



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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## Gathering for Worship

Prelude

### Praising

Call to Worship (*Jeremiah 31:7-14*)

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob and for Leah and Rachel  
**Proclaim, give praise and say, "Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of the chosen."**

For thus says the LORD:

I am going to bring them from the land of the north

I am going to gather them from the corners of the earth

I will bring along the vulnerable and the voiceless, the caretakers and the laborers

A great assembly shall come back here.

If they come in sorrow, with consolation I will bring them back,

I will have them walk by brooks of water,

on an easy path where they shall not stumble.

For they are my children.

**Hear the word of the LORD, O nations. Declare it in the coastlands far away. The  
LORD has gathered us and will keep us as a shepherd does a flock.**

We shall come and sing aloud on the height of the mountain

and shall be radiant over the bounty of the LORD.

Our living shall be like a watered garden and we shall no longer be in pain.

Then shall our young rejoice in the dance and our old shall be merry.

The LORD will turn our mourning into joy;

The LORD will comfort us and give us joy for sorrow.

**All: From the LORD's fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

Hymn: 261 – *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Reflection on the Advent Wreath

Centering Breath Prayer

# Confessing

Confession

Hymn: 238 – *Wisdom from on High is Dawning*

## Hearing The Word

### Epiphany Pageant

257 – Away in a Manger

250 – The First Noel

245 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

275 – O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

239 – He Came Down

252 – Go Tell It on the Mountain

Epiphany Gifts for the Children

Hymn: 259 – *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

## 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: 274 – *See Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Benediction

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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## Calendar

**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.

**Jan 26:** *Worship Service, New Member Sunday*, 11:00 a.m.

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## Announcements

**Fellowship Meal Jan. 12:** To warm us on a winter's day we are featuring your favorite Soup (crock pots would be helpful if possible) and Bread recipes. Please bring plenty to share! Other comfort foods will also be accepted.

**Adult Ed Resumes Jan. 12:** Our winter adult Ed course, "Apocalypse Now" will begin on January 12 and run through March. We will be exploring apocalyptic literature in the Bible with an emphasis on the book of Revelation, using J. Nelson Kraybill's book *Apocalypse and Allegiance*. It is not strictly necessary to buy the book, though there will be some copies available. We will explore this genre and its political and theological significance historically, as well as its relevance for the moment we find ourselves in.

**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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