



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: *Pie Jesu - Fauré*

Kimberly Schmidt, Mira Grieser

Praising

Call to Worship

Meryt McGindley

God of refuge and strength, may we find comfort with you –

comfort in your love, comfort that your love will never end.

May we find hope with you –

hope in a new day, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find courage with you –

Courage to follow your call, courage to seek justice in our world.

May we find truth with you –

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek with you.

And in our seeking, may we know peace. Amen.

Hymn: VT 718 – *Gentle Shepherd*

Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

JoLeah Stiles Gorman

Hymn: VT 136 – *Santo (Holy)*

Confessing

Confession

Meryt McGindley

We admit that we often tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring:

Yes we are friends of Jesus,

Yes we are living our faith,

Yes this faith has changed us for the better.

Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative.

We want to overcome our fears. We want to show extravagant love.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: VT 172 – *God Calls you Good*

Hearing the Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell

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

Scripture Readings

Jeanette & Molly Stoltzfus

Psalm 126

John 12:1-8

Message:

Juana Alicia Ruiz Hernandez

Interpretation - Charles Roberts

Musical Interlude: *S/He's got the whole world*

Kimberly Schmidt, Mira Grieser

Responding

Responses to the Service

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

Prayers of the Church

Meryt McGindley

Work of the Church

Welcoming our Visitors

Announcements

Offering + Lent Offering *(Offering baskets will be by the door as you exit.)*

Sending

Benediction

Meryt McGindley

Hymn: VT 810 – *Go my Friends in Grace*

Cynthia Lapp

TODAY

Worship Arts: Sara Person

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$2,475 Weekly Goal – \$6,423

Lent Offering

Last Week – \$755 Total – \$2,711

Attendance Last Week – 85 in-person; 23 participants (Zoom)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Calendar

Apr. 7: Service for Joshua Friesen, 1:00 p.m.

Apr. 10: Palm Sunday, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 14: Maundy Thursday, Meal & Service, 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 17: Easter, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Memorial Service for Joshua Friesen, April 7: The service for Joshua will be held at Hyattsville Mennonite Church on April 7 at 1:00 p.m. There will be more information to follow about the reception in Cheverly from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. The service will also be livestreamed on Zoom.

Maundy Thursday Service: We will hold our annual Maundy Thursday (April 14) service at HMC at 7:00 p.m. The service will include a reading of the Passion from Luke and a simple Afghan meal. Please RSVP for the meal [here](#).

Volunteers Needed For April 28 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (meat or vegetarian enchilada casserole, 24-hour lettuce salad) and provide turkey & cheese sandwiches, cookies, fruit, and bottled water for the April meal on Thursday, April 28 at the [PG Plaza Day Center](#). We also need volunteers to sign up to help serve the meal. If you can help, [please sign up using this form](#) (links to the 24-hour lettuce salad and optional baked ziti recipes are available on the SignUp form page). If you do not have daytime availability, please note that the items can be dropped off at the church house prior to Thursday. If you have questions, contact Lori Zehr.

Beating Guns, April 23: Author and activist Shane Claiborne will join with Daniels Run Peace Church in Fairfax, VA for the Beating Guns workshop to transform guns into garden tools and discuss issues of domestic gun violence. The workshop will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the church (3927 Old Lee Hwy) starting at 4:00 p.m. Registration is free at danielsrunpeacechurch.org/register.

Lent Offering 2022: Our Lent offering this year will go to Immigrant and Refugee Outreach (irocenr.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.