

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

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December 5, 2023 *Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)*



PRELUDE : Matt Dohm
ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder
MISSION STATEMENT
LIGHTING OF 2nd ADVENT WREATH CANDLE Joyce/Miranda
Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing some-thing new. And even where there is war and discord, whether be-tween countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Banks
***HYMN: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”** #119 v2,3
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge of show, and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice, Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 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 40: 1-11 Liturgist
***GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1: 1-8 Liturgist
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . **Thanks Be To God**

HYMN: “When God is a Child” #131 v2
Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. 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.

SERMON: Rev. Banks
“Prepare the Way of the Lord” Mark 1: 1-8

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: “People Look East”** #142 v1,3
People look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

BENEDICTION: Rev. Banks
POSTLUDE: Matt Dohm

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

December 3, 2023 Winchester Avenue Christian Church, Martinsburg, VA
Phyllis Byrd, Kenya

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 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 reaggravated 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



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During Advent, Pastor Monica is sending out weekly excerpts from a book for devotionals (Debbie Blair is forwarding them to all).

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>Dec 3, 2023</u>	<u>Dec 10, 2023</u>	<u>Dec 17, 2023</u>
Elder:	Gail Howard	G. Wagner	C. Moore
Deacons:	P. McIntire	C. McIntire	W. Moore
Liturgist:	M. Barrientos	G. Howard	M. Barrientos

Attendance for November 26 : 17

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