



# 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 listen with Joseph,

**All: guided by faith and dreams.**

One: In fear or in flight,

**All: God is our refuge.**

One: By the light of a star,

**All: God guides us on the way.**

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

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

Hymn: 272 – *Hail The Blessed Morn*

Celebrating the Christ Candle

One: Jesus is born!

**All: Immanuel! God is with us!**

One: The world 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: Answering God's call,  
let us confess our sins  
and recommit ourselves  
to God's pathways of righteousness.

**All: God of refuge,  
we confess that we are  
captive to the political and economic realities  
that cause neighbors to live in uncertainty and fear.  
We are slow to show hospitality to the immigrant  
and reluctant to risk our privilege  
for the sake of advocacy and generosity.  
Grant us humility and courage,  
and stir up in us a renewed commitment  
to holy resistance,  
for the sake of those seeking refuge.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
Amen.**

## Words of Assurance.

Hymn: 273 – *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

Cynthia Lapp

# Hearing the Word

## Epiphany Pageant

People of All Ages

Hymn: 257 – *Away in a Manger*

Hymn: 250 – *The First Noel, the Angel Did Say*

Hymn: 245 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn: 275 – *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Hymn: 239 – *He Came Down*

Hymn: 252 – *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Special Music: *Look at that Star (Look-A That Star)*

Choir

## 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 to CAN

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: 274 – *See Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Benediction

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 42:1-9      Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43      Matthew 3:13-17

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# Calendar

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

**Jan. 18:** Cynthia Lapp Preaches

**Jan. 24:** Youth Mystery Dinner, 6 p.m. (RSVP by Thurs. Jan.)

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

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## Announcements

**Fellowship Meal** **Jan. 11:** To warm us up on a winter's day, we'll be featuring everyone's favorite soup and bread recipes! Please bring plenty to share. Other comforting foods are also welcome and appreciated.

***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*.

**Comforters Group:** The HMC Comforter Group will resume on Wed. Jan. 7. As always, anyone is welcome to join us in the New Year!