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Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

**Gathering for Worship**

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Michaela Atencio

**Praising**

Call to Worship Michelle Burkholder

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

**The Holy One is the everlasting God,**

**Creator of heaven and earth,**

God’s energy flows through the world

Even when we are bone tired,

**God’s power gives strength**

**To the vulnerable and weak.**

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

**When we wait on the Holy One,**

**God will renew our strength.**

We shall run. We shall fly,

**We shall walk boldly together**

**Toward the promises of God.**

Hymn: VT 223 – *Bless’d Be the God of Israel* Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Advent Wreath Becca Walawender, Kristin Sampson,  
 Ella & Keziah

**Confessing**

ConfessionMichelle Burkholder

*From Tamar’s Blessing by Joanna Harader*

Hymn: VT 228 – *Wait for the Lord* Eric Stoltzfus

Words of Assurance

**Hearing The Word**

Time for Children HMC Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading Alice & Michael Bender

Genesis 38:12-14, 24-27

Message: **Advent 1: Tamar** Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: VT 434 – *O God, Our Refuge* Mira Grieser, piano

**Responding**

Responses

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

Praying Together

Work of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

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

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, Emmanuel: as you have given yourself to us,

Through the coming of the Christ child, we also give ourselves to you.

**Receive these offerings,** **given in hope,**

**That they may be part of your life in this world.  
 Amen.**

**Sending**

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

Benediction Michelle Burkholder

**TODAY TREASURER’S REPORT**

Greeter: *Mary Jo Schumacher*  Offering Last Week - $10,350

Ushers: *Mary & Jane Hiebert-White*  Weekly Goal - $6,423

Worship Arts*:* *Michelle Burkholder*

Tech Host: *Dave Kraybill* **LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE**

82 in-person; 20 online

**Lectionary for Next Sunday**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

**Calendar**

***Dec. 3:*** Church Clean Up Day,8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

***Dec. 4:*** IGH Fund Discernment Meeting, 9:15-10:30 a.m.

Scripture Sketchers, 9:45 a.m.

*Second Sunday of Advent,* Michaela Atencio preaches, 11:00 a.m.

***Dec. 10:*** Sophia’s Table (HMC Women’s Group),9:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Seasonal Social,4:00-7:00 p.m.

***Dec. 11:*** *Third Sunday of Advent,* Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.

***Dec. 18:*** *Fourth Sunday of Advent,* Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

**Announcements**

**Advent Offering:**Our special offering this Advent will go to benefit our Asylum Seeker Support Fund. This is the HMC ministry that provides help and support to Myrina McCullough, who offers free housing for the asylum seeker/refugee who lives with her.

**Christmas Eve Choir:** A choir is forming to sing for the Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will be Dec. 15 and 22. Please let Cindy know if you can join in.

**Church Clean Up Day, Dec. 3:** Join us on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help rake leaves, trim branches and bushes, and fix things around the church. Please bring any rakes, trimming equipment, gloves, and tarps that you may have. The Trustees will provide donuts, coffee, and juice. Come make it a family affair, we’ll see you then!

**IGH Fund Discernment Meeting, Dec 4:** All in HMC are encouraged to participate in the next step on the discernment journey for best use of the IGH funds on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9:15 am to 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. People of all ages are welcome, and coffee and snacks will be available. As a reminder, HMC received about $460,000 from the sale of the IGH guest house, to use as we wish. On Dec 4, we plan to review ideas generated so far, and, using “vote with your feet” exercises, check alignment of these ideas with our congregational values and priorities, and set the stage for the next consultation and information-gathering phase.  Please come prepared to discuss, debate, and share your opinions and ideas.

**CUCE Fundraiser at Franklin’s, Dec. 6:** Join us for a fundraiser at [Franklin's](https://franklinsbrewery.com/) in Hyattsville on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 to benefit the Day Center run by [Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment](https://www.congregationsunited.org/) (CUCE). You can eat at Franklin's, order carry-out or delivery for lunch or dinner, order a gift certificate or shop at the general store. Franklin's will donate 20 percent of your before-tax total -- but you must show your receipt to the host to participate. Since June 2017, we have raised over $3500 for the Day Center through fundraisers at Franklin's!

**Cookies & Cocoa Social, Dec. 10:** All are invited to an Intergenerational Seasonal Social in the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 10 between 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., for a festive gathering of games, crafts, cookies, and cocoa. Bring a joyful spirit and favorite seasonal cookies or snacks to share!

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