

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/

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.

We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.



HOPE.
PEACE.

ADVENT II—PEACE

December 4, 2022
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

VT 854

Worship Leader:
Diane Umble

Gathering Hymns

Hark! The Glad Sound

VT 217

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

VT 212

Sermon:
Ron Vogt

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Song Leader:
Ron Umble

In the settle and stir of a burnt-orange sunrise, in the lilting laughter or memory of a table full of friends, in the flash of clarity that turns on the light of insight and leads us towards wisdom, we find the peace that passes all understanding. But there are things we need to understand. Help us hear you in the stories of those who struggle. Peace is what the prophets foretold. Peace is what is sacrificed when profit takes precedence.

Children's Time:
Darrell Yoder

Prelude & Offertory:
Stock Weinstock

All: **We light a candle for peace and pray for the courage to stand up for it.**

Sound:
Michael

Eby-Good (1st)
Ezra Kauffman (2nd)

In this second week of Advent, as the waiting and expectation heighten, deepen our desire for peace. Like the wise called to journey in those early dawning days, may we seek, strive, search for peace. Like the prophets old and new, may we cry out for its coming.

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

All: **We light a candle for peace. May it light the way.**

Greeter:
Larry Groff (1st)
Rebecca Boyer (2nd)

Hymn

Hope is a Candle

VT 211
(verses 1 & 2)

Ushers:
Linford Good (1st)
Marian Good (1st)
Laurel Martin (2nd)
Zita Angelo (2nd)

Children's Time (second service)

Come and See

VT 282

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Fishbowl:
Lindsey Deininger
Ashley Miller
Eva Lucas Towers
(helper)

Scripture John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Sermon

Now This Changes Everything

Song of Response

Christ Be In Your Senses

VT 721

Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introductions

Sending Song

We are People of God's Peace

VT 797

Benediction

May you carry the light of peace with you this week.
A strong and holy peace that strengthens the weak, feeds the hungry, exalts the poor, and guards the feet of the faithful. 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.*