

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

Praising

Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 60:1-6)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For shadows shall cover the earth and thick shadows the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light and rulers to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your children shall come from far away and they shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

Behold the light of love that has come for all!

Hymn: VT 273 - Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Lighting the Advent Candles

Confessing

Confession

Hearing The Word

Epiphany Pageant

People of all ages

Hymns:

VT 257 – Away in a Manger

VT 250 - The First Noel

VT 245 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

VT 275 – O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

VT 239 – He Came Down

VT 252 – Go Tell It on the Mountain

Responding

Responses
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Praying Together

Work of the Church
Welcoming our Guests
Announcements

The Ministry of Giving
Children's Offering
Advent Offering: Immigrant and Refugee Outreach Center (IROC)
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 277 - As with Gladness

Benediction

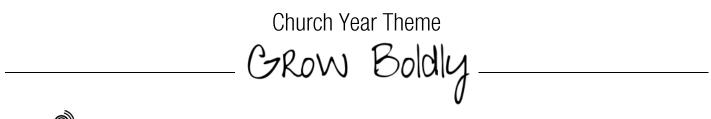
Lectionary for Next Sunday

1 Samuel 3:1-10-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Announcements

Fellowship Meal, Jan. 14: There will be a Fellowship Meal on January 14. Please bring extra food to share since we may have extra visitors who are coming into the area for the Mennonite Action gathering.

Adult Ed: Please join us for *The Sanctuary Course* in Adult Ed starting on January 14. Developed by Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries in Canada, *The Sanctuary Course* is an 8-session study of various aspects of mental well-being and how the church can be a support for those who are struggling. Each session will examine a key mental health topic, and the accompanying short videos feature insights from mental health professionals, church leaders, theologians and people with lived experience. Please sign up for a free account at https://portal.sanctuarymentalhealth.org/the-sanctuary-course to get access to the course materials and please plan to watch each week's short video in advance of the Sunday discussion. All materials are free.



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