



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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## Gathering For Worship

Prelude

### Praising

Call to Worship

One: We gather together in this place:

**Many: prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,**

One: we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

**Many: we who dare to dream God's dream.**

One: We watch with Malachi and John.

**Many: God's peace will soon appear.**

One: The hills and valleys will meet,

**Many: and all things will be at rest.**

One: We long for a world restored, renewed.

**Many: The fire of God's justice burns in our hearts.**

One: Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

**All: We have come to wonder and praise.**

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: The birth of Jesus has been told and retold a thousand times and in a thousand ways. Its impact cannot be contained in any one perspective. But who is telling the story changes how we hear it, how we imagine it, how we experience it.

**All: We light the candle of hope because hope creates a path for a new, unknown story to unfold.**

Leader: Close your eyes for a moment...

**All: Today, we also light the candle of peace because peace requires us to pay attention to the needs of those around us.**

## Confessing

Confession

Hymn: 212 – *Comfort, Comfort O My People*

Words of Assurance

## Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Message: **Dreaming of Peace**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 797 – *We are People of God's Peace*

## Responding

Responding to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.*

Praying Together

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

Ministry of Giving

Advent Offering: Congregation Action Network (CAN)

Children's Offering

*children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time*

Offertory

*You are invited to bring your offering forward at this time*  
Prayer of Dedication

## Sending

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

Benediction

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

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## Calendar

**Dec.10:** 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal

**Dec. 14:** Third Sunday in Advent, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11 a.m.

Adult Ed: *Making it Plain* book study, 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Sketchers: all ages welcome, 9:45 a.m.

Christmas Fellowship Meal: 12 p.m.

Mennonite Action Training: following the meal 2:00 – 5:00pm

Youth Christmas Party: following the meal 1:00 – 3:00pm

**Dec. 16:** Franklins Fundraiser benefiting the Day Center – ALL DAY

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## Announcements

**Advent offering:** This year our advent offering supports Congregation Action Network (CAN). Our offerings go to support the hiring of a community organizer who can help CAN expand the work of connecting with the immigrant community, advocating for themselves

and strengthening their community connections. We hope to contribute at least \$5,000 to CAN in this season.

**Franklins Fundraiser benefiting the Day Center:** Tues. Dec. 16, ALL DAY in the store and the restaurant. Come shop and eat at Franklin's and support the PG Plaza Day center at the same time. Franklin's will donate 20% of your bill to the Day Center. (Let the server or host know you are supporting CUCE/Day Center.)