

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

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.

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 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Restore us, Oh God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:3 NRSV

Guest Preacher: Melissa Florer-Bixler

Song Leader: Mary Jo Lehman

Worship Leader: Sandra Vander Linde

Nursery: Aspen

Gathering for Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship Sandra Vander Linde
Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel

People: You lead your people gently and kindly

All: You sent us your light and your salvation.

Leader: Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty

People: Help us to hear you and know you are here

All: Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation.

Let us praise and worship him together.

Christine Longhurst worship resource blog

Lighting of the Advent Candles # 917 Tristan & Nora Plummer

#220 "Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called" Mary Jo Lehman

#217 "Hark! the Glad Sound!"

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 TBD

Congregational Prayer Zach Yordy

Proclaiming the Word

Isaiah 7:10-16 TBD

*#263 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Mary Jo

Matthew 1:18-25 TBD

Sermon Melissa Florer-Bixler

Responding to the Word

#254 "Oh, How Joyfully" Mary Jo

Congregational response, sharing, & prayer Stacy Miller

Introductions and announcements Sandra

#258 "Love Has Come" Mary Jo

Benediction Sandra

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

Next Week:

		<u>Scripture</u>
Plan:	Mary Jo Lehman	Isaiah 9:2-7
Sermon:	Lessons and Carols	Psalm 96
Songs:	Tom Lehman	Titus 2:11-14
Prayer:	Michael Lee	Luke 2:1-14, 15-20
Sharing:		
Childcare:	none planned	
Snack:	Please bring holiday treats to share	

Announcements

Christmas Service Next Week: We will have a service of Lessons and Carols. Please bring some holiday treats to share with each other and with guests.

Pastoral Search: The church has created a Pastoral Search Committee to find a replacement for our pastor of 16 years, Isaac Villegas. 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, chair of the worship committee. stevejolley@gmail.com

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 25 – Service of Lessons & Carols, Dessert Potluck Reception

January 1 - Offering

January 8 – Congregational Life Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

January 16 – Children's Sunday School at 4:00 p.m.

January 23 - Children's Sunday School at 4:00 p.m.

January 29 – Communion, Potluck