

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

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December 11, 2022 Advent 3 Sunday (Year A)

Rev. Monica Banks – Pastor



<b>PRELUDE :</b>	Matt Dohm
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Elder
<b>MISSION STATEMENT</b>	
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Rev. Banks
<b>ADVENT CANDLE MOMENT</b>	Beth Sweeney
<b>*HYMN:</b> <i>"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"</i> #130 v 1,3,5	
My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise. God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways. From age to age, to all who fear, such mercy love imparts, dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts. Praise God whose loving covenant supports those in distress, remembering past promises with present faithfulness.	
<b>RESPONSIVE READING</b> Psalm 146: 5-10        Liturgist	
<b>*GLORIA PATRI:</b>	
<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>	
<b>FIRST READING:</b> Isaiah 35: 1-10        Liturgist	
<b>*GOSPEL READING:</b> Matthew 11: 2-11        Liturgist	
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . <b>Thanks Be To God</b>	
<b>CHOIR:</b> <i>"Angel's Carol"</i>	
<b>SERMON:</b>	Rev. Banks
<i>"The Magnificat"</i>	Matthew 11: 2-11

**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 heavenly 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:**        *"Awake! Awake! And Greet the New Morn"*        #138

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning, sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us for ever.

**BENEDICTION:**

Rev. Banks

**POSTLUDE:**

Matt Dohm

Sharing in the spirit of fellowship (on Zoom)

All

## SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

**December 11, 2022** Winchester Avenue Christian Church, Martinsburg, VA

Alex Maldonado, Columbia

**December 4, 2022** Monica said Gabrielle is home, her mother is doing ok, the family dynamics continue; also her daughter will be coming for Christmas. Hugh said Gail I home with the flu. Debbie Blair said Ben was laid off at work – prayers for him as he searches for work; Meghan does have a broken elbow, will see a doctor soon. Debbie Flook said Pam is at a breakfast with Santa – she made the bows for our balcony greenery. Ginny is thankful that her daughter and son-in-law were home for Thanksgiving.

**November 27, 2022** Miranda asks prayers for Bob Burrows' family, wife Deb and son Matthew – Bob died this past week. Debbie Flook is happy to have her niece from North Carolina visiting with her today. Barb asked prayers for the Erhlers family, and wife Marge (w/cancer). And a joy that her grand-daughter (a nurse) turns 29 today. Joyce said her sister-in-law has COVID (Sherry) - prayers for the family.

**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. Gabrielle – 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.

*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.*

### December Celebrations:

**Birthdays:** 12/3 Nick Cooley, 12/4 Janet Reister, 12/20 Lorenzo York, 12/22 Hugh Howard, 12/22 David Smith, 12/25 Sharon Turman

**Anniversaries:** none listed



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

December 11, 2022

### *Sermon Schedule*

December 11, 2022 "The Magnificat" Matthew 11: 2-11

**Our Web Site: [HyattstownChristianChurch.org](http://HyattstownChristianChurch.org)**

**Our Region's Web Site: [CCCADisciples.org](http://CCCADisciples.org)**

**Wednesday Advent devotional Zoom sessions begin at 11AM**

**Blue Christmas – December 21st 7:PM**

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

**Annual Congregation Meeting (TBA)**

----- 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	December 11, 2022	December 18, 2022	December 25, 2022
Elder:	Gail Howard	Hugh Howard	Chris Moore
Deacons:	C. McIntire	W. Moore	S. Stickerod
Liturgist:	Hugh Howard	Gail Howard	Ginny Wagner

**Attendance for December 04, 2022: 19 (6-zoom)**

**November – General Fund Collection (w/o Zelle) – \$8641**

**Southside – \$2100, Thanksgiving – \$100**

**State Farm (Ins) – \$936.82, Building Fund \$11,000**

**Christmas Families – \$80, Cooley Memorial – \$600**

**Around the Church:**

**December 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.

12/4/22—Work on Northside continues. A ‘lead’ test is scheduled to be performed on Tuesday the 6th

**3<sup>rd</sup> Advent**

We have lit the first two candles, one for Hope and one for Peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of Joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

(Three candles are lit.)

**All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you,  
trusting that this is how you made us:  
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,  
but must be shared.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**