

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.

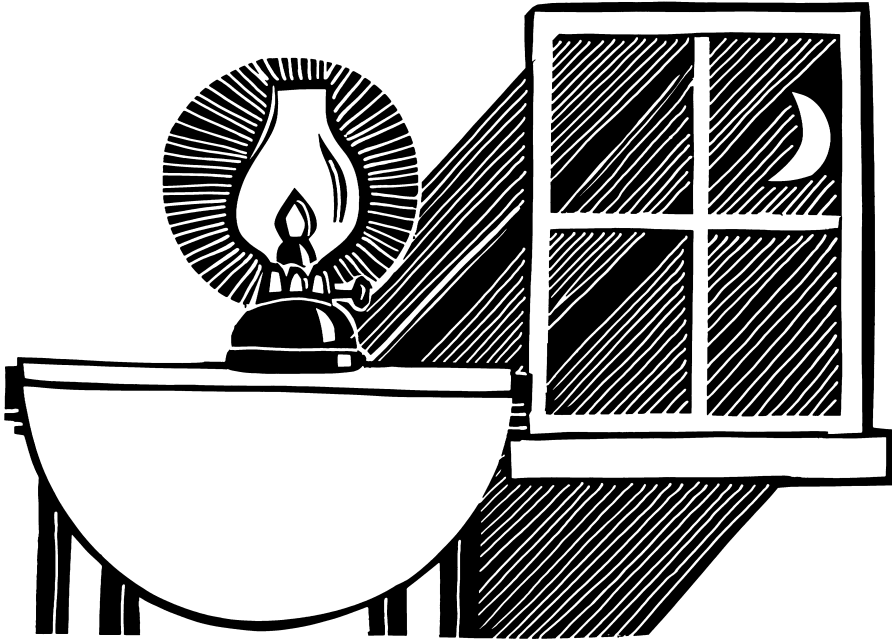
Environment

The creation of the backdrop and peace dove was a collective effort. Mentor/mentee pairs that worked on the backdrop: Kendra Campbell and Greta Shumaker along with mentor mentee pair Kandace Helmuth and Maia Kaufman. Gwen Eberly guided the process. Rod Shumaker did the installation and lighting. Tissue paper collage with wool roving was used to create the backdrop and sewn fabric and handmade paper collage was used for the dove. The Advent Wreath at the front of the sanctuary was made by Andrea Peifer Martin. Thanks to the team!

The Environment Committee: Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Dale Martin, and Lynn Sommer

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH
OF LANCASTER**

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.
Worship service: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Christian Ed: 10:00 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Wednesday
Midweek Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday
Administrative Pastor: Leslie Homer-Cattell, (leslie@communitymennonite.org), Mon–Thu
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Pastoral Intern: Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke, (chynaah@communitymennonite.org)
Pastoral Team: Lisa Roth-Walter (Chair), Dean Clemmer, Rhea Miller, Elizabeth Nissley, Darrell Yoder
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CD recordings of past services available upon request to the church office. Audio and text files of sermons are found on CMCL website or through your favorite podcast app.
If you'd like a mailbox or to be added to our email list, email sallie@communitymennonite.org
To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.

Worship Leader:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sermon:
Leslie Homer-Cattell

Song Leader:
Beth Graybill

Prelude/Offertory:
Daryl Snider

Sound Technician:
Ken Kulp/
Monte Garber

Greeter:
Cal Esh (1st),
Rosalina Wilson (2nd)

Ushers:
Janet Lind
Phil Kreider (1st),
Jack Shope
Rod Houser (2nd)

Child Care:
Omer Brubaker
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman

Child Care Helper:
Hannah Clatterbuck

Prelude *T’was in the moon of wintertime*
by St. Jean de Brebeuf

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn *Come thou long-expected Jesus* HWB #178

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Blessed are you
who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify
to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness
to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow
and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom
the light lives,
in whom
the brightness blazes—
your heart
a chapel,
an altar where
in the deepest night
can be seen
the fire that
shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith,
in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines
every broken thing
it finds.

from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings*
for the Seasons, by Jan Richardson

Hymns *Jesus the light of the world* insert
It came upon the midnight clear HWB #195 (v. 1, 3-5)

Offertory/Offering *Do you hear what I hear?* lyrics by Noël
Regney and music by Gloria Shayne

Children’s Time Malinda Clatterbuck

Come and see HWB #20

We value children's participation in worship. This is a sacred time for children and adults alike. Let us listen and see with the eyes and ears of a child.

Scripture Luke 2:1-7
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Special Music *Children, Go Where I Send Thee*
Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke

Sermon “Through the eyes of another now and not yet”
Leslie Homer-Cattell

Time of Sharing & Prayer

Where do you sense God moving among us?
This is our time to prayerfully respond to the scriptures and the message of the morning as well as bring joys and concerns from our lives and greater world.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord in our gratitude,
Hear our prayer.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *Go, my children* HWB #433

Benediction

All are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the first worship service, before and during Christian Ed.

Christian Education for all ages begins at 10am.

Visitors and new attenders, we invite you to fill out the visitor forms in the back of the blue hymnal. Feel free to drop them in the offering basket, or hand them to an usher as you leave the service this morning.