



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship

Inspired by Psalm 40:1-11

Leader: We come to worship our God, who hears our cries and lifts us from the depths.

People: We gratefully gather for worship, trusting in their unfailing love.

Leader: They have put a new song in our mouths, a hymn of praise to our God.

People: Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him.

Leader: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud or to those who turn to false gods.

People: We come to worship our loving God, ready to sing of their goodness and grace!

Hymn: 80 – *We Sing to You, O God*

Lighting the Peace Candle

Confessing

Silence

Confession

Divine Creator, we come before you asking for your help, your power, and your Spirit – that our lives may be shaped day by day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we often fear what is different.

We admit that it is easier to lock the doors of our community than to open our hearts to those who do not look like us, love like us, or vote like us.

We acknowledge that we have not fully lived into your call to share an abundant life and unconditional love with all.

Yet we trust in your power to turn our hearts toward a more inclusive way of living.

Give us courage where we are hesitant, grace where we are guarded, and hope where we are weary.

Grant us the energy, the wisdom, the imagination, and the love

to be your people – in every place we go, in every choice we make, and in every relationship we have.

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 808 – *Between Darkness and Light*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Children are invited to Children's Church downstairs. Those under 4 are welcome with a trusted adult helper.

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42

Message: **Showing up**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 595 – *When the Storms of Life are Raging*

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
Offering
Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 809 – *Sing a New World into Being*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

Calendar

TODAY: Open House Book Talk, 4 – 6 p.m.

Jan. 19: Little Friends for Peace MLK Event, 1-3:30 p.m.

Jan. 24: Youth Mystery Dinner, 6 p.m.

Jan. 25: Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Hospitality Night

Jan. 29: PG Day Center Meal (Volunteers still needed)

Announcements

Open House Book Talk: TODAY Jan. 18, 4 – 6 p.m. Come join in celebrating the publication of Cathy Hiebert Kerst's book, *California Gold*, detailing the journeys, music, and stories encountered by her subject, Sidney Robertson, during the 1930's, the height of the New Deal.

Little Friends for Peace MLK Day Event: Mon. Jan. 19, 1-3:30 p.m. Holy Redeemer's Social Hall, 206 New York Ave NW, DC 20001. There will be a drum circle and activities for all ages.

Responding to the Unraveling of Civil Rights: A new Adult Education series begins February 1st titled and led by the Racial Justice Group (RJG). As we watch our liberties, constitutional order, and progressive progress dismantle before our eyes, the RJG wants to take a step back to explore the Why of how we got here as well as the Hope for how to rebuild. After months of discussions, we decided on exploring 5 key topics (the criminal legal system, public health, education, climate science, and immigration) featuring some of our own experts at HMC as well as outstanding guest speakers. Rather than depress or overwhelm us, we want this to be a time of reflection and hope. A general introduction, overview and open discussion will begin on February 1st at 9:45 in the foyer. Dates for the series are February 1, 8 and 15 and March 1, 8 and 15.

Youth Mystery Dinner: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a Mystery Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall. During a mystery dinner, you select your courses from a list of random key words that correspond to foods and meal utensils. RSVP by Jan. 22.

Hospitality Night: Sun. Jan. 25. Hospitality Night 2026 is here! Gather around a table with your fellow HMCer's for a time of fellowship and food. RSVP by Jan. 16.

PG Day Center Meal: Thurs. Jan. 29. We still need volunteers to prepare dishes (cornbread, brownies) and provide fixings (shredded cheese, sour cream), fruit, and bottled water for the meal at the PG Plaza Day Center. We're also seeking volunteers to help serve the meal.