



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship

There is holy in the night. **Let us wait upon the Lord.**

Holy in the soil. **Let us wait upon the Lord**

Holy in our fears. **Let us wait upon the Lord.**

Holy in our questions. **Let us wait upon the Lord.**

Holy in our struggles. **Let us wait upon the Lord.**

God who fills the night, God who nourishes beneath the soil,

God who is present in our waiting –

give us freedom to reclaim your divine work in the dark places of our lives.

Let us wait upon the Lord.

Hymn: 228 – *Wait for the Lord*

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Inhale: What I am holding

Exhale: can shift to be what I need.

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: 237 – *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading
Matthew 3:1-10
Isaiah 11:1-2, 10

Message: **Nourishing Darkness**

Hymn: 210 – *O Come, O Come Immanuel*

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: 220 – *Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Calendar

- Dec. 9:** *Franklins Fundraiser for Hyattsville Aging in Place*
- Dec. 15:** *Third Sunday of Advent, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 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 Service*
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Announcements

Everyone is invited downstairs for the Fellowship Meal after the service.

Franklins Fundraiser for Hyattsville Aging in Place, Dec. 9 (Tomorrow): Help support our community's senior citizens by eating or shopping at Franklins this Monday, Dec. 9. Find great stocking stuffers at the general store, dine in or carry out. Make sure to show the front host or store clerk your receipt.

Christmas Eve Choir: A choral ensemble is forming to sing at the Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will be ***Sunday Dec. 15 after church and Thursday Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.*** Please let Pastor Cindy know if you would like to sing.

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!

Volunteers needed for December 26 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (chili, cornbread, brownies) and provide fixings (shredded cheese, sour cream), fruit, and bottled water for the Day Center meal on Thursday, Dec. 26. We also need volunteers to help serve the meal. The sign up link is in the listserv announcements.

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. 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.
