

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

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December 25, 2022 Christmas Sunday (Year A)

Rev. Monica Banks – Pastor



PRELUDE :	Matt Dohm
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Elder
MISSION STATEMENT	
OPENING PRAYER	Rev. Banks
ADVENT CANDLE MOMENT	
*HYMN: "Joy To the World" #143	
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.	
RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 96	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 9:2-7	Liturgist
*GOSPEL READING: Luke 2: 1-14	Liturgist
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . <b>Thanks Be To God</b>	
CHOIR: "TBD"	
SERMON: Rev. Banks	
"The Traditional Smells of Christmas" Luke 2: 1-14	

**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: "There's a Song in the Air" #159 v1,3**

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the angle choirs sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng, and we welcome the glorious gospel they bring, and we greet in the cradle our savior and king.

**BENEDICTION:** Rev. Banks

**POSTLUDE:** Matt Dohm

Sharing in the spirit of fellowship (on Zoom) All

## SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

**December 25, 2022** Beaver Creek Christian Church, Hagerstown, MD  
Shelby Perez, Palestine

**December 18, 2022** Gabrielle asked prayers for her family. Pam – prayers for Cooper, a 3-year old with Leukemia; and missing loved ones this season. Barb is thankful that Wayne’s hop replacement went well and that his children are home to help him; her bunion surgery is doing better; currently has 5 inches of snow and below ‘0’ temps. Chris said Walt is doing well and will be on antibiotics for a few weeks; prayers for Paul Jeffries – quadruple bypass surgery. Debbie Flook said flu and other ailments are ‘going around’. Beth is thankful for the help of others. Gail is thankful for all the gifts received for children – we will be delivering them tomorrow. Joyce said her niece, Phyllis, has lung cancer.

**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 25, 2022

### Sermon Schedule

**December 25, 2022 "The Traditional Smells of Christmas" Luke 2: 1-14**

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

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

**Feed the Hungry schedule for 2023  
May 27th, June 24th, July 8th, August 12th.**

----- 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 25, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 8, 2023
Elder:	Chris Moore	Ginny Wagner	Stacey Wilson
Deacons:	S. Stickerod	B. Sweeney	M. Barrientos
Liturgist:	Ginny Wagner	M. Barrientos	John Wilson

**Attendance for December 18, 2022: 20 (7-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

12/20/22—Eddie continues to fill out the paperwork that annually registers our rental properties with Montgomery County.

## **CHRISTMAS**

Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this last one, the Christ candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

[All candles are lit.]

**All: We rejoice in God’s steadfast presence in our lives, and in God’s unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth – born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, Be born in us this day, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.**