

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

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December 10, 2023 *Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)*



**PRELUDE :** Matt Dohm  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder  
**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**LIGHTING OF 3rd ADVENT WREATH CANDLE** Dohm Family  
We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.  
**OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Banks  
**\*HYMN: “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #138 v1, 3**  
Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning, sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav’nly door and lives now inside us forever.  
Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless; love be our song and love our prayer, and love , our endless story, may God fill ev’ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory.  
**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 126 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 61: 1-4, 8-11 Liturgist  
**\*GOSPEL READING:** John 1: 6-8, 19-28 Liturgist  
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . **Thanks Be To God**  
**HYMN: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” #134 x3**  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (sung three times)

**SERMON:** “Light of God” John 1: 6-8, 19-28 Rev. Banks  
**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: “When God is a Child” #132 v3**  
Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Savior is born. 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.  
**BENEDICTION:** Rev. Banks  
**POSTLUDE:** Matt Dohm

## SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

**December 10, 2023** Aspen Hill Christian Church, Aspen Hill, MD  
Alex Maldonado, Colombia

**December 3, 2023** – Pastor Monica has major dental surgery on Thursday – prayers it goes well. Prayers for comfort for Pam and all those who love and mourn Victor. Miranda's friends Catherine and Daniel have decided to divorce. Prayers they each get the support they need. Miranda's friends Tina and Jimmy are expecting their 3<sup>rd</sup> child.

**November 26, 2023** – Prayers for Pam & all those that loved Victor – he passed away on Friday (11/24). Prayers for Diana, Debbie F's sister – chemo continues to be delayed due to other issues. Travel prayers for the Blairs & Sweeneys. Prayers for Jill (Beth met her) hired by school where she teaches, to train staff on all things LGBTQ+. She has hit some barriers with staff/principal. Joy the parsonage roof work starts Monday.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday and son had 43<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*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.*

### December Celebrations:

**Birthdays:** 12/22 Remembering Hugh Howard, 12/24 Sharon Turman

**Anniversaries:** None listed



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

December 10, 2023

During Advent, Pastor Monica is sending out weekly excerpts from a book for devotionals.———

The people who clean the church are retiring and donating their time for December. Their last day is Dec. 15. Our congregation's plan is to take on cleaning as a congregation and to budget back up in case external support is needed. Debbie Flook is coordinating.

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](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."**

### SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Dec 10, 2023</u>	<u>Dec 17, 2023</u>	<u>Dec 124, 2023</u>
Elder:	G. Wagner	C. Moore	G. Wagner
Deacons:	C. McIntire	W. Moore	S. Stickerod
Liturgist:	G. Howard	M. Barrientos	G. Johnson

### Attendance for December 3 : 14

Nov —General Fund Collection (w/Zelle)—\$4,230  
Northside/Southside—\$3800, DOC grant for roof - \$5000, PDF - \$1,012,  
Pastor Support - \$160, Christmas Families - \$25, Staff Gifts - \$50,  
Thanksgiving DMF - \$25, Christmas DMF - \$25