



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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## *Gathering for Worship via Zoom*

Gathering & Prelude (10:45 a.m.)

Keith Swartzendruber, tech host

### Advent I Visual:

Our Advent theme is: “anticipating | incarnating”. The visual prelude during the season of Advent will also explore this theme by becoming and being a unique in-process image each Sunday as the weeks of Advent pass.

### Introductory Song: “We Are Waiting For You” by The Many

The Many is an uncommon, intentionally diverse collective making music for people to sing together about peace and justice and a world where all belong. Learn more about their work at:

<https://www.themanyarehere.com/>

Welcome & Call to Worship\* (11:00 a.m.)

Michelle Burkholder

Communal Response: *Anticipating, incarnating; we wait, we act.*

## Praising

Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel* (v. 1,3,5,6)

Eric Stoltzfus, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss,  
Cindy Lapp

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

[Refrain]

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

[Refrain]

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh.  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
and cause us in thy ways to go.

[Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.

Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease.

Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

[Refrain]

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Qiana Johnson, Executive Director  
of Life After Release (LAR)

*All are invited to light a candle or lamp where you are.*

## Confessing

Confession of Faith (based on Psalm 139)

Michelle Burkholder

*All: You have searched me, O God, and you know me well.*

*You know when I sit and when I rise. You perceive my thoughts from afar.*

*You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.*

*Before a word is on my tongue you, O God, know it completely.*

*You hem me in behind and before, such knowledge is too lofty for me to attain.*

*Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?*

*In the heights of the heavens, you are there.*

*In the depths of the deep, you are there.*

*In the darkness of the night, you are there.*

*In the brightness of the day, you are there.*

*In our tryings and our failings, you are there.*

*From the beginning, you have been present.*

*You make an on-going gift of your presence.*

*Search me, O God, know my heart.*

*Lead me in the way everlasting!*

Hymn: STJ 101 – *La ténèbre (Our darkness)*

Eric Stoltzfus, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss,  
Cindy Lapp

La ténèbre n'est point ténèbre devant toi:  
la nuit comme le jour est lumière.

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:  
the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

## Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-37

Laura Sue Dueck

Allan Dueck

Cindy Lapp

Message: *anticipating / incarnating*

Musical Interlude: *Sicilienne* by Fauré

Dwight Miyake

## Responding

Prayer

Michelle Burkholder

*If you want to share something to be included in the prayer, please type it in the chat box.*

Offering & Announcements

*Your offerings can be mailed to the church, you can give through the HMC website on PayPal,  
or set up with your bank to have a check sent to the church each month.*

Ministry Highlight: LAR Jail Support Program

Dawn Longenecker

Hymn: HWB 175 – *O Savior, rend the heavens*

O Savior, rend the heavens wide!  
Come down, come down with mighty stride.  
Unbar the gates, the doors break down;  
unbar the way to heaven's crown.

O Dayspring, dew from heaven send.  
As gentle dew, O Son, descend.  
Drop down, you clouds, and torrents bring,  
to Jacob's line rain down a King.

O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen,  
clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
O earth, bring forth this Blossom rare;  
O Savior rise from meadow fair.

Benediction

Eric Stoltzfus, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss,  
Cindy Lapp

Here dreadful doom upon us lies.  
Death looms so grim before our eyes.  
O come, lead us with mighty hand  
from exile to our promised land.

There will we all our praises bring  
ever to thee, our Savior King.  
There will we laud thee and adore  
forever and forevermore.

Michelle Burkholder

## Conversing

Conversation & Welcoming Our Guests

hosted by Cindy Lapp

*This time of conversation is a space to share any joys, concerns, or other reflections from today's service.*

\*adapted from a piece written by Roddy Hamilton (<http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>)