



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, Meadow Platt
Daniel Daughtry-Weiss, Eric Stoltzfus

Praising

Call to Worship (*adapted from Hebrews 11*)

Mary Jo Schumacher

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea.

By faith we come with open hearts.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell.

By faith we offer praise and prayers.

By faith Rahab received the spies in peace.

By faith we gather together for worship.

Hymn: VT 210 – *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

Cynthia Lapp

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Jeanette Stoltzfus, Wyatt Feeler,

Psalm 40: 5-11

Molly & Emmett

Confessing

Confession

Mary Jo Schumacher

From Rahab's Blessing by Joanna Harader

Hymn: VT 228 – *Wait for the Lord*

Cynthia Lapp

Words of Assurance

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

HMC Scripture Sketchers

Hymn: VT 208 – *With Mary Sing Magnificat*

Cynthia Lapp

Message: **A Window into Faith**

Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:12-13; 2:15

Michaela Atencio

Dawn Longenecker

Hymn: VT 585 – *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

Cynthia Lapp

Communion

All are welcome at the table. Please come forward down the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles. Both gluten and non-gluten options are offered. The cup is juice. Pastor Cindy is available to offer prayer in addition to or in lieu of communion.

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

Nasim Gul Azizi

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 peace,

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

Sending

Hymn: VT 220 – *Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called*

Benediction

Cynthia Lapp

Mary Jo Schumacher

TODAY

Greeter:

Ushers:

Worship Arts: *Jake Short*

Tech Host: *Allan Dueck*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week - \$10,350

Weekly Goal - \$6,423

Advent Offering Last Week - \$410

Advent Offering Total - \$410

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

85 in-person; 19 online

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Advent Scripture: Ruth 1-4

Calendar

Dec. 6: CUCE Fundraiser at Franklin's, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

Cookies & Cocoa 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

CUCE Fundraiser at Franklin's, Dec. 6: Join us for a fundraiser at [Franklin's](#) in Hyattsville on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 to benefit the Day Center run by [Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment](#) (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!

Sophia's Table, Dec. 10: The HMC women's group will meet in person on Saturday, December 10, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., in the HMC basement. Please bring a breakfast item

to share. This month, Meryt McGindley will lead us in a discussion about mental health and emotional resilience. *Please RSVP to Mary H*, but know that you are welcome to attend, whether you respond or not.

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!

Children's Book Fundraiser, Dec. 10: Sandra P. has a lovely selection of children's books in good condition ready to move on to other homes. These books will be available at the Dec. 10 Cookies & Cocoa Social. In lieu of payment, donations towards the Advent offering would be greatly appreciated.

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.



Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.