

**HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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November 27, 2022 Advent 1 Sunday (Year A)

Rev. Monica Banks – Pastor



PRELUDE :	Matt Dohm
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Elder
MISSION STATEMENT	
OPENING PRAYER	Rev. Banks
ADVENT CANDLE MOMENT	Howards
*HYMN: "All Earth Is Waiting "	#139 v1,2
All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and open furrows, the sowing of our God. All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth. Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, "A virgin mother will bear Immanuel": one whose name is "God with us," our Savior shall be, through whom hope will blossom once more within our hearts.	
RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 122	Liturgist
*GLORIA PATRI: <i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end! Amen. Amen.</i>	
FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5	Liturgist
*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44	Liturgist
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . Thanks Be To God	
HYMN: "Hope of the World"	#538 v1,5
Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion; speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent; save us, your people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign did conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to your gospel glorious; you are our Christ and you forever reign!	
SERMON:	Rev. Banks
"Are we willing" Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44	

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Banks

The Eucharist – the Giving and Receiving of Gifts

INVITATION AND RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Elder

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Elder

COMMUNION HYMN:

#398

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood, that living bread, that heaven-ly wine, be our immortal food.

We practice an Open Table!

All who believe are welcome to share the sacrament!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Banks

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#389

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Elder

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & THE CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Elder

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done – on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN:** "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" #129 v1,3

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold the glorious Ruler waits! The Sovereign One is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you; here, Christ, abide! Let us your inner presence feel, your grace and love in us reveal.

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Banks

POSTLUDE:

Matt Dohm

Sharing in the spirit of fellowship (on Zoom)

All

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

November 27, 2022 Wilson Boulevard Christian Church, Arlington, VA
Sarah Driver, Egypt

November 20, 2022 Miranda asked prayers for Morse Wooster who died in a hit-and-run accident. He had introduced her parents to each other. Monica remembers the shooting in Colorado at an LGPTQ club, and Richmond VA 7th street church. Beth—prayers for Christina Stelljes - her mom with health issues and dad Pat. Gabriele—prayers of sister Adelle who is looking for housing; and happy to have had a ballet class on Friday (and still sore from it). Deb Flook remembers all those travelling for Thanksgiving holidays, Deb Blair said her family is all gathering in Florida—traveling by car(s). Ginny is dealing with various ills.

November 13, 2022 Debbie asked prayers for her sister Doreen, who is facing health issues. Rebecca said her dad, Kory Fustle, has cancer. Barb's joy is that she was able to join this service today; and her knees are doing better. Hugh commented that the temperature in Driggs Idaho is 7 degrees (where Chuck and Pierrette are) - wishing them well.

November 6, 2022 Prayers for the celebration of the life of Martha Cooley—the service and luncheon will commence at noon today. Thanks for all who have helped with cleaning and setting up for the service.

October 30, 2022 Debbie Flook asked that we add her neighbors, Bonnie and Hoody Geisbert to our prayer chain. Pam was glad her neighbor Pricilla was here with her. Mary said she has postponed her knee surgery to early next year.

October 23, 2022 Mary asks prayers for the loved ones of Ellen Raswell who died of breast cancer a week ago. Monica had a joy of seeing her daughter in NY and seeing a Broadway play “ the Kite Runner”. (Matt had also recently been in NY) Miranda shared her apprehension for her mom's upcoming surgery and asked prayers for guidance and recovery.

A cure to cancer and those who are living with it: Dana Miller; Elaine Silver; Tammy Lynn; Mary Jodrie; Gillian Anderson; Fred Stockum; Ron Chalfant; Eddie's sister; Sharon Turman, David Stickerod, Bonnie and Hoody Geisbert.

November Celebrations:

Birthdays: 11/4 Andy Blair, 11/6 David Stickerod, 11/10 Kris Wilson
11/21 Jack Sweeney, 11/.. Rebecca Turman

Anniversaries: none listed



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

November 27, 2022

Sermon Schedule

November 27, 2022 "Are we willing? Isaiah 2:1-5 & Matthew 24:36-44

Our Web Site: HyattstownChristianChurch.org

Our Region's Web Site: CCCADisciples.org

**Advent Begins November 27th
(Devotional materials have been printed)**

**Wednesday Advent devotional Zoom sessions being
planned for 11-12:30**

Blue Christmas – December 21st

Christmas Day Service (a Sunday) will be at 10AM

----- Mission Statement -----

"Hyattstown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the little church with the big heart. We are an Open and Affirming welcoming group of individuals seeking to bring God's love and service to our broader community, meeting people where they are."

CCLI—license numbers 20917473 & 20917480

SERVING SCHEDULE

Servers	November 27, 2022	December 4, 2022	December 11, 2022
Elder:	Debbie Blair	Debbie Flook	Gail Howard
Deacons:	E. Flook	P. McIntire	C. McIntire
Liturgist:	Beth Sweeney	Chris Moore	Hugh Howard

**Attendance for November 20, 2022: 22(6-zoom)
October – General Fund Collection (w/Zelle) – \$5978
Southside – \$2100, Feed the hungry – \$100
Network for Good – \$600, Reconciliation - \$100
Building Fund – \$3600, Cooley Memorial – \$200**

Around the Church:

November 2022

I thought I would add this area as a way to update folks on a variety of items of interest, that you might not have heard of.

11/1/22 -Painting on Northside began on Tuesday, November 1st.

11/6/22—The painting in Northside is completed. Next effort will be to replace the flooring.

- The roof replacement work is currently scheduled for January 2023.

-On Saturday, Eddie and Hugh replaced the sump pump in the church kitchen (It failed just as the cleaning effort was under-way).(Eddie did most of the dirty work).

-Thanks to Andy and Debbie for bringing us a PC monitor to replace one damaged a few weeks ago.

- We had 80+ folks attend the memorial service—around 60 stayed for the luncheon.

11/13/22—We will be decorating the church for Advent after services next Sunday.

- Gail said the Food Pantry continues to be active; needing fruit cans.

- Flooring has been installed at Northside; Eddie and Walt and Hugh are working on various electrical, plumbing, and cosmetic facility updating.

11/20/22—The church is now decorated for the Advent season; It was fun to have both old and new church folks pitch in and help. Pam and husband Victor and Gabriel joined in for their first Advent decorating with us.

Advent Candle Liturgies

1st Advent

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

(Light Candle)

**All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to
the healing light of Christ.**

Show us the creative power of hope.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Benediction/Commission and Blessing

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—

For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,

And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

The good news of Advent is this:

Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.

We will go forth from this place in hope.