



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.)

Dave Kraybill, tech host

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

Kaye Brubaker

Hymn: HWB 221 – *Hail the bless'd morn*

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
down from the region of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger,
lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

Peter Goering, Sara Fretz-Goering

Praising

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Confessing

Confession

Kaye Brubaker

Hymn: HWB 220 – *Worship the Lord in the beauty*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim.
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring and adore him; the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows,
and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in a way that is true.

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would count as your own.
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness –
these are the off'rings to bring to his throne;
these, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the Name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

David Conrad

Message: *Gifts of Epiphany*

Cindy Lapp

Communion

Musical Interlude: "O Holy Night"*

Mahalia Jackson

**Music by Adolphe Adam and original French text by Placide Cappeau (1847), English translation by John Sullivan Dwight (1855).*

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.

Our Epiphany 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: Update on supporting an asylum seeker

Joy Olson

Benediction

Kaye Brubaker

Hymn: STS 32 – *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem,
shining afar thro' shadows dim,
giving a light for those who long have gone
and guiding the wise men on their way
unto the place where Jesus lay,
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem
shine upon us until the glory dawn;
oh, give us thy light to light the way
into the land of perfect day;
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on (shine on).

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

Oh, beautiful star, the hope of light,
guiding the pilgrim thro' the night,
over the mountain till the break of dawn;
and into the light of perfect day
it will give out a lovely ray;
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.

[Refrain]

Oh, beautiful star, the hope of rest,
for the redeemed, the good and blest,
yonder in glory when the crown is won;
for Jesus is now that Star divine;
brighter and brighter he will shine;
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.

[Refrain]

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.