



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (*Psalm 148*)

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise the LORD in the heights!

Praise the LORD, all the angels; praise the LORD, all the host!

Praise the LORD, sun and moon, all you shining stars!

Praise the LORD, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Let all praise the name of the Lord,

for the LORD commanded and they were created.

They have been established forever and ever;

their bounds fixed, they cannot pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Nobility of the earth and all peoples, presidents and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord, for the LORD's name alone is exalted; the LORD's glory is above earth and heaven.

The LORD has raised up a horn for the people, praise for all the faithful,
for the people of the kingdom who are close to the LORD.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn: 247 – *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Reflection on the Advent Wreath

Centering Breath Prayer

Confessing

Confession

Holy comes in bodies.

The Word has become flesh.

Holy comes in those who offer their bodies in faithful courage.

The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

Holy comes in the bodies of those vulnerable, excluded, despised –
who are the face of God.

**God was in the world and the world came into being through God,
yet the world did not know of God.**

Holy comes in the wisdom of our own flesh.

God came to what was God's own, and God's own people did not accept.

Holy comes in the communities of solidarity we make together.

**To all who receive God, who believe in the power of God's name,
we have power to become children of God.**

***We have embodied the Holy, God's Word made flesh. We have seen God's glory,
the glory of the beloved child, full of grace and truth.***

Hymn: 264 – *Still, Still, Still*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading

Message: **Community Reflections**

Hymn: 239 – *He Came Down*

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 (*You are invited to come forward with your offerings.*)

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 252 – *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Calendar

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

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

Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.

Youth Bowling Outing

Jan. 19: *Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday,*

11:00 a.m.

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.

Church Year Theme
Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy



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