

THE VOICE

November 15, 2020

24th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

The Lord gives wisdom;
from God's mouth
come knowledge
and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6



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Finding Peace In An Anxious World

Prelude	Be Thou My vision	John carter
Pastoral welcome		
call To worship		
Songs	Holy water Thy will	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		
children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Be Thou My vision	
Scripture	Proverbs 2:1-11	
Message	The wisdom to know The Difference	Barry Petrucci
offering & Special Music		
	The Perfect wisdom of our God	Shannon Rininger
Dedication		
Hymn	Hope For The world	
closing Liturgy		Tonya Boot
Song	can we walk upon the water	
Sending		
Postlude	Presto from Sonata #40	Joseph Haydn

Welcome Paul Daniel Davenport!

Congratulations to Pastor Jess,
Dad Torey, and Big Brother Tommy



there's a new kid in town

paul daniel davenport

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*thanks for your prayers and well wishes,
Torey, Jess, & Tommy*

Statement from the Guidance Board and Pastors

Portage Chapel Hill will always be an accessible place to gather and worship. However, due to the recent increase in cases of COVID-19 it has become clear that church leadership must once again restrict access to our facilities. We are committed to maintaining a safe environment for this congregation and the community.

Chapel Hill will no longer be offering in-person worship for our congregation and will close our indoor facilities for meetings and gatherings. We will continue to offer our online worship service created by our talented worship team, available on pchum.org/broadcast, as well as Facebook and YouTube. As for now, socially distanced masked outdoor meetings are permitted on the Portage Chapel Hill grounds.

We will continue to respond to this pandemic in a thoughtful data-driven manner and will continually evaluate our strategy. We ask for your understanding and support in the challenging weeks and months ahead. God's love endures.

The Guidance Board
Pastors Barry Petrucci and Jess Davenport

3rd Grade Bibles

An annual tradition at Portage Chapel Hill is to give Bibles to all students in 3rd grade. This is usually celebrated as part of the worship service, but as with so many other things, it needs to be done differently. This year, Bibles will be delivered right to kids' homes. Delivery will take place after worship on Sunday, November 15. Check the Chapel Hill Facebook group and future worship services for pictures of this fun event!

Realm Update

Updating of Portage Chapel Hill's online directory is complete. This work was done so that folks in the Chapel Hill congregation are able to stay in touch with one another, something that is especially important during this time of pandemic.

All are encouraged to do these things:

- Set up your Realm account if you haven't already. Go to onrealm.org/pchum to set up your account today.
- Look to see if your contact information is correct. Updating your contact information is the best way to stay up to date with the church and the congregation.
- Upload a picture. A directory full of names but no faces can be uninviting. Please upload a profile picture so that everyone can see who you are!

As a reminder, sharing your personal contact information is always your own choice. By creating an account in Realm you are in control of deciding what information others are able to see. The church office will *never* share your private information with a third party. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Office Manager Lisa Drzick at lisadrzick@pchum.org.

Kids' Blessings Scavenger Hunt

Families with young kids are invited to join in a Blessings Scavenger Hunt! Go to the Portage Chapel Hill Facebook Page at facebook.com/PCHUM.church on Sunday, November 15 for all the details. November is a great time to be thankful for all that God has given us. All of those who complete the hunt and email a picture get a fun prize! Send your pictures of your finished scavenger hunts to Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

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Give Online:

pchum.org/give

Give On Realm:

onrealm.org/pchum

Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to
73256

Finding Peace in an Anxious World ~ Prayer Practices

Pastors Barry and Jess are wrapping up a sermon series this week, "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" based on the Serenity Prayer written by Reinhold Niebuhr. So far in this series we have ventured through Serenity, Acceptance, and Courage. This week Pastor Barry will give us insight into Wisdom.

With each of these sermons there is an accompanying guided prayer practice.

- Week one is learning how to pray the **Examine Prayer**. This prayer encourages one to examine the past day, to be grateful for another day, but also to reflect on missteps and ask forgiveness.
- Week two is a guided practice using the **Welcoming Prayer**: welcome, welcome, welcome. I welcome everything that comes to me today because I know it is for my healing...
- Week three uses an example of a guided **Kataphatic Prayer**. In this experience you will give a name to God. And through the course of the prayer you will explore how God is and is not the name you have chosen.
- Finally, this week the guided prayer practice will use the **Labyrinth Prayer**. This prayer uses the labyrinth which at first site looks like a maze. It is not. There is a clear path in and a clear path out. As you enter, you let go...of burdens, worldly attachments or you might enter with a question for God. The labyrinth has a center point. Here you might stay a bit and reflect on your relationship with God, or simply pray to God. Finally, on your trek out you walk with God, bringing both a renewed spirit and God back to the world.

All the sermons and prayer practices are saved as videos on the Broadcast page at pchum.org. I hope you will check them out and find them meaningful and another way to experience God in your life.

Tonya Boot
Director of Discipleship

