethlehem*

Seventh Reading: *Peace on earth*

Luke 2:8-20

Melanie and Joshua Friesen

Gaudete – arr. Hatfield

HWB 201 – *Hark the Herald*

Eighth Reading: *The star*

Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 72:11-14 Christian Yoder & Jonathan Miller

The 6 poinsettias with gold pot covers are available for purchase following the service. The cost is \$20 each and payment may be given to Cynthia Lapp.

Participants

Worship leader – LeAnne Zook Song Leader – Cynthia Lapp

Singing Quaker Women plus Other Faithful Friends:

Janice Fain Dean, director; Joanna Axtmann, Joan Clement, Cindy Lapp, Kit Mason, Ann Marie Moriarty, Karen Moore, Martha Woods

Hyattsville Mennonite Choir:

Laura Baumgartner, Kaye Brubaker, David Conrad, Tristan Epp Schmidt, Peter Goering, Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus, Karen Minatelli, Kimberly Schmidt, Penny Russell, Eric Stoltzfus, Christian Yoder, Scott Yoder, Kathleen Zook

Cello – Eric Stoltzfus Bodhran – Richard Brown
Piano – Janet Peachey Soprano – Kimberly Schmidt
Recorder – Emily O’Brien Banjo – Mark Nord
Music director – Cynthia Lapp

Translations

Rorate

*Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew,
Let him descend from the clouds like rain.
The earth will open up and give birth to our savior.
The heavens declare the glory of God and
the firmament proclaims the work of God’s hands.*

Alma redemptoris mater

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.*

Ave Maria – Ellen Keating

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blessed
is the fruit of your womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

Ave regina caelorum – Guillaume Dufay

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned.
Hail, by angels mistress owned.
Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn
Whence the world's true light was born:
Glorious Virgin, Joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they see;
Fairest thou, where all are fair,
Plead with Christ our souls to spare.*