



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship

Welcome, all wandering hearts.

**We come greeting friends and meeting strangers,
wearing our joy and bearing our grief,
sighing our questions and trying our faith.**

Welcome to the wilderness of Lent -

**where pretense is laid down;
where grace abounds;
where home is found.**

Welcome, all wandering hearts, to worship.

Hymn: 309 – *Fill Us with Your Feast*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

For the violence we enact and the violence we allow, **God have mercy.**

For the ways we limit the freedom of others. **God have mercy.**

For our failure to fully live out the freedom you give us. **God have mercy.**

In the moments we run away. **God have mercy.**

In the moments we settle in. **God have mercy.**

When we cannot bear to watch others suffer, **God have mercy.**

And in your mercy, God, let us find our home in you, **wherever we may wander.**

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 604 – *Nada de Turbe*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading
Genesis 16:1-16

Message: ***Prone to Wander: Wilderness Vistas***

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: 190 – *The God of Sarah Praise*

Communion

Hymn: 482 – *Let Us Break Bread*

Hymn: 476 – *Eat This Bread*

Responding

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Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

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Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 23 – *Come Walk with Us*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Calendar

Mar. 15: *Back Swamp Workday*, 8:30-12:00 p.m.

Mar. 16: *2nd Sunday of Lent*, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Shirli Hughes Concert, 4:00 p.m.

Mar. 23: *3rd Sunday of Lent*, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 30: *4th Sunday of Lent*, Qiana Johnson preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Lent Offering: During Lent, HMC is fundraising and gathering volunteers for Life After Release, a nonprofit dedicated to criminal justice reform, reentry programs, and second-chance support for formerly incarcerated individuals. Our goal is to fundraise \$10,000 for LAR's Surviving Justice Retreat. To donate, you can either write a check with LAR in the memo and place it in the LAR donation basket or visit <https://givebutter.com/life-after-release>. To volunteer for a LAR program, please see our fliers in the foyer.

Back Swamp Season 2: Join us for the first Back Swamp workday of 2025: **Sat. March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to noon!** This is year 2 of the habitat restoration project in the area behind the HMC parking lot. Winter is a great time for invasive removal, and there is still plenty of

work to do. Bring gloves, loppers, clippers, shovels. We will have some extras too. And there will be baked goods!

Shirli Hughes Concert, March 16: Shirli Hughes and Friends will present a concert at HMC of uplifting music, "Praising our way through." Free concert, donations accepted. The last time Shirli was here the place was packed out. You don't want to miss it! Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Youth Fundraiser Save the Date: HMC Youth will be hosting a FUNdraiser at the church on Saturday, March 29th at 6 p.m. More details coming soon!

Volunteers needed for March 27 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 meal on Thu. March 27 at the [PG Plaza Day Center](#). We also need volunteers to help serve the meal. Sign up with the link in the listserv announcements.

Church Year Theme

Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy



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