

# COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

**Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster** is an inclusive, progressive, Mennonite/Anabaptist Christian peace church. We are a member congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, and of the Supportive Communities Network. To read our full covenant, core values and statement on LGBTQ inclusion, as well as more information about our congregation and denomination, please visit our website:  
[www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/](http://www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/)

## CMCL Vision Prayer

*Through your grace, O God,  
form us into a community  
called to follow Jesus,  
known and loved by you,  
nourished throughout our lives by  
worship,  
relationships  
and the biblical story,  
open to new voices and new dreams,  
committed to one another  
in times of celebration and difficulty,  
responsive to human need  
with justice and compassion.  
May your Spirit draw us together into your  
new creation.*

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from a legacy of exploitation and genocide.



# HOPE.

## ADVENT I—HOPE

November 27, 2022  
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

## Prelude

### Lighting of the First Advent Candle

**Worship Leader:** Leslie Homer-Cattell  
As winter days dim and bow to early darkness, you, God of light, set watch in the night sky and beckon the wise to follow.

**Song Leader:** Beth Graybill (1st)  
Brenda Sauder (2nd)  
When hope hangs low in the human heart, you, loving creator, kindle compassion, breathing life into the early embers of change.

We light the first candle - a candle for hope, sending prayers high into the heavens and dreams deep into the human soul.

As Advent dawns, God of all hope, shine your light on the story of the saints who journeyed before us. May the seeds they planted in the world - peace, joy, love - take hold in our hearts and stretch us towards the light.

**Prelude & Offertory:**  
Larry Penner

**Sound:**  
Rod Houser (1st)  
Daryl Snider (2nd)

**We light a candle for hope. May it light the way.**

## Welcome

**Zoom Technician:**  
Stock Weinstock

### Call to Worship

### Gathering Hymns

**Greeter:**  
Beth Crosby (1st)  
Deb Hall (2nd)

### Children's Time

*Come and See*

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### Offering & Prayer

**Ushers:**  
John Kanagy (1st)  
Laurel Martin (2nd)

### Offertory

### Scripture Isaiah 9:2-6

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

## Sermon

### Song of Response

### Sharing Time & Prayer

### Announcements

### Sending Song

### Benediction

May you carry the light of hope with you this week. And may that light burn with the power of the Holy Spirit against all the darkneses you encounter—a stubborn light to mark this season of waiting, this season of hope. Amen.

*Between services all are welcome to  
the Parrot Gallery downstairs for coffee, tea and fellowship.  
Christian Education classes for all ages from 10:00 - 10:50.*