

**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)

***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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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 26, 2021

Service of Lessons and Carols



*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.*

--Isaiah 9:2

Song Leader: Thomas Lehman

Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman

Childcare: Chris Liu-Beers, Jen Peifer

**Gathering for Worship**

Welcome/call to worship

Mary Jo Lehman

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Psalm 96**

VT #106

**Hymns #209 “We Dream of a Turning”**

**#223 “Blessed be the God of Israel”**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

VT #232

**Hymns #218 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

**#220 “Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called”**

Congregational prayer

Isaac Villegas

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**Luke 2:1-14**

VT #880

**Hymns #253 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”**

**#249 “Angels We have Heard on High”**

**Luke 2:15-20**

**When the song of the angels is stilled,**

**When the star in the sky is gone,**

When the kings and the princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

**The work of Christmas begins:**

**To find the lost, to heal the broken,**

To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people,

**ALL: To make music in the heart.**

*Howard Thurman*

**Hymns #257 “Away in a Manger”**

**#240 “Joy to the World”**

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

**Responding to the Word**

Congregational response, sharing, prayer  
Introductions and announcements.

Isaac Villegas

**Hymns #261 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

**#259 “To us a Child of Hope is Born”**

Benediction

Mary Jo Lehman

**Next Week**

Plan: Isaac Villegas

Sermon: Isaac Villegas

Songs: Mary Jo Lehman

Prayer: Sandra VanderLinde

Sharing: Peter Newman-Mathtews

Childcare: Nathan Hershberger, Sarah Marks

**Scripture for next week**

Psalm 8

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

**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.

**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**

**January**

9—Congregational Life meeting, 3:30 PM

16—Sunday School resumes for children and youth