

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

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November 26, 2023 *First Sunday of Advent (Year B)*



PRELUDE : Matt Dohm
ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder
MISSION STATEMENT

LIGHTING OF 1st ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ.

Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Banks

*HYMN: **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”** #119 v1,4

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace. Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 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: Isaiah 64: 1-9 Liturgist

***GOSPEL READING:** Mark 13: 24-37 Liturgist
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . **Thanks Be To God**

HYMN: **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”** #140 v1

Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begin! He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free, to take away transgressions, and rule in equity.

SERMON: Rev. Banks

“Keep the light on!” Mark 13: 24-37

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!

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

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 reveal.

BENEDICTION: Rev. Banks

POSTLUDE: Matt Dohm

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

November 26, 2023 The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Capital Area Region, your Regional Board, your Regional Minister, Staff, and Volunteers Sarah Driver, Egypt

November 19, 2023 – Joyce offered that Victor was home, hoping for a nice Thanksgiving. Barb Lang said it was a great trip to Omaha, even with a support dog that did very well. She's going to be at her daughter's for Thanksgiving. Travel blessings for the Blair family as they travel to Florida to visit with family. Gabrielle's cat is having surgery this week. She's also in the Nutcracker in Westminster. Pastor Monica has more dental work to go, Dec 7th next app't. Gail said that a hi-power bb gun shot went through their sliding glass doors in the back of the house, called the police. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but lots of glass to clean up. Always grateful when the Grand children are present to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Wilson's & Howard's.

November 12, 2023 – Stacy shared joys that son Jeff & family are visiting and here today. Also her dad, David, celebrated his 93rd birthday and son had 43rd birthday. Miranda asked for prayers for Tashawna Henry's loved ones – she passed away. Also a joy that her friend Tamara found a job and friend Winny is visiting from Belgium. Prayers for Mary – she reagggravated a shoulder injury. Continued prayers for Victor. Gabrielle has 2 roles in the Nutcracker. Rehearsals are on Sundays. Pastor Monica has show info. Debbie F. is thankful for all veterans and her brother who served.

November 5, 2023 – Continued prayers for Victor. Barbara Dangler is back at Homewood. Pray for Israel-Palestine. Joy that Barbara Lang will be spending Thanksgiving with her daughter's family. Debbie F's niece, Dawn Shorttail, has had many medical issues, including herniated discs and blood clots in her lungs. Tomorrow, Diana, Debbie F's sister, will get mapped for radiation. We have received the actual funds from the grant that we will dedicate to repairing the parsonage. Monica has new neighbors: refugees from Congo, Mara and her 4 daughters; prayers that Mara's husband Isaac may join them soon. Joyce's niece Phyllis broke her hip. Beautiful weather today.

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

November Celebrations:

Birthdays: 11/4 Andy Blair, 11/6 David Stickerod, 11/14, Rebecca Turman, 11/21 Jack Sweeney, 11/22 Sandy Law

Anniversaries: None listed



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

November 19, 2023

During Advent, Pastor Monica will send out weekly excerpts from a book for devotionals.——

Feed the Hungry dates for 2024: May 11, June 15, July 13 & August 10.

Food Pantry can use food packs you get from grocery stores for the holidays.

**Our Web Site: HyattstownChristianChurch.org
Our Region's Web Site: 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."

SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Nov 26, 2023</u>	<u>Dec 3, 2023</u>	<u>Dec 10, 2023</u>
Elder:	Debbie Flook	Gail Howard	G. Wagner
Deacons:	G. Johnson	P. McIntire	C. McIntire
Liturgist:	Ginny Wagner	M. Barrientos	G. Howard

Attendance for November 19 : 27

Oct —General Fund Collection (w/Zelle)—\$10,345
Northside/Southside—\$3800, Building Fund - \$4800, PDF - \$345, Open & Affirming - \$100, General Assembly - \$5