



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Janelle
Tupper

Praising

Call to Worship

Brian Brubaker

God of open doors,

We often long to come home

to you, to love, and to ourselves,

and so we pray—

reach into the cacophony of our hearts and minds

and make yourself known.

Quiet everything but your Word for us today.

Leave us awestruck.

Drown out the distractions.

Come as thunder

or come as a still, small voice;

Turn on the light.

Speak through these words.

Find the parts of us that are lost.

With hope we pray,

amen.

Hymn: VT 162 – *The love of God*

Kimberly Schmidt

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Mitchell Atencio

Confessing

Confession

Brian Brubaker

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: VT 640 – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Kimberly Schmidt

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Luke 15:11-32

Children's Offering (*children can bring their offerings forward at this time*)

Michelle Burkholder

Message: **Prodigal**

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 32

Cynthia Lapp

Anne-Claire Frank-Seisay

Interlude

Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Janelle
Tupper

Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.

Praying Together

Cynthia Lapp

Work of the Church

Welcoming our Visitors

Announcements

Offerings

Lent Offering: Assisting Afghan Refugee Families in PG County

Offering baskets will be by the door as you exit.

Sending

Benediction

Hymn: VT 830 – *Go, My Children*

Brian Brubaker

Kimberly Schmidt

TODAY

Ushers: Keith Swartzendruber

Worship Arts: Claire Noel Miller

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$8,350

Weekly Goal – \$6,423

Lent Offering

Last Week – \$566

Total – \$1,956

Attendance Last Week – 64 in-person; 20 participants (Zoom)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Calendar.

Apr. 3: (In-person) Lent V, Juana Hernandez preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 10: (In-person) Palm Sunday, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 14: (In-person) Maundy Thursday, Meal & Service, 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 17: (In-person) Easter, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Refugee Assistance Webinar, March 31: All Soul's Migrant Solidarity Team (MST) and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is hosting a webinar on refugee assistance on Thursday, March 31 from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The program will feature a small panel of refugee assistance veterans at LSS who will inform us about several ways in which each of us can volunteer to help serve the many needs of unaccompanied refugee minors and adult immigrants in our community. Please RSVP by registering [HERE](#) no later than Monday, March 28.

Juana Hernandez Preaches April 3: Juana Alicia Ruiz Hernandez is an Afro-Colombian community leader. Winner of the 2015 Colombia National Peace Prize, she is known throughout the country for co-founding and leading a group of women called Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace who create tapestries in the traditional Colombian style to tell stories of resistance and resilience. Juana will bring some of these tapestries for display and purchase.

Lent Offering 2022: Our Lent offering this year will go to Immigrant and Refugee Outreach (iroccenter.org) to benefit the Afghan refugee families who have been resettled into our neighborhoods. Our target goal is to raise \$5,000. Please make sure your donation is designated to the Lent offering. Thanks!

Children & Youth Sunday School: In-Person Sunday School for kids/youth is back! Kids and youth are invited to arrive at the church basement fellowship hall for casual catch-up and games between 9:30-9:45 a.m. We will begin our official Sunday School gathering time of sharing/singing/prayer at 9:45 a.m. and will then break out into age based sub-groups around

10:00 a.m. for further conversations/activities. Kids ages 4 and younger are welcome to attend Sunday School in the company of a designated adult. Youth grades 6-12: please bring your coats as we may venture outside for conversation/activities. We are currently making our way through the Fruits of the Spirit and this week will consider: *Faithfulness*. Masks required for all participants over age 2.

Adult Education: Our current series is exploring the Doctrine of Discovery which was formulated centuries ago, in the name of Christ. This Doctrine was used to justify the colonization and enslavement of peoples around the world. The consequences live on today in racial injustice, continued dispossession, and resource extraction on Indigenous lands. Our focus, in this series, is on understanding and working to dismantle this Doctrine, using speakers and resources from our congregation and from <https://dofdmennonite.org/>, whose work is funded, in part, by our own Allegheny Mennonite Conference. Our hope is to engage with the work of Reparative Justice and become part of the movement to undo the Doctrine of Discovery as individuals, congregations, and the broader Church.

Nursery Update: At this time we are not providing nursery attendants during in-person worship, but the nursery space will be available for families to use at their own discretion during the service. Littles and their adults are also welcome to make use of the foyer or the fellowship hall to spread out for extra wiggle room during worship as needed. If your risk tolerance is higher and would like to connect with a person outside of your household to help care for your kid(s) during the worship service, please let Michelle Burkholder know so we can arrange a nursery buddy system: mburkholder@hyattsvillemennonite.org.

Livestream Option For Worship: While we are now meeting in-person for worship, we also have a livestream option for those who do not yet feel comfortable rejoining or are unable to rejoin in-person. More details are in the email listserv announcements. Please offer any feedback to one of the pastors.