Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call To Worship

In God's house,
we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.
In God's house,
we may come exactly as we are.
In God's house,
we dare to hope. We dream new dreams. We cry out. We call upon God.
In God's house,
all are welcome and all are heard.
So come and worship.
God is here. God is listening.
Let us worship our *with us* God.

Hymn: 62 – *God is Here among Us*

Lighting the Advent I Candle

Song: *Hold On*

Confessing

Confession

Holy God,
we have been known—
to bite our tongues,
to work through a broken heart,
to don our favorite rose-colored glasses.
We have been known—
to look for the bright side,
to sweep the pain under the rug,
to choose ignorance for the benefit of bliss.
We have been known to keep the hurt in our heart to ourselves.
Forgive us for filtering our honesty.
Forgive us for ignoring the power of lament.
Forgive us for not turning to you first.
Remind us that you are a God who listens
and you are a God who restores.
With open hearts, we pray. Amen.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 228 – *Wait for the Lord*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9 & Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Sermon: **Until the Dawn: Cry Out** Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 485 – *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*

Service of Communion

You are invited to come down the center aisle, receive the bread, and dip it in the cup and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please request the non-gluten option. Michelle will be offering prayers of blessing and healing to anyone who would like to receive them.

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: 205 – *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Calendar

Sat. Dec. 5:	Church Workday, 8:30 a.m. - noon
Sun. Dec. 6:	Advent II – Michelle Burkholder preaches Adult Ed Special Session on AI, 9:45 a.m. No Intergenerational Sunday School
Sun. Dec. 13:	Advent III – Doris Bartel & Judy Walsh-Mellett share
Sat. Dec. 19:	Youth Event: Save the Date! Search for the Christ Child & Youth Christmas Party
Sun. Dec. 20:	Advent IV – Cynthia Lapp preaches
Thurs. Dec. 24:	Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

Announcements

Advent Offering: Our advent offering this year will go to CAN, Congregation Action Network as it expands and deepens its organizing work, leadership development and congregational engagement across the DMV. For the first time in ten years CAN has an Executive Director AND a full-time organizer to facilitate the building of collective power, supporting local immigrant communities. We have a goal of raising $6000 this season. Thanks for your generosity.

HMC Workday: Saturday, December 5, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. We will be working outside raking, trimming, and chopping. Please bring gloves, clippers, loppers, rakes, shovels, and any other yard tools you have. Coffee and donuts will be provided!

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.

Fellowship Meal: Sunday, December 13. Join in on the Joyful fellowship and delicious holiday food at our Christmas Fellowship Meal. Please bring your favorites to share.

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

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