

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



“There was a pause- just long enough for an angel to pass, flying slowly.”
-Ronald Firbank (English novelist, 1886-1926)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
LAY PREACHER, ALEX RUTHVEN

~*Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship*~
“Angels Among Us”

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God’s presence in worship)

Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness Johann Walther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Preacher Alex Ruthven

Please remember to sign the Friendship Register, so we know you are here. Please pass it to others in your pew and greet each other after worship. Giving us your contact information is very helpful so we can stay in touch with you, especially if you are a visitor and this is your first time worshipping with us. Welcome to all of you, if you are new, or have been here several times before. We are glad you have chosen to worship God this morning.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Liturgist Peggy Ruthven

Bless us as we meet, Dear Lord, to pray.

Bless the singing of your praise,

The reading of your Word,

The sharing of our fellowship,

The prayers that will be heard. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

#316

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Peggy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Peggy

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not always follow Jesus – we

love with condition, we judge and condemn, we cast the first stone. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us and empower us to be better imitators of Christ in love and service. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins.) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Peggy

Friends, hear the good news,

God so loved the world that He sent Jesus to us,

not to condemn the world, but in order that we might be saved,

We are healed and forgiven, through Him.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"What is an Angel?"

Lay Preacher Alex

SCRIPTURES

Lay Preacher Alex and Liturgist Peggy

Hebrews 13: 1

Genesis 16: 9

Daniel 6: 22

Luke 1: 35

Daniel 10: 7-10

Exodus 23: 20

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lay Preacher Alex

SERMON

"Angels Among Us"

Lay Preacher Alex

***HYMN**

"Morning Has Broken"

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Savior, When in Dust to You

Liturgist Peggy

Joseph Parry

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly hos. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist Peggy

*CLOSING HYMN

“Dear Angel, Ever at My Side”

See Insert

*BENEDICTION

Lay Preacher Alex

POSTLUDE

Christ Lay in the Grasp of Death

J. S. Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please remember to sign the Friendship Register, pass it to others in your pew and greet each other after worship. A special welcome to all visitors. Please give us your preferred contact information so we can stay in touch with you. If you are sitting closest to the aisle, please place the Friendship Sheet in the Offering Plates.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our lay preacher today is Alex Ruthven. Our liturgist today is Peggy Ruthven. Greeters today are Gail Rosales

and Shelley Kamer. Coffee Hour is hosted by Jane Penzien. Altar flowers are provided by Alex and Peggy Ruthven in memory of Jack Pryde, Peggy's father. PNC PRAYER TIME: Every day at sunset, as you are reflecting on your day and counting your blessings, please remember to include our PNC Committee and the important task they have before them. Please pray for them by name: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

MEMORIAL: A Memorial has been set up for Jim Opferman. If you desire to give a memorial gift, please send it to the church indicating it is for Jim Opferman's memorial.

ALTAR FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR/USHERING: Please sign-up in the book located in the Gathering Room for offering ushers (collecting the offering), altar flowers and/or coffee hour. Dates are available for the months of March and April.

COFFEE HOUR: Coffee hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship today.

SPAGHETTI DINNER/TALENT SHOW: Next Sunday, March 19th, 2023 following worship, at 11:00 a.m., come enjoy a talent show with spaghetti dinner! Do you have a talent you would like to share with your church family to honor God and bless others? This is your chance! Sign up if you plan on attending for the spaghetti dinner and/or if you have a talent to share on the sign-up sheets in the office. Donations will be accepted to fundraise for the children to go to the Detroit Zoo in June.

NEWSLETTER: Reminder the newsletter articles for the April/May Newsletter is due at the latest on March 16th. Please send the articles or information to portpresby@gmail.com or drop them by the church office.

LENTEN LUNCHEON: Pastor Roxie is speaking and FPC is providing the food on Thursday, March 16th, at 12:00 p.m. for the Lenten Luncheon at St. John's United Church of Christ.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER: The Blue Water Area Churches are hosting 40 Days of Prayer daily until April 2nd. The Blue Water Area Churches' website, bwchurches.org, provides the structure and content for each meeting. With an Old Testament and

a New Testament scripture, there is a biblical prayer of hope with a specific topic daily. You can find the location and prayer focus each day at *bwchurches.org*. We hope you can join several of the prayer times in person! We are hosting it this Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and we will be praying for businesspeople. Please invite anyone you know who owns their own business and we will be praying for them.

EASTER LILIES: We will be ordering beautiful Easter Lilies this year for Easter Sunday. We will only be ordering a total of 7 for the sanctuary, and we will have more information next week. If you are interested in ordering lilies, please contact Helen Weston (810-984-2406) or the church office.

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRESENTATION: On Maundy Thursday, April 6th, there will be a Last Supper Drama presentation. We will need 12 male volunteers for this presentation. Please contact Pastor Roxie if you are interested or need more information.

FINANCIAL COUNTERS: We are in need of a few more financial counter teams (2 people each team) to come into the church, ordinarily on Monday mornings, to count the offering and deposit in the bank.

ADULT CLASS: "THE CHOSEN": Join us March 22nd and the following Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., to watch the video series "The Chosen" with discussion following the video clip (based on the Gospel of Matthew). This adult class will continue throughout April and May.

FUNERAL TEAM: Your Funeral Luncheon Team is looking for members who could be a greeter to assist/direct the family and friends as they arrive for the service. Occasionally, the team also needs help to prepare the tables for the luncheon (with tablecloths and vases of flowers). Our funeral team no longer prepares the food for the luncheon. The family works directly with a caterer who supplies everything they will need. Your Funeral Luncheon team is honored to assist our church families during their time of need. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Helen Weston (810-984-2406) - Pat Schattler (810-841-7485) - Jacquie Green - Paula Cameron - Debbie Deaner - Carolyn Ahlquist

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS HIRING: With our growing attendance, we are interviewing for a Nursery Attendant. This is a paid position of considerable importance. Please consider if you know of someone who would be interested in this position. Please contact Michelle Fisher with any questions or to apply.

LET'S GO FISHING: Today, the children will find something special at G.I.F.T.: Fish Offering Boxes. These "banks" are part of the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering and are used as a way to help children focus on the OGHS mission to share God's love with neighbors in need around the world. They are invited to fill these banks with pennies, nickels, and dimes. The "fish" will be caught on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. For adults who would also like to "go fishing" with their spare change, they will find extra boxes on the counter in the church office. All the O.G.H.S. donations will go directly to PC-USA, specifically for earthquake victims.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Before church service begins each Sunday, please have the children pick up their personal activity bags, with "age-appropriate" items, hanging on their hooks in the G.I.F.T. room to use during worship. Activity bags are available for visiting children- they are located in the baskets in the sanctuary.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together): Lesson for the day- The Israelites cross the Red Sea. "God takes care of us." 5 years-5th grade. Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message in worship.

CHILDREN SING: On Palm Sunday, April 2nd, the children will sing the song "Lord I Lift Your Name on High." There will be a practice March 26th following the worship service for whoever is available.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are available in the racks on a table near the church office desk.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./3-13:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Session	7:00 p.m.
Wed./3-15:	40 Days of Prayer at FPC	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./3-16:	Newsletter Articles Due	

Adult Class “The Backstory”	10:00 a.m.
Lenten Lunch at St. John’s Church	12:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 19:	Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 22:	Adult Class, “The Chosen”	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 2:	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Fish Boxes Due, Children Sing, Palms, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Bells)	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 6:	Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Last Supper Drama)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 7:	Ecumenical Service at Colonial Woods Missionary Church	1:00 p.m.
	Good Friday Potluck Dinner and Movie	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 9:	Sunrise Easter Service	8:00 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	8:45 a.m.
	Easter Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 16:	Southern Gospel Concert at FPC “Justified Quartet”	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18:	P.A.C.E. rescheduled field trip	10:00 a.m.

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***OUR MISSION IS KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,
AND GO SHARE OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.***