



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 Zephaniah 3:14-19*)

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem,

The Lord our God is in our midst.

Do not fear, do not let your hands grow weak.

God will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in love.

The Lord will exult over you with loud singing, as on a day of festival.

God will remove disaster from us and deal with all oppressors.

Sing and rejoice, oh daughters, daughters of Zion!

The Lord will Come!

Hymn: 223 – *Bless'd Be the God of Israel*

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Centering Breath Prayer

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: 97 – *Magnificat*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading
Luke 1:46-55

Message: **Visions of the Madonna**

Hymn: 246 – *Come, Join in Mary's Prophet-Song*

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

Advent Offering: Asylum Seeker Project
Children's Offering
Offertory (*You are invited to come forward with your offerings.*)
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 269 – *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Calendar

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

Dec. 29: *Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.*

Jan. 5: *Epiphany Pageant, 11:00 a.m.*

Jan. 12: *Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.*

Jan. 19: *Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday, 11:00 a.m.*

Announcements

Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m: You are invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus with music and re-telling the story of our faith at our Lessons & Carols service on Tuesday Dec. 24. Our Christmas Eve offering will go to supporting a participant attending the *Peacebuilding Summit: Palestine in Comparative Perspective* happening in London this July. *"The summit will bring together Christian scholars, practitioners, and leaders from both the Global South and North in conversation with Palestinian Christian theologians and practitioners to reconsider the role of the Body of Christ in peacebuilding, particularly in the context of Palestine."*

Comforter Group Holiday Schedule: The group will not meet the week of Christmas and will meet on Thursday Jan. 2 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. They will resume their regular Wednesday morning weekly schedule starting Jan. 8. Everyone of any skill level (or no skill at all!) is welcome to join in the fun and productive fellowship.

Volunteers needed for December 26 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes and provide fruit for the meal on Thursday, Dec. 26 at the [PG Plaza Day Center](#). We also need volunteers to help serve the meal. Sign up with the link in the listserv announcements.

Hospitality Night, Jan. 26: Back by popular demand, save the date for Hospitality Night on Sunday, Jan. 26. Stay tuned for more details about this evening of fun and fellowship.

Advent Offering: This year's Advent offering will go towards the church's Asylum Seeker program, in which we support someone seeking asylum. In the past few years, we have

supported a mother and daughter from Venezuela, a trans-woman from Saudi Arabia and a woman from Afghanistan.

Advent Worship Arts: Our theme for Advent this year is The Holy in the Night, based on the book by Shannon Dycus. Our worship arts installation for this season is a night sky of collaged layers of comforter batting 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.
