

**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 one of our deacons:

Michael Lee

Thomas Lehman

Tana Liu-Beers

Nick Plummer

**From the Deacons:**

As we continue to feel the stresses of life and the pandemic, please speak to a deacon if you need financial assistance to access individual or family therapy services. And let us know how we can pray for you or support you in other ways.

**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 congregation 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.bmcigbt.org/scn.shtml>

## Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

**November 27, 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent**



*Posterity shall serve him;  
men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
that he has wrought it.*

--Psalm 22:30-31

Song Leader: Jen Peifer  
Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman  
Table Topics: Steve Jolley, Katherine Roberts

### **Gathering for Worship**

Welcome Mary Jo Lehman

Call to worship

Leader: We gather tonight to hear the revelation of God's promise,

**People: for Advent is a time of preparing for new light to shine.**

L: Let us receive light from the prophets to penetrate darkness.

**P: Enable us to prepare the way, for we long to be transformed.**

Invocation prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle Mauro/Rosenberger family

Gathering hymns Jen Peifer

#214 "Saviour of the Nations, Come!"

#590 "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous" \*\*

*\*\*During the second hymn, #590, children of all ages will come forward to help set up the advent stable.*

### **Proclaiming the Word**

Isaiah 2:1-5 Samir Knego

Psalms 22 Chris Liu-Beers, Miriam Liu-Beers

\*Hymn #776 "Teach Me Thy Truth"

Congregational prayer Catherine Lee

Romans 12:9-21 VT#384

Matthew 24:36-44 Beth Sheldon

### **Responding to the Word**

Hymn #209 "We Dream of a Turning"

Celebration of Communion Nick Plummer

Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn #813 "Heart with Loving Heart United"

Prayer for the meal.

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

### **Next Week**

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Plan: Rebecca Rich

Songs: Xaris Martinez

Prayer: Tom Lehman

Sermon: Katherine Roberts

Sharing: Michael Lee

#### **Scriptures**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

### **Announcements**

**Pastoral Search:** Isaac Villegas concluded pastoral ministry at CHMF in May 2022. The church has created a Pastoral Search Committee to find a replacement. Search committee members include Kathy Roberts (chair), Steve Jolley, Erin Mullaney, Zach Yordy, and Rebecca Rich. They will regularly update and involve the congregation at appropriate times in the process. Please contact any of us with ideas or questions.

**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 Aspen Yordy, interim coordinator. 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.

### **Calendar**

December 4--Offering

## [chmf] Table Topics for 11/27

**From:** Kathy Roberts <[chmf@emaildodo.com](mailto:chmf@emaildodo.com)>

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Greetings, All.

Steve and I have put together some table topics for our church potluck this evening. It is the first Sunday of Advent, so we have focused discussion prompts on this season.

In particular, we will be looking closely at Isaiah 2: 1 – 5 and reflecting on our evolving personal experiences of this anticipatory time in the church calendar.

Next week (12/4), in lieu of a traditional sermon, Steve and I will also lead informal discussion around one or more of the lectionary readings for the second Sunday in Advent.

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Psalms 72:1 - 7; 18 - 19

Romans 15: 4 - 13

Matthew 3:1 - 12

Look forward to seeing you all later today—

Kathy

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Table Topics

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November 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent

### **What is Advent?**

Advent is the first season of the church year. The word comes from the Latin “adventus” or “coming.” During the season of Advent, Christians enter a time of anticipation, preparation and hope. Advent lasts for four Sundays, ending in the celebration of Christmas.

### **Personal reflections on Advent:**

1. Advent can be seen as a season of waiting. What are we waiting for or anticipating during this month? Does the waiting of Advent feel like other kinds of waiting you have done?
2. How else would you describe the season of Advent? What are your strongest memories about the Advent experience?
3. On this first Sunday, we read from Isaiah 2: 1 – 5. Does this reading feel like Advent to you? Why or why not?

### **Isaiah 2: 1 – 5**

2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup> In the last days

the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established  
as the highest of the mountains;  
it will be exalted above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD.