



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:

All: prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,

One: we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

All: we who dare to dream God's dream.

One: We witness with Anna.

All: Jesus is our hope!

One: We hold fast to our faith,

All: trusting God's promises.

One: Young and old, declare it together:

All: love is born and salvation is here!

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

All: We have come to wonder and praise.

Hymn: 261 – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Celebrating the Christ Candle

Leader: Jesus is born!

All: Immanuel! God is with us!

Leader: So, what is different?...

All: Immanuel, God-with-us, thank you for being present when life unravels and giving us the strength to keep going toward your blessings.

Confessing

Confession

One: Longing to see God's promised salvation,
we confess our sins and pray for peace in our hearts.

**All: God of the covenant,
you inspire all people to sing your praises
and to proclaim your justice.**

We confess that we make judgments
about which voices are worthy.
We ignore the witness of those whose narratives
make us uncomfortable or skeptical.
We favor the voices of majority populations.
We privilege ideas that reinforce our own opinions
and validate our own experiences.
Make us better listeners,
ready to encounter your messages
and your presence in all people.
We pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Words of Assurance.

Hymn: 245 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Community Conversations: **Star Words**

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: 249 – *Angels We Have Heard On High*

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

Children's Offering

Children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time.

Offering

You are invited to bring your offering forward at this time.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 258 – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12

Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon

10:15-21 Ephesians

1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Calendar

Jan. 4: Epiphany Pageant, 11 a.m.

Jan. 11: Fellowship Meal, 12 p.m.

Announcements

Scripture Sketchers: During the season of Advent, in lieu of kids Sunday school, people of all ages are invited to come to the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. to read a scripture story together and create a dramatic sketch to act out during the morning's worship service.

Making it Plain book study: Adult Ed will discuss Drew Hart's new book Making it Plain: Why we need Anabaptism and the Black Church. Resumes Jan. 4.

Comforters Group: The HMC Comforter Group will take a holiday break after Wed. Dec. 17, resuming on Wed. Jan. 7. As always, anyone is welcome to join us in the New Year! Ask Saundra Plett for details.