

"Sharing God's Light - Being God's Light"
Come and Join Us @ The Portage Presbyterian Church

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"Greening of the Church"

During the Week of November 22 ...

You are invited to come and help "prepare" the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas - in a safe way.

We have different tasks to be done - and will "schedule" smaller groups of people to do the tasks on different days.

Among the tasks - putting up and decorating trees, the "green roping" and the wreaths.

Contact the Church Office to let us know "what" you would like to do and when it would work for you to help "prepare."

Sunday Advent Worship Services

Sunday mornings @ 10:05 a.m.

Each Sunday we will be exploring the "meanings" of the Advent Candles and some of the "decorations" we have here in the Sanctuary.

We are planning (at this time) to have worship "in the sanctuary" (following the Guidelines of the Session) - and will continue to offer "Facebook Live" videos and "FM 90.5 in the Parking Lot"

Advent Evening Songs and Devotions

**Each evening - from 5:00-5:45 pm -
on 90.5 FM - in the "Parking Lot"**

PPC will provide a "space" for listening and reflection" each evening.

An evening devotion - "Pauses for Advent" will also be shared at approximately 5:25 pm

And you don't even have to get out of your vehicle!

"Online Bible Stories" - For Advent

**Each week we share an "online Bible story"
for young people (and God's people of all ages")**

Our "Online Bible Stories" during Advent will focus on the stories told by "the Advent Candles" and some of the "decorations" we see and enjoy

These will be available on PPC's "Facebook Page"

"A Community Space" for Christmas

Something "New" for Advent, 2020

We will have a "Christmas Tree" and a "Nativity Scene" outdoors (behind Westminster Center).

Everyone is invited to bring an ornament to decorate the tree - also if you have "prayers" that you would like to lift, put them on a slip of paper and put on the tree.

This "space" will be available for anyone to enjoy during this Advent Season

"White Gift Offerings" - during Advent

**Non-perishable food items will be collected
throughout Advent this year.**

You can leave your "white gift" near the Christmas Tree outdoors - or you can drop them in the box near the entrance of the Church Office (or in the box in Parry Hall)

Food items will be used to stock the "Little Pantry" @ PPC

"A Blue Christmas Service" - An "Online Only" Service

This year, 2020, seems to have been a difficult year for many - for many reasons!

PPC will be offering a "Blue Christmas" worship experience for those whose hearts and minds feel especially heavy and weary in the midst of the "holiday times."

This will be an "online" worship experience found at PPC's "Facebook page" that you can access at your convenience.

You will find this worship service online beginning early in December.

If you would like a DVD of this service, contact the Church Office.

"Quiet Times" In Advent @ PPC

**Monday, Dec 21 and Wed, Dec 23
@ 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 pm.**

We will have the sanctuary open for those who want to "get away from the hustle and bustle" for a while. "Prayer Stations" will be set up for you or you may just come and sit for a time and take in the beauty of the sanctuary, the music and the quiet.

Christmas Eve "Drive In" Candlelight Service

December 24 @ 5:30 p.m.

This will be the "first" of "three" worship opportunities we are offering this year for Christmas Eve.

You can "drive in" for this service in the parking lot behind the church. Turn your radio to "90.5 FM" and share in this unique and wonderful experience for worship the birth of Jesus.

When you arrive, you will be given a "candle" to use during the service when we sing "Silent Night"

Christmas Eve Service - "Online Only" on Facebook

December 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

This will be the "second" worship opportunity being offered.

You will be able to go to PPC's "Facebook Page" and share in a "traditional" worship experience of Scripture and Song as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Be sure to have your "candle" ready when we "share the light" and sing "Silent Night"

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship - "in Sanctuary"

December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Our "third" opportunity will be for those who would like to "gather" in the Sanctuary. We will be following the "Guidelines" (established by the Session) for being in the sanctuary (safe distancing and masks required) - *please contact the Church Office if you plan to attend this service.*

This will be about a 30 minute worship service that celebrates the birth of the Christ Child and the hope that God provides to us in all times and places.

We will conclude this service "outdoors" as we share the "light of Christ" and "sing" Silent Night.

FREE Christmas Day Dinner

December 25

Plans are being made to continue this wonderful tradition - stay tuned for more information!

**"Share an Advent and Christmas
To remember and To celebrate!"**

"A Place For Everyone"

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