



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Advent IV – Love

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

Dave Kraybill, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Call to Worship

Mary Jo Schumacher

One: Come as you are into God's loving presence.

Many: Today we join Mary and Elizabeth in our search for the Advent God!

One: Come as you are whether you feel burdened or carefree, are rejoicing or weeping,
for we are all welcome into God's loving presence

Many: Today we join Zechariah and Joseph in our search for the Advent God!

One: Come for today we journey further into the joy and darkness of Advent toward the Christ-child.

**All: May we find and share God's hope, peace, joy and love in the healing darkness
of this Advent season.**

Praising

Hymn: VT 255 – *Love Came Down at Christmas*

Cindy Lapp, Eric Stoltzfus, Mira Grieser*

Advent Video: Love

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

Tim Platt, Meadow Platt,
James Platt, Rosie Platt

Leader: We light a candle of Hope and we imagine. We light a candle of Peace and we imagine.
We light a candle of Joy and we imagine. We light a candle of Love and we imagine.

People: The lowly lifted up, fear met with Love.

Leader: We light the candle and pray for God's face to shine on us, save us, restore us.

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

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

Salford Mennonite Church singers

Confessing

Confession

Silence *(take 3 breaths of Love)*

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!"

Mary Jo Schumacher

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Sandra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1:39-55

Message: ***Dare To Imagine – Love Together***

Marie Schmidt
Cynthia Lapp

Musical Interlude: ["My Soul Cries Out"](#)

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

Goshen College Chamber Choir

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.

Brief But Spectacular

Merolli family

Benediction

Mary Jo Schumacher

Hymn: VT 258 – *Love Has Come*

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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*