

THE VOICE

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday in Advent

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Survey, survey; build a road!

Remove barriers
from my people's road!

Isaiah 57:14



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Believing Even When...

Prelude	Gesu Bambino	
Pastoral Welcome		
Crossing The Threshold	I Believe...	Univ. of LaVerne Virtual Choir LaVerne, CA
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Ed Orloff and Julie Rogers
Advent Song		
The Gospel	Luke 1:49-55	Sheila Bigelow
Songs	Come Emmanuel	New Life Team
	I Wonder As I Wander	
Pastoral Prayer		
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Verses 1 & 2
Scripture	Isaiah 57:14-15	
Message	God: The Ode To Joy	Barry Petrucci
Offering & Special Music	When Love Was Born	Kylie Buckham
Hymn	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Verses 3 & 4
Prayers in the Stillness		Tonya Boot
Advent Song		
Blessing		
Song	Slow Kingdom Coming	

Advent Devotionals

Go to pchum.org/advent to download your copy of Portage Chapel Hill's Advent Devotional. Filled with stories, reflections, poetry, and art, we hope the Advent Devotional is a source of meaning and joy to you as we wait for the birth of the Christ Child.

There is also a Family Devotional especially for the young ones in your life... or maybe just the young at heart.

Angel Tree Donations

Despite there being no physical "Angel Tree" in the church lobby this year, Chapel Hill will be collecting donations for the students at Haverhill Elementary School in Portage.

School administrators are asking for:

- Playground equipment such as soccer balls, basketballs, kickballs, volleyballs, and footballs
- Cleaning supplies like wipes and disinfectant spray
- Other supplies including Ziploc bags in all sizes, dry-erase markers, non-perishable peanut-free snacks, and gloves or mittens in all sizes

Please plan to drop off your new, unwrapped items at the church on **Sunday, December 13 between 11 am - 1 pm**. All children who come with a donated item will receive a gift from Miss Andrea! Contact Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org if you have any questions.

Candlelight Videos Needed!

Because we won't be together to light candles while we sing Silent Night on Christmas Eve, we are planning to put together a video of people lighting their candles at home. Please record a video of yourself lighting a candle – you *do not* have to show your face, and you *do not* need to speak! Simply record the video on your phone (please hold your phone in *landscape format*) and then send an email to Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org to let her know you've done it. She will then send you the link to upload your video.

So again, record a video of yourself lighting a candle, no faces and no voices, keep recording the lit candle for about 15-30 seconds, and send an email to Tonya when you're done.

Thanks!

Copies of The Voice Newsletter

If you know of someone who would appreciate being mailed a paper copy of The Voice each week please email Office Manager Lisa Drzick at office@pchum.org or call the office at (269) 327-6643.

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7028 Oakland Dr.
Portage MI 49024

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pchum.org/give

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Selections from the 2020 Advent Devotional

Prayer

Come, o come, Emmanuel; come to this imperfect mess of an offering. Bring the undimmed Light to the darkness that envelops-- make Yourself known amidst our missed cues, our lost connections, our failed aspirations, our repeated mistakes. Make holy our humanity; humanize Your perfection. Show us that we are loved; call us beloved in every misstep, every attempt, every word. Come, Emmanuel. Change us. Come, Emmanuel. Value us just as we are--Yours.

Jenaba Waggy

Hope

As a child,
they told me
nothing was impossible.
Hope wrapped in a tiny seed
planted deep within my being.

Head covered,
buffeted by circular winds
I stagger
knees bent
feet slowed by slipping sands.

They told me
nothing was impossible.
Hope wrapped in a tiny dove
swooped low for the cleansing.

Bare feet,
chilled by circular waters
I shiver
back stooped
fingers trapped in icy waves.

They told me
nothing was impossible.
Hope wrapped in a tiny baby
Gifted to a world undeserving.

Head uncovered
warmed by flowing waters
I stand
arms raised
body fueled through believing.

Amy Rathbun

Credo: Seeking Jesus

Finally
two sets of rabbit tracks
silent signatures
in marshmallow snow

Lately
I've waited watched for these
small altars draped
in white made by a splay of leaps

In Wonder now
I trace the imprint of high hops
which so close to hope
renews Advent's Christ Child beliefs



Image & Poem by
Dorothy Brooks

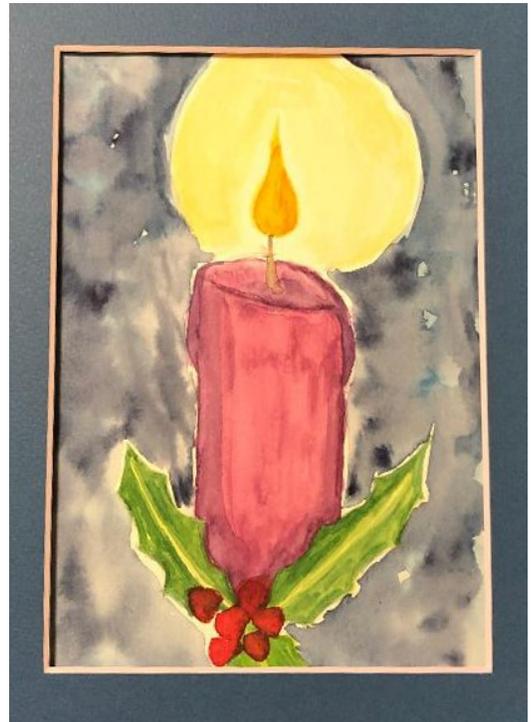
This Christmas I am looking forward to learning more about Jesus. Sure presents are nice, but that's not the real meaning of Christmas.

The real meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus.

This Christmas is as important as any other Christmas that ever was.

To everyone, even people who have passed away even though they won't be able to read this, have a holly jolly Christmas this year, and remember what Christmas is really about!

Elaina Trantham, age 10



Watercolor by Kathy Willhite

All Are Welcome to Celebrate the Season of Advent at Portage Chapel Hill Church

Sermon Series "Believing Even When..."

Sunday, December 13:

God: The Ode to Joy

Sunday, December 20:

Lighting The Way to Peace

Blue Christmas Worship

Monday, December 21 at 6 pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24 at 4 pm

All worship services will be available at pchum.org/broadcast