

# THE VOICE

November 1, 2020

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Don't assume  
you know it all.

*Proverbs 3:7*



**OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998**

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## Finding Peace In An Anxious World

Prelude	On Eagles Wings	
Welcome & Announcements		Jess Davenport
call To worship		
Songs	Taking Over Now	New Life Team
	Give Me Your Peace	
All Saints' Liturgy of Remembrance		
children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	For All The Saints	
Scripture	Proverbs 3:5-8	
Message	Accepting the Things we cannot change	Barry Petrucci
communion		
	We can Be Kind	Darlene Sang
Hymn	We'll understand It By and By	
closing Liturgy		
Song	For Everyone Born	
Sending		
Postlude		

## Worship Services Now Available at [pchum.org](http://pchum.org)!

Portage Chapel Hill is thrilled to announce that livestreaming of Sunday worship services is now available on the Chapel Hill website, [pchum.org](http://pchum.org). This is a huge accomplishment that has been months in the making and many thanks go out to the Chapel Hill Tech Team and Communications Team for their hard work in making this possible.

In addition to the website, worship videos are also available on YouTube by searching for the "Portage Chapel Hill Church" channel. Livestreaming on the Portage Chapel Hill Facebook page remains unchanged.

If you have any questions about how to find Chapel Hill's worship services on any of these new platforms please contact the church office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

## Communion Sunday, November 1

Portage Chapel Hill will hold the Sacrament of Communion during worship on Sunday, November 1. Once again, we will be providing the Communion elements, in the form of single-serve Fellowship Cups, for folks to pick up from the church next week. Pick-up times are:

- Saturday, October 3, 11 am–2 pm
- Sunday, October 4, after 8 am

If you are unable to stop by the church you may purchase your own grape juice and bread to celebrate Communion during worship on Sunday.

## Realm Online Directory Update

Portage Chapel Hill office staff will be updating the church's online directory, Realm, on **Monday, November 2**. This is to ensure that the Realm online directory gives exactly the same information as the printed directory that the church has provided in the past. This includes home address, phone number and email information.

When this update happens, some folks will receive an email stating that their Realm privacy settings have been changed. Please know that Chapel Hill takes the privacy of its congregation very seriously. The Realm directory is only available to the congregation of Chapel Hill and will never be shared with a third party.

If you **do not** want your contact information made available to the Chapel Hill congregation please contact the church office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or call Office Manager Lisa Drzick at (269) 327-6643.

The church will continue to make paper copies of the directory available.

## Kids' Sunday School Packets

When you are at the church picking up your Fellowship Cups for Communion, don't forget to get the November Sunday School packet for your kids! Activities are designed for kids in Preschool–4th grade.

## Sunday Night Youth Group—Cancelled for November 1

Due to a positive COVID-19 exposure, this week's Sunday Night Youth Group is cancelled. We're sorry for the cancellation, but keeping everyone safe and healthy is our top priority!

### Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill  
7028 Oakland Dr.  
Portage MI 49024

### Give Online:

[pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give)

### Give On Realm:

[onrealm.org/pchum](http://onrealm.org/pchum)

### Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to  
73256

## In-Person Worship Reminder

In mid-July, the leadership of Portage Chapel deemed it safe to return to in-person worship in the Sanctuary with limited seating capacity and multiple safe guards in place. Since then we've seen attendance in worship rising each week. In light of that, church leaders would like to remind folks of a couple things that will help keep *everyone* safe:

- It is imperative that you arrive to worship on time. Please allow yourself a few extra minutes to have your temperature taken, your hands sanitized, and your attendance marked by an usher, before making your way to the Sanctuary. Seating is limited, and it may take an extra moment to locate an empty, socially-distanced seat. It is important that everyone has been through the safety checks and is safely seated at the beginning of worship.
- Please leave the building at the end of the service. We know this sounds strange for a church to ask people to leave, but the fact is, it's necessary right now for the safety of our building and all who enter it. We ask that you hold all conversations with those not in your family group outside the building.
- This past Sunday attendance was very near to our safe capacity limit. Again, though it's a strange thing for a church to say, please consider your own safety and the safety of others when deciding whether or not to come to worship.

## Weekly Email

The staff of Portage Chapel Hill sends out a congregational email each and every week with the latest information and events that are happening in the life of the church. It gets sent each Thursday at 12:30 pm. If you are not receiving this email and would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or call (269) 327-6643.

## Election Day Prayer Vigil

- Monday, November 2 at 7 am through Tuesday, November 3 at 7 am

*Look among all the people for capable persons who respect God. They should be trustworthy and not corrupt. Set these persons over the people ... Exodus 18:21*

The months of media propaganda raising up candidates and knocking down candidates is coming to a close. Some of us have already submitted our ballots. Others will go in person on election day to complete their civil responsibility in voting. As a faith community, Chapel Hill will be holding a 24-hour Prayer Vigil for a clear and trustworthy outcome, for civility in accepting the decision, for God's grace to reign in the voting and in the aftermath, and for the nation to unite in moving on in unity for the common good of all people. To sign up for a 30– minute time slot, and for inspirational prayers, poems, and devotionals, please go to [pchum.org/election-prayer-vigil](http://pchum.org/election-prayer-vigil).

Kids can be involved in prayer, too! Families with young kids at home are encouraged to include all ages in their prayer time. Kid-friendly prayers can be found on the Election Day Prayer Vigil page on [pchum.org](http://pchum.org).

## Time Change—fall Back

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, October 31**. Otherwise, you'll be an hour early to church on Sunday!

## A Note from Pastor Barry

Greetings, Chapel Hill members and friends! For several years now, I have been working with the Faith Alliance Committee of OutFront Kalamazoo and Out Proud Safe on the significant challenge of homelessness among LGBTQ youth in the Kalamazoo Area. One piece of a response to that challenge is the "Host Homes Program". LGBTQ youth are frequently in tense relationship at home as they self-disclose matters of sexuality and identity, and it is far too common for youth to be kicked out by parents, or to run away because they feel unsafe. Faith Alliance has been working on this because the committee works at the intersection of faith and sexuality. Often, parents act out of conservative religious mindsets that react against youth in unhelpful, sometimes even violent, ways. Host Homes is an effort to provide safe space for youth to live while efforts are made to bring about reconciliation. Pandemic times make this a difficult ask, but I am inviting those of you who feel that you might be able to host youth in your homes to attend an informational meeting about this program. Even if you would not feel safe opening your home during COVID times, please know you are still welcome at the meeting. We trust we will not always be in such times!

### Host Homes Program Information Meeting

OutFront and the Faith Alliance committee invite you to an online informational meeting about the "Out Proud Safe Host Homes" program on **Friday, November 6 at 7 pm**. "Host Homes" is designed to address the housing needs of LGBTQ youth during family reconciliation to avoid youth homelessness by connecting them with caring adults who are willing to provide safe housing and support during this process. This meeting will introduce you to the program and will open the floor for you to ask questions you may have on the program. We hope to see you there!

More information on this online meeting will be forthcoming. If you would like more immediate information, please be in touch with Pastor Barry at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org).