



# 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

Eric Stoltzfus

## Praising

Call to Worship  
VT 866

David Conrad

Hymn: VT 22 – *What Is This Place*  
Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cynthia Lapp  
David Conrad

## Confessing

Confession (*from Psalm 40*)

David Conrad

**You, Lord will not hold back your mercies from me.  
Your steadfast truth shall always guard me.  
For evils draw round me beyond what I can count  
My crimes overtake me and I cannot see--  
they are more numerous than the hairs of my head  
--and my heart forsakes me.  
Show favor, O Lord, to save me.  
Lord, hasten to my help.**

**Let all who seek you exult and rejoice in You  
May they always say, "God is great!"  
--those who love Your rescue.  
As for me, I am lowly and needy,  
May the Lord account it for me.  
My help, You are who frees me.  
My God, do not delay.**

Silence

Hymn of Assurance

VT 160 – *What a Fellowship*

Cynthia Lapp

## Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Becca Walawender

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

John 1:29-42

Kaye Brubaker

Message: **The Gospel in Ordinary Time**

Brian Gorman

Hymn: VT 594 – *Over My Head*

Cynthia Lapp

## Responding

Responses

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

Praying Together

VT 698 – *Somebody Prayed for Me*

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

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## Sending

Hymn: VT 816 – *Guide My Feet*

Cynthia Lapp

Benediction

David Conrad

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## TODAY

Greeter:

Ushers: *Brad & Dorothy Leissa*

Worship Arts: *David Conrad*

Tech Host: *Allan Dueck*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week - \$7,125

Weekly Goal - \$6,599

Advent Offering Last Week - \$65

Advent Offering Total - \$4,716

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## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

70 in-person; 17 online

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

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## Calendar

**Jan. 22:** *Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday*, Cindy Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

**Jan. 29:** *Sunday Worship*, Marisa Smucker preaches, 11:00 a.m.

**Feb. 5:** *Sunday Worship*, Cindy Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

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## Announcements

**Membership:** The pastorate commends Ivan Shellenbarger for membership at HMC. Ivan will share his faith journey and become a member on Jan 22.

**IGH Fund Meeting:** Our next discussion about the IGH Funds will be Jan. 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, led by Anne-Claire Frank-Seisay and Doris Bartel. (There is no Adult Ed that morning). We will look at the ideas for using the funds that have already been suggested, consider how they fit with our discussions of principles and values, and develop next steps on gathering more detailed information about some/all of the ideas. Please come be part of this process.

**Adult Ed in 2023:** Sundays at 9:45 a.m. before church, join our discussion of Jonny Rashid's book, "Jesus Takes a Side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel". Rashid's book examines the life and teachings of Jesus from an Anabaptist perspective and will help us prepare to explore the four Biblical passages assigned to our congregation as

part of the Anabaptist Bible Project. Rashid's book is available at church with a suggested donation of \$10. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you have read the book, or not. Wyatt Feeler will lead the discussion on Jan. 22.

**Sunday School Starts Next Week:** Official Children's Sunday School starts back up next week at 9:45 a.m.

**Be a Sunday School Helper:** In order to offer Sunday School for kids and youth at HMC we are in need of some help! Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two of being a helper for the Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45. No preparation or special skills required. You will not be teaching! You will be a presence in the space and a helper as needed. Mostly, you'll get to hang out and spend time with the younger members of this community. Sign up with the link in the listserv announcements.

**Lenten Writing Retreat:** "Grow us slowly, persistently, and deeply, God, to be people who watch without distraction, listen without interruption, and stay put without inclination to flee." (from VT 1030) February 24-26 at the [Rolling Ridge](#) retreat house, Michaela Atencio will facilitate a weekend writing retreat framed around growing in the values of this prayer, and of Lent, in our writing practices. Space limited to 8. Suggested donation is \$50. For more info, contact [matencio@vts.edu](mailto:matencio@vts.edu). To register, email [clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org).



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