Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Youth Gathering: All kids in grades 3-5 are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall right at the beginning of worship to have a time of connection before children's time.

Gathering For Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call To Worship

One: We are a covenant people,
called to God by God,
generation through generation
Many: We are a covenant people,
called to Jesus by Jesus,
losing our life to gain our life
Together: We are a covenant people,
called to church by the church,
weaving together the strong and the weak,
the stranger and the friend
Renamed
Reborn
Renewed. We gather ourselves in the community of believers.
We gather ourselves unto you.

Hymn: 1 – *Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession (adapted from Leviticus 19: 33-34)

Our God says: Do not mistreat the foreigners who reside in your land.
Yet we create barriers, physical and mental.
Our God says: The foreigner who lives among you must be treated like one of your own.
Yet we find ways to separate and divide ourselves.
Our God says: Love them as you love yourself, for you too were a foreigner in the land of Egypt.
Yet we forget the love that calls us to be one.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 392 – *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome to join Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall after Children's Time. Children under 4 are welcome to attend with a trusted adult.

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-40

Sermon: **Sharing a Faith Journey** Matthias Seisay

Congregational Response: VT 932

Hymn: 162 – *The Love of God*

Responding

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something or raise your hand to have a mic brought to you.

Praying Together

Life of the Church
Welcoming our Guests
Announcements

The Ministry of Giving
Children's Offering: *Children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time.*
Offering
Offertory:
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 816 – *Guide My Feet*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Calendar

TONIGHT: Congregational Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Fri. Nov. 20: HMC Kitchen open for bake sale preparations during the day
Fall Bazaar Setup, afternoon
Sat. Nov. 21: Hyattsville International Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 22: Jes Buller from SembrandoPaz preaches
Thurs. Nov. 26: Thanksgiving, HMC office closed
PG Day Center Thanksgiving Meal
Fri. Nov. 27: HMC office closed
Sun. Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent, Communion, Cynthia Lapp preaches

Announcements

Open Kitchen: On Friday, Nov 20 the kitchen will be available for those who want to bake during the day. We'll be closing the kitchen by late afternoon to make space for the sale setup.

Annual Congregational Meeting: TODAY, November 15, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we discuss and approve the budget for 2027 and prepare for the 75th anniversary next year with facilitator Bethany Williams. Bethany is helping us gather stories for a video that will be produced. Light refreshments will be provided by the hospitality committee. Childcare will be available.

Adult Ed Special Session on AI: Please join us in the foyer at 9:45 a.m. on December 6th before the service for a special adult ed session on appropriate uses of AI/Large Language Models in our church life. The church council is interested in learning more about the interests and concerns of the congregation as they consider guidelines on how our services should be conducted to best serve our people and our mission. Our goal will be to determine how we should evaluate potential use of technology in visual arts, committee work, peace lamp, and other aspects of church life. Contact Frank if you have any questions or are interested in participating!

New name, same opportunity to support artisans! Hyattsville International Fall Bazaar at Hyattsville Mennonite Church: Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. See insert or flyer in the foyer for more information.

PG Plaza Day Center Thanksgiving Meal: This month HMC is providing the Thanksgiving Meal for the Day Center. We need volunteers to prepare sides (macaroni and cheese, green beans, pumpkin pies, whipped cream, cranberry sauce, fruit, water). Other sides are welcome, but we do want to get the basics covered first. We're also seeking several volunteers to help serve the meal. Link to sign up on the listserv. If you have questions, contact Holly in the office.

Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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All staff are off Mon.

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