

HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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December 15, 2024

PRELUDE: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Leah Chiaverini

ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

MISSION STATEMENT (*see last page of bulletin*) Elder

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Prepare p38)

OPENING PRAYER Pastor

HYMN: *One Candle Is Lit* #128 v3

Come festively sing while a-waiting the birth, join angels in dancing from heaven to earth. Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise. One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 12:2-6 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.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Liturgist

*GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:7-18 Liturgist

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

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.

SERMON Pastor David Britt

ANTHEM *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Leah Chiaverini

PRAYER CONCERNS Elder

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor

The Eucharist – the Giving and Receiving of Gifts

INVITATION TO PRESENT GIFTS

Elder

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*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: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

1 Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees. (*Refrain*) *When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.* 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees. (*Refrain*).

We practice an Open Table! All who believe are welcome to share the sacrament!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor

WORDS OF INSTITUTION #389

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Elder

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & THE CUP

Pastor

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. 3 Stars keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weath-er bright as sun and moon together, People look east and sing today; Love the Star is on the way.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor

POSTLUDE

Matt Dohm

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

December 15, 2024 Beaver Creek Christian Church Hagerstown, MD/India

December 8, 2024 Debbie has completed cancer treatments, Patt Griffith is recovering from hip surgery, Matt sadly had a friend who passed away recently. His grief was paired with joy in seeing all of his friends together. Miranda asked for wedding blessings for friends who will be married in December.

December 1, 2024 Pastor Perry asked prayers for his son Ron who is entering Hospice Care and for his grandson who has been a great spiritual comfort to his Uncle. **Chris** shared joy of having some of their grandchildren in church today.. **Miranda** is concerned for cat Sassy who is having surgery.

November 24, 2024 Beth asked for continued prayers for Dorian as they pursue plans to change his school due to bullying. Debbie reports that treatment for cancer is going well but she is quite tired due to side effects. She also asked prayers for her sister Diane, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Miranda asks for continued prayers for Tiffany. We learned by email that Janice Seaman passed away after a 5-year battle with cancer. Larry is missing her but glad she is no longer suffering. He will need our prayers.

November 17, 2024 Miranda asks for continued prayers for friend Tiffany. She is glad that her Dad's broken toe is healing. Gail asks prayers for Anne who is ill but still drove down to bring bulletins she printed. Beth asks continued prayers for Dorian's parents.

November 10, 2024 Chris asks prayers for the country as we accept the results of a difficult and chaotic election process. **Miranda** asks prayers for a friend Tiffany who is in an unspeakably difficult situation.

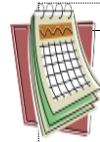
A cure for cancer and those who are living with it: Janice Seaman. Ron Meeks, Elaine Silver; Tammy Lynn; Eddie's sister. Also remembering Sharon Turman, David Stickerod.

December Celebrations:

Birthdays: Chris Moore 12/10, Sharon Turman 12/24,

Anniversaries:

CCLI—license numbers 20917473



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Welcome Pastor Britt

December 22 Pastor Santos returns

HEALTHY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Kemptown Children's Gift Money due TODAY!

Our Web Site: HyattstownChristianChurch.org

Our Region's Web Site: CCCADisciples.org

Mission Statement

Hyattstown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the little church with a 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

	December 15, 2024	December 22, 2024	December 29, 2024
Elder:	John Wilson	Stacey Wilson	Debbie Flook
Deacons:	Eddie Flook	Ann Larmer	Andrew Turman
Liturgist:	Stacey Wilson	John Wilson	G. Johnson

Attendance for December 8, 2024 18

November -General Fund Collection (w/Zelle)- \$5,425.