

## WHO WE ARE

**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

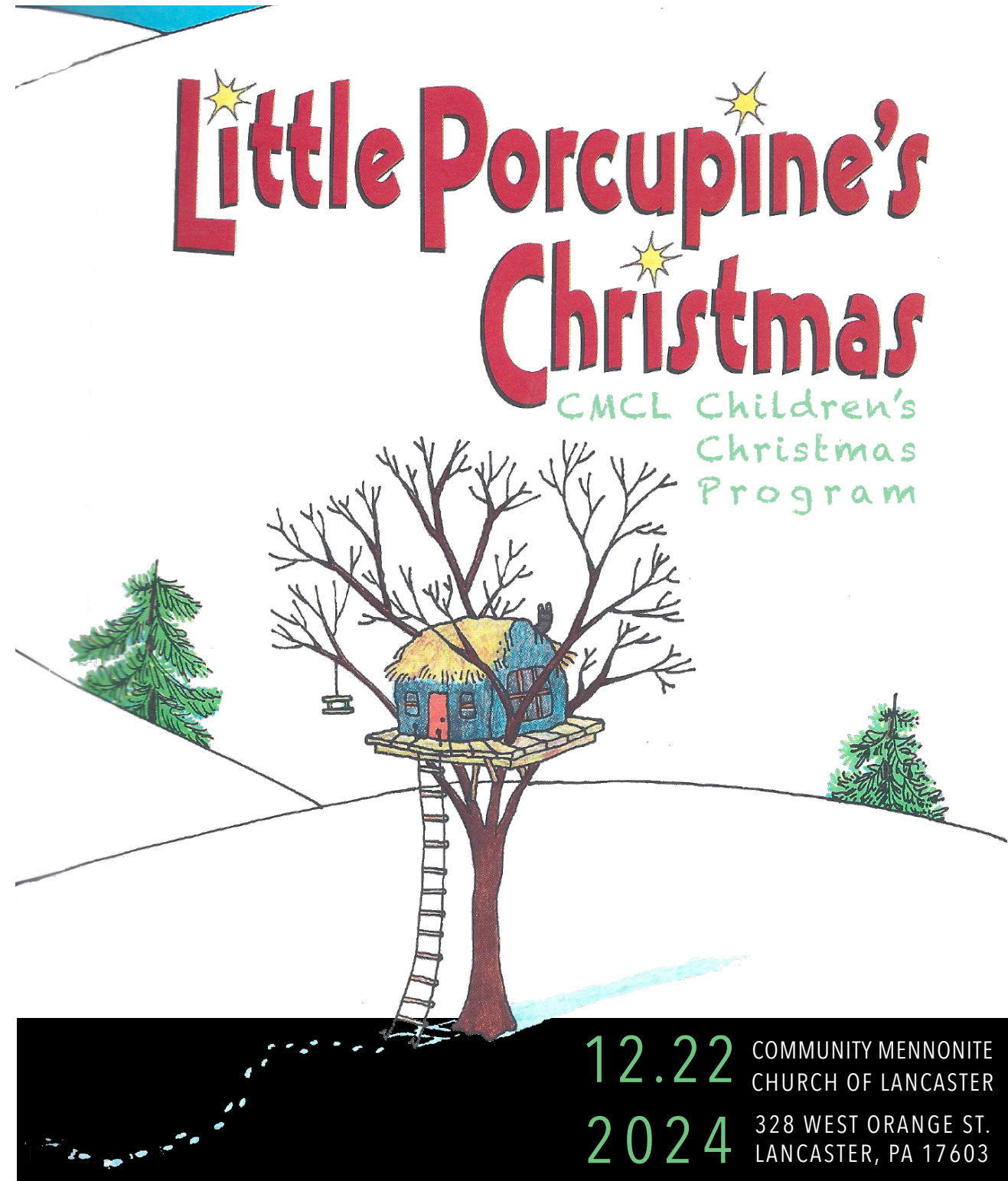
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human 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. We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.*

## DISMANTLING RACISM STATEMENT

*The predominantly white CMCL community acknowledges a history of unearned privilege and opportunity that occurred at the expense of those of color. We commit to move beyond mere words to tangible reparative acts, increasingly reflected in our annual church budget and through individual contributions. We see this lifelong process of learning and action to be transformational yet acknowledge this is only a step.*



12.22 COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
2024 CHURCH OF LANCASTER  
328 WEST ORANGE ST.  
LANCASTER, PA 17603

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Worship Leader:** John Weigel  
**\*IMPORTANT:** Please **do not** take pictures or videos during the Children's Program. There will be a photo opportunity after the worship service for families who are interested.

**Prelude & Offertory:** **Prelude**  
Daryl Snider *Wisdom from on High is Dawning* VT 238

### Welcome & Call to Worship

**Lighting of the Advent Candles:** **Gathering Hymn**  
Ken Beam & Ken Robinette *O Come, All Ye Faithful* VT 241

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

**Song Leader:** **Offering Prayer & Offertory**  
Beth Graybill *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* adap. HWB 190

**Sharing Time** *Loving God, Hear our prayer*  
Email sharing/announcements: [susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org)

**Sound:** **Announcements and Introduction of Visitors**  
Monte Garber

### Zoom Technician: **Scripture — Luke 1: 46-55**

Drew Brubaker  
Mary said,  
"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

**Greeters:** In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.  
Diane Umble God has looked with favor on the low status of God's servant.  
Larry Groff Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored  
because the mighty one has done great things for me.

**Ushers:** Holy is God's name.  
Christy Kauffman God shows mercy to everyone,  
Jack Shope from one generation to the next,  
who honors God.

**Fishbowl Volunteers:** God has shown strength.  
Sherry Groff God has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.  
Margaret Krumm God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly.

**Environment Design:** God has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty-handed.  
Alicia Smith God has come to the aid of God's servant Israel,  
remembering the mercy God promised,  
Crescentia Volz just as it was promised to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

**Cover Image:** **Hymn**  
Joseph Slate, author. *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412  
Felicia Bond, illustrator.

(2021). *Little Porcupine's Christmas*. HarperCollins Publishers.

**Congregational Singing**  
*Away in a Manger* VT 257, v. 1

*Angels We Have Heard on High* VT 249, v. 1

**Children's Christmas Program:** *Little Porcupine's Christmas (PART 2)*

### Benediction