



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (*adapted from Shannon W. Dycus, "A Prayer for this Season and the Next" and Psalm 122:1*)

There is holy. Holy that created and grounded all things in Love.

Let us go to the House of the Lord!

Holy that makes space for fellowship in rituals and memories.

Let us go to the House of the Lord!

Holy that calls us out of the chaos and into peace.

Let us go to the House of the Lord!

Holy that invites us into dark places to see anew.

Let us go to the House of the Lord!

God who is holy, remind us that we are made in Love
and that your love is always calling us into freedom.

Let us go to the House of the Lord!

Hymn: 225 – *We Come*

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Inhale: I can see new life,

Exhale: even in the dark.

Confessing

Confession

(*adapted from Shannon W. Dycus "a prayer for new edges,"*)

you are the potter, where are you?

i am the clay, thrown by all the winds around me.

you are the potter, with hands that become peaceful harbor.

i am the clay, ease my weighted breath.

you are the potter, set hope in the dust of the stars.

i am the clay, keep me from the lie of my undeserving.

you are the potter, may your gaze remind and remember.

i am the clay, mold me slowly into my already

you are the potter, shape me free.

Hymn: 281 – *Joyful Is the Dark* (v1, v5)

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading: *Luke 21:25-36*

Message: **The Holiness of Night**

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: 228 – *Wait for the Lord*

Communion

(You are invited to come down the center aisle and return by the side aisles.)

Responding

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Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 245 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem (v1,v3)*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Calendar

- Dec. 3:** *CUCE Fundraiser at Franklin's*
- Dec. 7:** *Church Workday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*
- Dec. 8:** *Second Sunday of Advent, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.*
Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.
- Dec. 15:** *Third Sunday of Advent, 11:00 a.m.*
Youth Christmas Party, after the service
- Dec. 20:** *Longest Night Service, 8:00 p.m.*
- Dec. 22:** *Fourth Sunday of Advent, 11:00 a.m.*
- Dec. 24:** *Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols*
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Announcements

CUCE Fundraiser at Franklin's, Dec. 3: Join us for a fundraiser at Franklin's in Hyattsville on Tuesday, Dec. 3 to benefit the Day Center run by Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE). Dine in, carry-out, buy a gift certificate, or shop at the general store. Franklin's will donate 20% of your before-tax total -- but you must show your receipt to the host to participate.

Christ in the Rubble at the National Christmas Tree, Dec. 5: Join Pastor Cindy, one of the song leaders, for this caroling event supporting a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Church Workday, Dec. 7: We will have a church workday from 8:30-12 on Saturday Dec. 7. Please bring rakes, tarps, trimmers and other gardening implements. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Youth Christmas Party, Dec. 15: All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join in a Christmas Party after church on Sunday, Dec. 15. Bring a potluck dish to share for lunch and a white elephant gift (something fun or random that you are ready to pass on - either pre-owned or purchased) for a gift exchange. There will likely also be an opportunity for Christmas Karaoke!

Advent Offering: This year's Advent offering will go towards the church's Asylum Seeker program.

Advent Worship Arts: Our theme for Advent this year is The Holy in the Night, based on the book by Shannon Dycus. Dycus invites us to celebrate and linger with wonder in the darkness. Our worship arts installation for this season is a night sky. Collaged layers of comforter batting will shift from week to week in compositions of abstract clouds and deep space formations. At the ends of each pew, you will find a basket of scrap pieces of the batting material. You are invited to hold a piece during worship each week as a sensory aspect of worship.

Church Year Theme
Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy



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