New to CHMF? Have a Question or Prayer Request?

If you are curious about being involved with CHMF, have a question, or want to submit a prayer request, please use this form via the QR code or link <u>grco.de/beYoYY</u>



Our **website** has more information about our faith and worship, as well as the text of previous sermons: chapelhillmennonite.org. **Please direct all other questions** to chmf@chapelhillmennonite.org.

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 any of our pastors or deacons:

Ben Kreider, Pastor 316-281-5244 ben@chapelhillmennonite.org Catherine Lee, Children & Youth Pastor catherine@chapelhillmennonite.org Thomas Lehman Nick Plummer Rebecca Rich

Kathy Roberts

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.

Affiliations:

CHMF is a **member** of the following:

- Central District Conference (mcusacdc.org), a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA (mennoniteusa.org)
- NC Council of Churches, (ncchurches.org), a statewide ecumenical organization which promotes Christian unity and a more just society
- Supportive Communities Network (bmclgbt.org/scn), a network of Mennonite and Church of the Brethren communities that welcome and affirm full participation and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people

CHMF supports:

- Open Table Ministries (opentableministry.org) in Durham
- Interfaith Council (IFCWeb.org) in Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent



Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ~Isaiah 64:4

> Song Leader: Mary Jo Lehman Worship Leader: Tana Liu-Beers Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider Childcare: Sandra Vander Linde, Michael Lee

Gathering for Worship

Invocation	 <u>All:</u> Merciful God, we wait, we wonder, we watch, we hope. Your love surrounds those who wait. Your peace rests on those who wonder. Your comfort holds those who watch. <u>Leader:</u> And so, God, we hope. We hope for healing that is rich and surprising. We hope for courage to resist injustice. We hope for strength to face what we can't control. We hope for a deep sense of your nearness in this place. <u>All:</u> We are yours. You have called us by name. Help us now to wait, wonder, and watch in hope. Amen. 	
Advent candle	e lighting & prayer	Bradley, Adah, Ruby Lou King
Gathering hyr <i>Childre</i>	#237 Now the Hea	Way! The Prophet Called avens Start to Whisper & of the sanctuary to create our nativity.
Congregation	al Prayer	Michael Lee
<u>Proclaiming t</u>	<u>he Word</u>	
Isaiah 64:1-9		Samir Knego
Children's sto	ry	Catherine Lee
Childre	Come, Thou Long-Expected en who have not yet started k nee doors for childcare at this	indergarten are welcome to meet at the
Reading from Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19		Piper, Ziva, & Miriam
Mark 13:24-37		Erin Mullaney
Sermon "Waiting and Not Knowing"		Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

Responding hymn # 213 Poor of the Earth

Congregational response, sharing, and prayerAspen YordyAnnouncements & introductionsOfferingVT #219Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Sending hymn #212 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Benediction "Blessing of Hope" by Jan Richardson

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent

Lead: Sidney King Hymns: Sarah Marks Preach: Ben Rudeen Kreider Sharing: Zach Yordy Prayer: Catherine Lee Childcare: Aspen Yordy, Kathy Roberts Snacks: Yordys <u>Scriptures</u> Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

Sunday School: "The Bible Timeline Project" Every Sunday at 4pm, all ages, kids and adults are creating a timeline together to help us visualize and understand the story of God's people in history. Each week will be a little different, but we'll have arts and crafts (for grown-ups too!), singing, games, and discussion. Bring your curiosity and your 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 are interested in helping, sign up on the Worship Participant List. We would welcome your help with worship.

<u>Calendar</u>

December 9 – Youth Group caroling at Miriam's house
 December 12 (Tuesday) – Dinner Group at Yordy Martínez house, followed
 by Mennonite Action meeting
 December 24 – Joint Christmas Eve service with Church of Rec