



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Advent I – Hope

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

Jake Short, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Call to Worship

Michelle Burkholder

Praising

Hymn: VT 216 – *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

College of the Holy Cross Choir

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

Leader: We light a candle of hope. And we imagine:

People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.

Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Hymn: VT 276 – *Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets*

The Clymer Kurtz Band

Confessing

Confession

Michelle Burkholder

Leader: A friend once said children grow taller at night—while at rest—

bones quietly stretch, and bit by bit their bodies grow.

Trees grow silently, too—from deep inside—energy is released.

Branches reach for the light. People can grow silently, too.

People: We confess that all too often we stifle the growth God inspires deep inside of us, preferring the immediate, the good enough, the comfortable.

Leader: In Advent—O God—cause us to stretch, to lean forward, and extend our gaze.

People: Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring up, will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: The kingdom of God is near.

Listen—can you hear it?

Look—can you see it?

Our God says, "Surely the days are coming—they are already here!"

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Sandra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

Kelly Heatwole

Darian Harnish

Cynthia Lapp

Message: ***Dare To Imagine – Hope***

Service of Communion

How do you come to this table?

What are we thankful for in our lives and in the world?

What is broken in our lives and in the world, for whom and for what do we pray?

What gives you hope for our lives and for the world?

What blessing shall we offer to each other and to the world?

Musical Interlude: ["Taste And See"](#)

James E. Moore

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

Responding

Prayer

Michelle Burkholder

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: Life After Release emergency aid program

Janet Tupper

Benediction

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: VT 828 – *There's A Wild Hope In The Wind*

Cindy Lapp, Mira Grieser*

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.

*recording by Brett Sherman