

THE VOICE

November 22, 2020

Reign of Christ Sunday

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Giving thanks with joy...

Colossians 1:12



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The Nature of Thanks

Prelude	A Rose is Gently Blooming	Johannes Brahms
Pastoral Welcome		
Call to Worship		Barry Petrucci & Tonya Boot
Songs	Take My Life (Holiness) Who You Say I Am	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		Pat Catellier
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	We Gather Together	
Scripture	Colossians 1:9-14	
Message	The Nature of Thanks	Barry Petrucci
Offering & Special Music	Fairest Lord Jesus	Andy Johnson
Dedication		
Hymn	Give Thanks, My Soul, For Harvest	
Closing Liturgy		
Song	Room at the Table	
Sending		
Postlude	We Gather Together	arr. by John Carter

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

Advent Devotional Booklet: Contributors Needed

Are you a writer or a poet? Do you dabble in drawing or painting? Portage Chapel Hill is seeking contributions to the annual Advent Devotional Booklet, which will be available to download on Sunday November 29. Short stories, essays, poems, drawings, pictures... anything that is meaningful to you during the Advent season is welcome. Please email your contribution to Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org.

Giving Tuesday, December 1

Giving Tuesday is a day set aside to remember the needs of others as the frenzied holiday shopping season gets underway. If you would like to participate but aren't sure where to start, Portage Chapel Hill has two suggestions for you:

- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict or natural disaster. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. To donate please go to umcmmission.org.
- Sunnyside United Methodist Church's Free Store is holding its annual Big Give Toy Drive now through December 4. New unwrapped toys may be donated to the Free Store at 2800 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, 49048. You may also bring your donations to Chapel Hill and we will deliver them to the Free Store for you. For more information please call Sunnyside UMC at (269) 349-3047 or email the Chapel Hill church office at office@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 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.

Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill
7028 Oakland Dr.
Portage MI 49024

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

Pastor Jess and Pastor Barry have wrapped up the sermon series "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" based on the Serenity Prayer written by Reinhold Niebuhr. Each week of the 4-week series covered a different aspect of the prayer: Serenity, Acceptance, Courage, and 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.
- Week four uses the **Labyrinth Prayer**. The labyrinth 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 and 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

