



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

Brian Gorman

Praising

Call to Worship

Michaela Atencio

Beloved, we gather love for God and love for each other.

We gather to experience God's love for us.

God's love is revealed in the stories we hear,

in the songs we sing,

in the prayers we offer,

in the Spirit we feel moving within and among us.

God's love is revealed most deeply through Jesus,

whose coming we anticipate and celebrate,

who was sent by God so that we might have life.

Beloved, we gather together for worship.

Hymn: VT 239 – *He Came Down*

Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Confessing

Confession

Michaela Atencio

VT 893

Hymn: VT 228 – *Wait for the Lord*

Cynthia Lapp

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

HMC Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading
Ruth 1:1-18

Michaela Atencio

Message: **Picturing the Journey**

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: VT 527 – *Bless the Arms that Comfort*

Cynthia Lapp

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

Advent Highlight

Announcements

Liliana Rodriguez

The Ministry of Giving

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

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 217 – *Hark the Glad Sound*

Benediction

Cynthia Lapp

Michaela Atencio

TODAY

Greeter: *Peter Goering*

Ushers: *Nancy Gehman & Mary Hershberger*

Worship Arts: *David Conrad*

Tech Host: *Glen Gehman*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week - \$9,305

Weekly Goal - \$6,423

Advent Offering Last Week - \$645

Advent Offering Total - \$1,055

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
107 in-person; 19 online

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Calendar

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

Dec. 24: *Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service*, 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 25: *No Sunday morning service*

Jan. 1: *Sunday Worship*, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Advent Offering: Our special offering this Advent will go to replenish our Asylum Seeker Support Fund. This is the HMC ministry that provides help and support to the asylum seeker/refugee who lives with Myrina McCullough, who offers free housing. Please designate your donation to go to the Advent offering. We have a goal of \$4,000. Thank you so much!

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.

Sunday School During Advent (Scripture Sketchers): During the Sunday School hour throughout Advent, people of all ages are invited to gather in the sanctuary starting at 9:45 to collaboratively create a short sketch based on scripture that will then be acted out at children's time during the worship service. This will allow us the opportunity to have many tiny pageants throughout the Christmas season. If you are interested in creating the sketch please arrive at 9:45. This activity is open for people of all ages!

Volunteers needed for December 29 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare chili (1), cornbread (4), brownies (4), 3 bunches of bananas, and 2 cases of bottled water for the meal on Thursday, December 29 at the [PG Plaza Day Center](#). We also need one volunteer to sign up to help serve the meal. If you can help please sign up using the [form](#) in the announcements (link to optional chili recipe available at the SignUp form). If you do not

have daytime availability, please note that the items can be dropped off at the church house prior to noon on Thursday 12/29. If you have questions, contact Lori.

2023 Fellowship Meals: Please sign up to help out at Fellowship Meal once a year! Of course, we can't enjoy this great potluck lunch together without people staffing the kitchen, so please do so to keep it going! But there's more! There is actually a bonus to this job: It's a fantastic chance to get to know people in the congregation, be they new to our group or long-time members whom you've never really had a chance to talk to. (Also please note that, based on congregational feedback, we are altering the sign-up to try increasing the number of slots from six to eight, given that three people for clean-up was generally agreed to be not enough.) Thank you!! Sign up with the link in the announcements.



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