

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>

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

December 19, 2021

Fourth week of Advent



Preacher: Isaac Villegas
Song Leader: Kaitlin Heatwole
Worship Leader: Isaac Villegas

Childcare: Stacy Miller, Eric Hochstetler

Gathering for Worship

Welcome Isaac Villegas

Advent candle Laura and Ziva

Leader: The night is upon us, but the dawn is near.
The light of glory is on the horizon.

All: **Rejoice, for the Messiah is near.**
[light candle]

Leader: We await our salvation:
a world where God will scatter the proud
and bring down the powerful.
We await the justice of Christ:
a world where God lifts up the lowly
and satisfies the hungry.

All: **Rejoice, for the reign of God is at hand.**

Hymn #214, "Savior of the nations come!"

Psalms 80:1-7 Katie Villegas

Micah 5:2-5a Tristan Plummer

Congregational prayer Zach Yordy

Children's story* Catherine Lee

Proclaiming the Word

Hymn #245, "O little town of Bethlehem"

Hymn #221, "The angel Gabriel called Mary blessed"

Luke 1:39-45 Steve Jolley

Luke 1:46-55 Kathy Roberts

Sermon Isaac Villegas

Responding to the Word

Hymn #247, "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Congregational response, sharing, and prayer Nathan Hershberger

Introductions and announcements Isaac Villegas

Hymn #267, "What child is this"

Hymn #244, "Silent night"

Benediction Isaac Villegas

Next Week

Plan: Mary Jo Lehman

Preach: Lessons & Carols

Songs: Tom Lehman

Prayer: Isaac Villegas

Sharing: Isaac Villegas

Childcare: Chris Liu-Beers, Jen Peifer

Scripture for next week

Psalms 96

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-14

Luke 2:15-20

Announcements

Participate: CHMF encourages participation in our worship service. We have rotating 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.

Fellowship Groups: Fellowship groups are meeting together again. Chapel Hill group meets the first and third Wednesdays. For more info, contact Michael Lee or Carly Newman-Matthews.

Durham group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays. For more info, contact Eric Hochstetler.

Calendar: January 9—Congregational Life Meeting at 3:30pm

* After the story, children who have not yet started kindergarten are welcome to meet at the entrance doors for childcare.