

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

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December 18, 2022 Advent 4 Sunday (Year A)

Rev. Monica Banks – Pastor



PRELUDE :	Matt Dohm
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Elder
MISSION STATEMENT	
OPENING PRAYER	Rev. Banks
ADVENT CANDLE MOMENT	
*HYMN: "When God Is a Child "	#132 v1,3,4
Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.	
Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.	
Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.	
RESPONSIVE READING	Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 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:	Romans 1: 1-7 Liturgist
*GOSPEL READING:	Matthew 1: 18-25 Liturgist
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . <b>Thanks Be To God</b>	
CHOIR:	"Carol for the Baby"
SERMON:	Rev. Banks
"Love And Love Some More" Matthew 1: 18-25	

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

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.

**BENEDICTION:** Rev. Banks

**POSTLUDE:** Matt Dohm

Sharing in the spirit of fellowship (on Zoom) All

## SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

**December 18, 2022** Aspen Hill Christian Church, Aspen Hill, MD

Fiona Kendall, Italy

**December 11, 2022** Chris asked prayers for Walt who is hospitalized with an infection. Debbie Blair wishes Chris a happy birthday and note that Meghan's arm is in a sling and will not need surgery. Debbie Flook said the twins (grandchildren) are both on the high school wrestling team. Monica asked prayers for a friend who's child died recently. Hugh's prayers - son-in-law Chris Boyes (Adrienne's husband) was found dead in his hotel room this week – in Frederick.

**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.

*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 18, 2022

### Sermon Schedule

December 18, 2022 "Love And Love Some More" Matthew 1: 18-25

**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 7PM**

**Christmas Eve Service will be at 10AM**

**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	December 18, 2022	December 25, 2022	January 1, 2023
Elder:	Hugh Howard	Chris Moore	Ginny Wagner
Deacons:	W. Moore	S. Stickerod	B. Sweeney
Liturgist:	Gail Howard	Ginny Wagner	M. Barrientos

**Attendance for December 11, 2022: 21 ( 8-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

**4<sup>th</sup> Advent**

We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us. (Four candles are lit.)

**All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.**

**As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.**

**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.**

**Magnify your love within us.**

**Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,**

**That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**