

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

November 28, 2021

First week of Advent

Membership and Church Practices:

If you are interested in membership at Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship, or if you have questions about church practices such as communion, baptism and reconciliation, please talk with the pastor or one of our deacons:

Michael Lee
Tana Liu-Beers
Nick Plummer
Sandra Vander Linde
Isaac Villegas (pastor)

Communication Information:

For church-related communications, please subscribe to our **email list**.

To sign up, contact Nick Plummer.

Our **website** has more information about our faith and worship, as well as the text of previous sermons: <https://chapelhillmennonite.org>.

Please direct all other questions to chmennonite@gmail.com.

Relationships:

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship is a member of Central District Conference, a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Our Mennonite Network is a member of the NC Council of Churches, which supports efforts in our state to care for our neighbors. Links to follow these efforts can be found at www.ncchurches.org.

This congregation contributes to the Inter-Faith Council of Chapel Hill and Open Table Ministry of Durham.

Our congregation is also a member of the Supportive Communities Network, an LGBTQ-led Anabaptist-Mennonite association of congregations. Details on the SCN can be found here: <http://www.bmclgbt.org/scn.shtml>



Song Leader: Kaitlin Heatwole
Worship Leader: Sidney King
Sermon: Nathan Hershberger

Childcare: Rebecca Rich, Jen Peifer

Gathering for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Jeremiah 31)

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness:

All: God is gathering the people!

Leader: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

All: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Leader: Those who are weeping, God will console;

All: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Leader: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle Hochstetler Rich

Psalm 25:1-10 Tristan Plummer

Congregational prayer * Erin Mullaney

Proclaiming the Word

Jeremiah 31:7-12, 33:14-16

Sermon "Beauty and brokenness" Nathan Hershberger

Responding to the Word

Congregational response, sharing, prayer Aspen Yordy

Introductions and announcements

**Hymns Kaitlin Heatwole

#410 Beyond a dying sun

#402 Rejoice rejoice forevermore

#210 O come o come Immanuel (verses 1, 4, 6, 7)

Benediction

* Children who have not yet started kindergarten are welcome to meet at the entrance doors for childcare at this time.

** At this time, the congregation will gather outside the entrance to continue the service with outdoor singing together while masked.

Next Week

Plan: Erin Mullaney

Sermon Isaac Villegas

Songs: Sarah Marks

Prayer: Mary Jo Lehman

Sharing: Zach Yordy

Childcare: Sarah Marks, Laura Rosenberger

Scripture for next week

Baruch 5:1-9

Malachi 3:1-4

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Announcements

Participate: CHMF encourages any regular attendee to participate in the service. We have rotating worship planners, song leaders, preachers, prayer leaders, response/sharing leaders, Scripture readers, and childcare volunteers. If you would like to be added to one or more of these lists, please contact pastor Isaac. We would welcome your help with worship.

Tithes and Offerings: We collect our offerings on the first Sunday of the month. After that, checks may be mailed to our treasurer, Steve Jolley.

Sabbatical. Isaac will be away during November for his final month of sabbatical. We decided to split up his three-month sabbatical into two segments: two months in the spring, and one month in the fall. During the month of November, please contact any of the deacons with your concerns. Contact information is on the back page of this bulletin.

Fellowship Groups: Fellowship groups are meeting together again. Chapel Hill group meets the first and third Wednesdays. Bring your own food. Contact Michael Lee or Carly Newman-Matthews for more information.

Durham group currently meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Contact Eric Hochstetler for more information.

Calendar

December 18—Youth group Christmas fun