

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

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December 31, 2023 1st Sunday after Christmas (Year B)



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

***HYMN: "The First Noel"** #151 v1-4
The first Noel, the angel did say; was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night [Refrain] And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went [Refrain]

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

RESPONSIVE READING. Psalm 148 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: 10-62:3 Liturgist

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 2: 22-40 Liturgist**
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . **Thanks Be To God**

HYMN: "What Child is This?" #161 v1-3
What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the son of Mary.
Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading: [Refrain]
So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]

SERMON: Rev. Banks
"What Comes After Silent Night?" Luke 2:22-40

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: "Joy to the World" #143 v1-3**
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION: Rev. Banks

POSTLUDE: Matt Dohm

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

December 31, 2023 Happy New Year!

December 17, 2023 – Andrew shared that Sharon is recovering from her mini stroke last month - waiting for an artery surgery till it's 80% blocked – March. Talking to his son again. Beth asked for prayers for Natalie Moaadel (Dorian's Mom) who is trying to stop smoking. Blair's asked for prayers for all those who are sick this time of year – a lot is going around. Prayers for those with addiction. Miranda asked for prayers for the family of deceased Dr. Kanaiyalal Shah. Gabrielle asked for prayers for all travelers, being with family & anyone suffering from self-doubt that they are able to really enjoy these holidays. Pastor Monica & Gail enjoyed the (Maryland version) Nutcracker last weekend in which Gabrielle was dancing her heart out & loving every minute - also Pastor Monica's dental work is progressing nicely. The surprise that Pastor Monica's daughter - visiting for Christmas - AND Gabrielle's sister visiting as well – went to same college. Barb Lang asked for prayers for her Granddaughter & husband returning Stateside from their honeymoon in South Africa. Debbie Flook asked for prayers for Jean Rice recuperating from surgery. Also for continued prayers for Heather - the pain in leg/back & getting ready for another surgery

December 10, 2023 – Joyce asked for prayer for her neighbor, Sylvia - had Covid, but now is in a nursing home. Ann is concerned for Fred, her dear friend. She will be finding out more info, but he's been moved to Hospice Care. Barb has a joy for Shawna & Tom - finally able to enjoy their honeymoon in South Africa. Debbie Blair asks for prayers for the family of Ken Watters who passed away unexpectedly. Pam is grateful to all for the service for Victor, continued prayers as the family mourns. Debbie Flook is so very grateful that our church family is so strong with love & joy – Blessed. Joyce is equally grateful that Debbie & Eddie invited her to join our church family. Pastor Monica's dental procedure was delayed until this week. She is grateful that there were funds that were unexpected that covers some of it. Happy Birthday to Chris!

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 3rd child.

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: 12/10, Chris Moore, 12/22 Remembering Hugh Howard, 12/25 Sharon Turman

Anniversaries: None listed



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

December 31, 2023

The people who clean the church are retiring and donating their time for December. Their last day was 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.

Zoom Board Meeting will be Monday, Jan 8 at 7 PM. Debbie B will send out Zoom info. Budget/officers to be approved.

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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----- 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."

SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2023</u>	<u>Jan 7, 2024</u>	<u>Jan 14, 2024</u>
Elder:	S. Wilson	J. Wilson	D. Flook
Deacons:	B. Sweeney	A. Turman	E. Flook
Liturgist:	M. Barrientos	B. Sweeney	M. Barrientos

Attendance for December 24 : 40

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 (Will update #s in Jan)