

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

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October 15, 2023 Proper 23 Sunday (Year A)



**PRELUDE :** Matt Dohm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Banks

**\*HYMN:** *“God Is Here!”* #280 v1,4

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you! We believe!

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 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:** Philippians 4: 1-9 Liturgist

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 22: 1-14 Liturgist

This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . **Thanks Be To God**

**HYMN:** *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* #67 v1,2,5,6

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure, sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

**SERMON:** Rev. Banks

*“Not an Ordinary Dinner Party”* Matthew 22: 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: “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** All

**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:** *“We, Your People, God, Confessing”* #356 v1

We your people, God, confessing Jesus Christ your Son as Lord, gather here in common worship praising your Incarnate Word. Through the power of Christ within us we are strengthened to proclaim gospel truth in witness, service offered in Christ’s holy name.

**BENEDICTION:** Rev. Banks

**POSTLUDE:** Matt Dohm

Sharing in the spirit of fellowship (on Zoom) All

## **SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**October 15, 2023** Christian Temple, Catonsville, Maryland  
Lydia Yang, Korea

**October 1, 2023** – Ginny’s daughter got married – wonderful event and both Ginny and Chuck were able to travel. Concern for Debbie F’s sister Diane who is having a mastectomy Thursday (updated news it went well and it looks like she is cancer free). Andy & Debbie made it home from Washington State – both got COVID and getting over it. Debbie B’s sister Diana is flying in for a visit. Continued prayers for Victor. Chuck M’s birthday is tomorrow. From the week, Pastor Monica’s best friend from High School, Steve, is grieving the loss of his dad, Dan. His mother died a few years ago. Travel blessings to Pastor Monica as she travels Monday (10/9) for the funeral and returns Tuesday.

**September 24, 2023** – Victor’s portal placement was successful & he has an app't this Wednesday for his treatment. Concern for Debbie & Andy as a trip to the ER had an impact on their vacation. Miranda asked for prayers for Darren. Gabrielle has a joy for her sister getting an apartment & she will be driving there to help her move into it & celebrate her birthday. Gail says the book study is going well - 'Dear Church' good participation, thoughtful. Ginny's dog passed away.

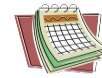
**September 17, 2023** - Barb Lang shared the joy that the pump was fixed & the well running water again. Plus travel blessings for a Convention in TX. Beth shared joy that Shannon earned a merit-based pay raise & new job title. Pastor Monica was in touch with the church in Hagerstown & able to receive a grant from them for her dental bill. (BAD Clergy group) Miranda was home & doing better after a Friday ER visit. Travel blessings Debbie & Andy & for Ginny & family to their daughter's wedding at the end of the month. Rebecca has a part-time job. Continued prayers for Victor & Chuck. Matt attending a 12th anniversary for the Global Church.

**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.**

### **October Celebrations:**

**Birthdays:** 10/2 Chuck McIntire, 10/20 Ginny Wagner, 10/21 Chuck Wagner, 10/23 Joyce Clark

**Anniversaries:** None listed



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

October 15, 2023

**Book Study has begun for Lenny Duncan’s “Dear Church”. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7 PM.**

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

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**"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	Oct 15, 2023	Oct 22, 2023	Oct 29, 2023
Elder:	Gail Howard	Stacy Wilson	Chris Moore
Deacons:	S. Stickerod	Beth Sweeney	A. Turman
Liturgist:	G. Johnson	Andrew Turman	B. Sweeney

### **Attendance for October 1, 2023 : 17**

Sept —General Fund Collection (w/Zelle)—\$3,305  
Northside/Southside—\$3800, Feed the Hungry—\$60, Book Study —\$83,  
PDF - \$300, Reconciliation - \$25, Howard Memorial - \$5000 (as of 9/26)