



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Advent III – Joy

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

Anne-Claire Frank-Seisay, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Call to Worship

Mary Jo Schumacher

One: Advent is the season of Joy!

All: Joy is new life beating in a heart that has been broken.

One: Joy is awakening to a new morning.

All: Joy is a flight sunward on wings you had forgotten you had.

One: Joy is God's melody amid the discord of life, a song tuned to hope and peace, touching the chords of longing in our souls. The coming of Christ is Good News of great joy!

All: We give thanks to God for the promise of full joy that this season brings to light.

Let us Shout for Joy!

Praising

Hymn: VT 217 – *Hark! the Glad Sound!*

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

Advent Video: Joy

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Rodges Ankrah, Robin Fernkas

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

Leader: We light the Candle of Hope and we imagine. We light a candle of Peace and we imagine.

We light a Candle of Joy and we imagine.

All: Jubilation! Rejoicing! Do not Fear!

Leader: We light the candle and join in God's song, singing loudly, singing fiercely, singing together.

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

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

Salford Mennonite Church singers

Confessing

Confession

Mary Jo Schumacher

Silence *(take 3 breaths of Joy)*

Words of Assurance

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:

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Frank Graeff

Janelle Tupper

Message: **Dare To Imagine – Joy**

Cynthia Lapp

Musical Interlude: ["Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied, BWV 225"](#) The Aeolians (by Johann Sebastian Bach)

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: Overview of Life After Release partnership

Dawn Longenecker

Benediction

Mary Jo Schumacher

Hymn: VT 205 – *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

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.