

**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

## Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

**January 1, 2023**

**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: [nickplummer@gmail.com](mailto:nickplummer@gmail.com).

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.bmclgbt.org/scn.shtml>



*Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his  
splendor is above the earth and the heavens.*

--Psalm 148:13

Song Leader: Tom Lehman

Worship Leader: Stacy Miller, Mary Jo Lehman

Childcare: Sandra Vander Linde and Laura Rosenberger

### Gathering for Worship

#### *Call to worship*

Leader: We gather together to worship the Creator of all things.

**People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.**

L: We gather to worship the One who brings salvation thru Jesus Christ.

**P: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.**

L: We gather to worship the one who sustains us through the Spirit.

**P: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.**

**ALL: We worship you—our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer**

Invocation prayer

Mary Jo Lehman

Gathering hymns

Thomas Lehman

#182 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

#121 "When at Creation's Dawn"

Congregational Prayer

Sandra Vander Linde

### Proclaiming the Word

Isaiah 63:7-9

Matthew 2:13-23

Hebrews 2:10-18

\*Hymn #95 "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" \*

Psalm 148

Creative Worship

Samir Knego

### Responding to the Word

Hymn #177 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Steve Jolley

Offering

Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn Insert "Great God, we sing"

Benediction

\* 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: Tom Lehman

Prayer: Stacy Miller

Sharing: Chris Liu-Beers

Childcare: Michael Lee and Xaris Martinez

Snacks: Jen Peifer and Nick Plummer

#### **Scriptures**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

### 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

January 8: Congregational Life Meeting

January 8: Hymn Sing

January 11: Fellowship dinner @ TBD

January 14: Youth group

January 15: Sunday school

January 20-22: Youth group ski trip

January 22: Sunday school

January 25: Fellowship dinner @ Mauro-Rosenberger

January 29: Communion and Potluck