

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

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April 30, 2023 Easter 4 (Year A)



PRELUDE : Matt Dohm
ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder
MISSION STATEMENT
OPENING PRAYER Rev. Banks

***HYMN:** "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" #70 v1,2,3

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars. How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise? God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast. How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save? God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave. How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 23 Liturgist

***GLORIA PATRI:** *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.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47 Liturgist

***GOSPEL READING:** John 10:1-10 Liturgist
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . **Thanks Be To God**

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" #33 v1
O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power through-out the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou are, how great thou art! then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou are, how great thou art!

SERMON: Rev. Banks
"Re-orienting of Christian Community" Acts 2:42-47

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: "Come to the Table of Grace"

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
(Second verse use 'Love')

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:** "When, in Awe of God's Creation" #688 v1,4

When, in awe of God's creation, we view earth from outer space, this mysterious, floating marble, strewn with clouds and bathed in grace, how can we not pause in wonder, seeing earth as one and whole? As we heal our proud divisions, may earth's healing be our goal.
Now we face the unknown future, challenged by the work at hand. Still the God of all creation summons us with one command: "Love each other!" Will we do it? "Love each other!" Wars might cease! "Love each other!" Justice follows: "Love each other!" there is peace!

BENEDICTION: Rev. Banks

POSTLUDE: Matt Dohm

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

April 30, 2023 Garfield Memorial Christian Church, Mclean, VA
Eleazar Fernandez, Philippines

April 23, 2023 Andrew shared his joy of now being 'published'. Gabby's show is coming up next month. Barb asked continued prayers for brother Gary – he is being moved to a skilled nursing facility with hopes he can improve in strength to allow him to fly home. Debbie Blair reported a joy that Meghan's first week of 'self-employment' is over; Andy has been with his brother this week and heading home now; Ben continues his job search; and Deb has been with friends. Monica is dealing with dental woes; a joy that her son turned 27 yesterday. Debbie Flook asks prayers for sister Diana Miller, awaiting biopsy results from mammogram.

April 16, 2023 Matt is thankful for friends who came to his rescue at late hours. Chris' joy is that the twins turned two years old on Friday. Joyce's friend Debbie Diamond's mother died on Easter morning. Debbie Blair asks prayers for Janice Seaman who is back on cancer treatments; also Greg and Trish, friends in Florida, lost three family members in one week. Barb said that her brother Gary in Texas is now in rehab and unable to walk – prayers for her sister-in-law. Andrew offers thanks for all, remembering his dad, Bob, who died eight years ago. Ann reminds us that COVID continues to infect folks. Monica is dealing with dental emergencies.

April 9, 2023 Mary shared a joy of updating us on Kenya, the young woman whom Jeff introduced us to; she has a new baby boy – with whom the father is being supportive of. Debbie Flook was thankful for the joys of this morning's gathering and breakfast: prayers for John Main who has COVID as well as other health issues. Beth says that Lucas now has a tentative job – hoping all goes well with this effort. Joyce celebrates the 63rd birthday of her daughter, though the relationship remains strained.

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

April Celebrations:

Birthdays: 4/15 Pat Griffith

Anniversaries: None Listed



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

April 30, 2023

Sermon Schedule

April 30 2023 "Re-orienting of Christian Community" Acts 2:42-47

Our Web Site: HyattstownChristianChurch.org

Our Region's Web Site: CCCADisciples.org

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

**Wednesday Study 7PM using the book
Mary Magdalene 'Revealed' continues**

Board Meeting is being planned for May

Pride Festival – June 24, 2023

----- 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	April 30, 2023	May 7, 2023	May 14, 2023
Elder:	Stacy Wilson	John Wilson	Debbie Flook
Deacons:	G. Johnson	P. McIntire	C. McIntire
Liturgist:	Ginny Wagner	Stacey Wilson	John Wilson

Attendance for April 23, 2023: 19 (7-zoom)
March – General Fund Collection (w/Zelle) – \$5014
Southside – \$2100, Northside – \$1700, PDF – \$10
Feed the Hungry – \$260, Region – \$50, Reg. Assem. training – \$10
Memorial – \$100, Pastor's Robe \$80

Around the Church:

March—April 2023

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.

3/5/23— The Sunday ‘soup luncheon’ was enjoyed by Monica, Beth, Andrew, Eddie and Debbie, Gail and Hugh, and Joyce and Pam.—Nice to eat with friends. Join us next week if you can.

3/12/23— Hugh was able to replace the broken screen on the office laptop. The ‘soup luncheon’ seems to have more to eat and enjoy—not that anyone’s complaining. Chris led the discussion of next week’s scripture lesson.

Planning for an Easter sunrise celebration (and breakfast) at the Flooks April 9th at 6:15AM. (3006 Roderick Rd, *Urbana*, MD). Contact Debbie for details.— Food plans seem to be well in hand, but....

4/9/23—A beautiful Easter sunrise was had as a group of us gathered with neighbors at the Flooks home at 6:15AM. Children and grandchildren joined us in a shared breakfast with good conversations and renewing of memories of past times.

4/23/23— Sadly, it appears that the Dogwood tree , planted in honor of Bob Thurman didn’t make it through this winter. I suspect the dryness got it. I’ll look for a replacement.

2023 Slate of Officers

Board Chair: Jack Sweeney with support from Beth Sweeney
Board Transition Support: Debbie Blair
Board Secretary: Miranda Barrientos
Financial Secretary: Beth Sweeney
Treasurer: Ginny Wagner
Trustees/Property: Chair ~ Eddie Flook, Debbie Flook,
Hugh Howard, Walt Moore, Scott Stickerod, Chuck McIntire
Church Office Manager (Supplies/bulletins): Hugh Howard
Technology (Website, Social Media) – Debbie Blair
Honorary Board Member: Barb Dangler

Elders:

Debbie Flook
Gail Howard
Hugh Howard
Chris Moore
Ginny Wagner
Stacy Wilson
John Wilson

Deacons:

Miranda Barrientos
Joyce Clark
Eddie Flook
Gabrielle Johnson
Pierrette McIntire
Chuck McIntire
Walt Moore
Scott Stickerod
Beth Sweeney
Andrew Turman