

Calendar

December 18 – Children’s Sunday School at 4 p.m.
December 25 – Service of Lessons & Carols, Dessert Potluck Reception
January 8 – Congregational Life Meeting at 3:30 p.m.
January 29 – Communion, Potluck

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
Tana Liu-Beers
Nick Plummer
Tom Lehman

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: chapelhillmennonite.org. Please direct any 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 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent



*“The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.”*

Isaiah 35:1

Song Leader: Eric Hochstetler
Worship Leader: Tana Liu-Beers
Childcare: Sidney King, Stacy Miller

Gathering for Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my savior,
For the Messiah is near.

All: Rejoice, for the Messiah is near.

L: O God of joy,
Rest upon us,
Kindle your gospel in our lives,
As we celebrate your promises:
To scatter the proud and bring down the powerful,
To lift up the lowly and satisfy the hungry.
Shine the light of your salvation,
and guide us in the night. Amen.

VT #222: My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

Children come forward to add figures to our nativity scene.

Lighting the Advent Candles

Xaris Martínez

Congregational prayer

Mary Jo Lehman

Proclaiming the Word

Isaiah 35 Gwen Hochstetler, Susannah Hochstetler, Miriam Liu-Beers

Children's Story

Catherine Lee

*Hymns

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-11

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

Responding to the Word

Hymns

Congregational response, sharing, & prayer

Steve Jolley

Introductions and announcements

VT #210: O Come, O Come Immanuel

Benediction

Next Week:

Scripture

Plan:	Sandra Vander Linde	Isaiah 7:10-16
Sermon:	Melissa Florer-Bixler	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
Songs:	Mary Jo Lehman	Roman 1:1-7
Prayer:	Zach Yordy	Matthew 1:18-25
Sharing:	Stacy Miller	
Childcare:	Rebecca Rich, Tana Liu-Beers	
Snack:	Liu-Beers	

Announcements

Pastoral Search: The church has created a Pastoral Search Committee to find a replacement for Isaac Villegas, who left pastoral ministry in May 2022. 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 them 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, Sunday school teachers, and childcare volunteers. If you would like to be added to one or more of these lists, please contact Steve Jolley (stevewjolley@gmail.com), chair of the worship committee.

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.