

# THE VOICE

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday in Advent

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

A child is born to us  
and authority  
will be on his shoulders.

*Isaiah 9:6*



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# Believing Even When...

Prelude	Of The Father's Love Begotten	
Pastoral Welcome		
Crossing The Threshold	I Believe...	Univ. of LaVerne Virtual Choir LaVerne, CA
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Lambright Family
Advent Song		
The Gospel	John 1:3-4	Tonya Boot
Songs	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Little Town	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Star Child	
Scripture	Isaiah 9:6	
Message	Lighting the Way to Peace	Barry Petrucci
Offering & Special Music	Mary Did You Know?	Kitty Clark
Hymn	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	
Prayers in the Stillness		
Advent Song		
Blessing		
Song	My Lord He Is A' Comin Soon	

## Helping Hands

Each year at Christmas time Chapel Hill collects gift cards to distribute to those in need throughout the year. A \$25 gift card from Walmart or Meijer is so helpful to someone needing gas to get to a job interview, or formula for their infant, or just a little something to make it to the next paycheck. As you wrap up your Christmas shopping this week please consider picking up a gift card and dropping it off at the church, or mailing it to 7028 Oakland Dr., Portage, 49024. Your generosity is appreciated!

## Angel Tree Donations

Despite there being no physical "Angel Tree" in the church lobby this year, Chapel Hill is 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

If you would like to donate items please contact Andrea Trantham to coordinate a drop off time. Andrea may be reached at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org). You may also contact the church office by email at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or by calling (269) 327-6643.

## Guest Preacher

On Sunday, December 27 and Sunday, January 3 Chapel Hill will "virtually" welcome guest preacher Deb Johnson. Rev. Johnson is a retired elder in the United Methodist Church. During her 35-year career she served congregations in Manton, Marne, Hudsonville, Lansing, and Sturgis. She will be speaking on John 1 in her sermon titled God Makes A Home With Us on December 27. And on January 3 her message will be from Luke 2:22-40, Welcome To The Family. Please plan to watch worship on those days and send your gratitude.

*Please note: There will be no Communion on January 3.*

## Advent Devotionals

It's not too late to download your copy of Portage Chapel Hill's Advent Devotional at [pchum.org/advent](http://pchum.org/advent). 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.

## 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](mailto:office@pchum.org) or call the office at (269) 327-6643.

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Portage Chapel Hill  
7028 Oakland Dr.  
Portage MI 49024

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

### Give On Realm:

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

### Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to  
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## Watchnight Service

- Thursday, December 31
- 11:55 pm

The turning of the year. The move from the singular year that was 2020 to the hopes and aspirations of what 2021 may be. The *Watchnight Service* is a long-standing tradition in many Christian faith communities and denominations. It is a time to review the past year, to make individual and collective confession for things done and left undone, while preparing for the new year in prayer, proclamation, and resolution.

Pastor Barry will be offering this worship, posted to all of our video outlets ([pchum.org/broadcast](http://pchum.org/broadcast), Facebook and YouTube, to name a few), at 11:55 pm on New Year's Eve. It will include the tradition of the "Love Feast", a meal for all to share ranging from the basics of bread and water, to whatever you are using in your home to celebrate the New Year. While we will not be "live" together, we will be connected in faith tradition, in prayer, in song, and in the basics of life for the health of mind, body, and soul. If you do not join at 11:55 pm on December 31, this video worship experience will continue to be available online for later viewing.

All are welcome to celebrate the season  
with Portage Chapel Hill Church

**Sermon Series: Believing Even When...**

Sunday, December 20 at 10 am  
Lighting the Way to Peace

**Christmas Eve Worship**

Thursday, December 24 at 4 pm  
Lessons and Carols for All Ages

**Blue Christmas**

Monday, December 21 at 6 pm

**Watchnight**

Thursday, December 31 at 11:55 pm

*All worship services will be available at [pchum.org/broadcast](http://pchum.org/broadcast)  
and will remain online for later viewing.*