



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.)

Kristen Tull, tech host

Advent II 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 (art by Michelle Burkholder).

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.)

Cindy Lapp

Praising

Hymn: HWB 176 – *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Comfort, comfort, O my people,
speak of peace, now says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak unto Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them.
Tell of all the sins I cover,
and that warfare now is over.

Mira Grieser

O make straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o’er earth is shed abroad.
And all flesh shall see the token
that his word is never broken.

Hark, the voice of one who’s crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all to full repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Lighting of the second Advent Candle

Janet Tupper

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

Confessing

Confession (adapted from Oscar Romero)

Cindy Lapp

Hymn: STS 9 – *As the pauper waits for plenty*

As the pauper waits for plenty,
as the weeping wait for mirth,
as a farmer waits for harvest
and a woman waits for birth,
so do I wait for you.

As the blossom longs for springtime
and the seed, a fertile place,
as an orphan longs for fam'ly
and a child, his mother's face,
so do I long for you.

Brett Sherman, Sadie Sherman
As a songbird waits for morning
and an eaglet waits for flight,
as a flutist waits for music
and an artist waits for light,
so do I wait for you.

As the homeless long for shelter
and the weary, for a bed,
as the thirsty long for water
and the hungry long for bread,
so do I long for you. So do you long for me.

Words of Assurance

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

Message: *Lessons of the Desert*

Nathan & Anna Jeide-Detweiler

Anne Sedda Confer

Jay Forth

Jay Forth graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2009. Since 2010, he has worked for multiple DC nonprofits focusing on unemployment, tenant rights, and homelessness. He has also been involved with local activist spaces including the Washington Peace Center and The Potter's House Cafe and Bookstore. He is interested in how faith, social movements, and theology can inform each other. On quiet days, he enjoys reading, running, and spending time with his boyfriend of 10 years.

Musical Interlude

Mira Grieser

Responding

Prayer

Cindy Lapp

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.*

*Our Advent special offering will go towards the work of Life After Release (LAR).
Please mark your checks accordingly for this offering. Thank you for your generosity!*

Ministry Highlight: PG Plaza Day Center

Lisa Zammuto

Benediction

Cindy Lapp

Hymn: *Before me is peace*

Sadie Sherman, Brett Sherman

Conversing

Conversation & Welcoming Our Guests

hosted by Michelle Burkholder

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