

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

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January 28, 2024 4th Sunday after Epiphany (Year B)



PRELUDE : Matt Dohm

ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

STEWARDSHIP B. Sweeney

MISSION STATEMENT

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Banks

***HYMN: “We Gather Together”** #276 v1, 2

We gather together to ask for God’s blessing, to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own; the pow’rs that oppress us now cease to distress us. O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you ordaining, maintain-ing the power of life. Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story. Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife..

RESPONSIVE READING. Psalm 111 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: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 Liturgist

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 1: 21-28** Liturgist

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

HYMN: “Hear Am I” #654 v 1, 3

Here am I, where underneath the bridges of our winter cities home-less people sleep. Here am I, where in decaying houses little children shiver, crying at the cold. Where are you?

Here am I, where two or three are gathered, ready to be altered, shar-ing wine and bread. Here am I, where those who hear the preaching change their way of living, find the way to life. Where are you?

SERMON: Rev. Banks

“An Uncomfortable Story” Mark 1:21-28

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 tres- pass 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: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”** #433 v1,2

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION: Rev. Banks

POSTLUDE: Matt Dohm

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

January 28, 2024 United Christian Church Parish, Reston, Virginia
El Salvador

January 21, 2024 – No church this Sunday

January 14, 2024 – Pastor Monica glad to see Pam back after the holidays. Debbie F. shared that Hoodie was transferred from hospital to rehab. Eddie's brother Bill will be transferring too. Debbie's friend, Jackie, whose whole family was ill, are all recovering nicely. Walt is glad he took their house decorations down last Thursday in the better weather. Snow in the Midwest - Barb Lang asked for prayers, as the temperatures for this cold snap would be 40 degrees below 0. Also, concerns about a new medication that she's taking with side effects. Pastor Monica met a nice lady, Anna, whose husband is having difficulties with addiction & she asked if we could lift him up in prayer. Many mentions of people in distress - a lady hit by a car in a comma, gun shots in the parking lot of the Giant, bad news in the news. Joyce mentioned that Sylvia is home, but still not doing very well as yet & a neighbor, Martha Norwood was picked up by ambulance. Janice and Larry Seaman had to put their dog, Gracie, down. She used to attend church with us! Prayers that Pastor Monica's dental surgery goes well on Thursday.

January 7, 2024 – Miranda asked for prayers for the loved ones of Sunny Han who died last Sunday. Eddie says brother Bill has blood clots in his lungs from flu complications. Debbie F. asks for prayers for the family she sent email about with young baby, Declan, having trouble breathing from flu complications and rest of family also battling. Pastor Monica shared that Julia is going into a challenging masters program that completes in Aug 2025.

December 31, 2023 – Joyce shared that she was in hospital last week - thinking it may be her heart - knowing that living alone has its pros & cons - still experiencing pain in her back. Her neighbor, Martha, has a daughter that is getting ready to have a hysterectomy. Joyce is truly grateful to be a part of this church & brought a tin of cookies & candy canes to share. Faith was delighted to have a candy cane for herself & RJ. Barb Lang is joyful for snow - they had 16 for Christmas - wonderful. Pastor Monica is getting ready for another bone graft on 18 Jan & Julia was here for a great visit. Prayers for wellness for the Wilsons who have a mild case of Covid.

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: 1/31 Beth Sweeney

Anniversaries: None listed



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

January 28, 2024

Need to know what congregation would like to do for Lent. Consensus is building around a Luncheon/discussion after Sunday worship. It will either be a discussion of scripture for the next Sunday or a book study. Let Pastor Monica know your thoughts.

Debbie Flook held a meeting on Tuesday, Jan 23 via Zoom about the future of the church. She has more details regarding outcome and next steps

Feed the Hungry dates for 2024: May 11, June 15, July 13 & August 10.
Pride Festival June 22, 2024. Beth has registered for a table.

**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

Servers	Jan 28, 2024	Feb 4, 2024	Feb 11, 2024
Elder:	C. Moore	G. Howard	J. Wilson
Deacons:	W. Moore	A. Turman	S. Stickerod
Liturgist:	G. Johnson	B. Sweeney	S. Wilson

Attendance for January 14 : 24

**Dec — General Fund Collection (w/Zelle)—\$6,575
Northside/Southside—\$3800, PDF - \$93 +\$148 (Christmas Eve), Christmas Families - \$75, Staff Gifts - \$650, Memorial for Victor - \$100,
Feed the Hungry - \$40, Christmas DMF - \$75**