

WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON

Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart  
and do not lean on  
your own understanding.  
In all your ways  
acknowledge Him  
and He will make straight  
your paths.

*Proverbs 3:5-6*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 19, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
**(Chosen—Matthew--Tax Collector/Disciple)**

**PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE**

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

**When in the Hour of Deepest Need**

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Roxie Davis

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 Jill Emery

We come today as God's "chosen" people.

**We are not perfect but God still blesses us.**

We come today to be with each other and with God.

**We seek to sense God's love.**

We come today, knowing that we often do wrong.

**We rely on God's forgiveness.**

**We leave this place as a loved and forgiven people.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"O Jesus I Have Promised"**

**#388**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Jill

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Jill

**God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what You are doing in the world. Sometimes we want You to act in ways that we can predict.**

**We forget that You came to forgive, not to condemn. Help us when we are judgmental and harsh towards others. Remind us of Your love and Your forgiveness, not only for us, but for everyone.**

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Jill

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world.

**But in order that the world might be saved through Him.”**

The Good News comes to us in Jesus Christ.

**We are loved and we are forgiven all our sins. Amen.**

**\*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 (Kum Ba Yah--#338)**

Pastor Roxie

**SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament      *Proverbs 3: 5-8 (In Unison)***

Liturgist Jill

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own understanding.**

**<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and God will make Your paths straight.**

**<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.**

**<sup>8</sup> It will be a healing for your flesh  
and a refreshment for your body.**

**Gospel Reading      *Matthew 9: 9-13***

Liturgist Jill Emery

**Epistle Reading      *2 Timothy 2: 20-22***

Pastor Roxie

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Roxie

<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Matthew—Warts and All”</b>	Pastor Roxie
<b>*HYMN</b>	<b>“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”</b>	<b>#370</b>
<b>GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>		Liturgist Jill
	<b>Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing</b>	Johann Konig
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b>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</b>		
<b>THANKSGIVING PRAYER</b>		Liturgist Jill
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>		Pastor Roxie
	<b>Sharing of Joys and Concerns</b>	
<b>THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		
<b>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.</b>		
<b>*CLOSING HYMN</b>	<b>“Lift High the Cross”</b>	<b>#371</b>
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Roxie
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<b>Fughette</b>	Johann Christoph Bach

## **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 liturgist today is Jill Emery. Greeters today are Gail Rosales and Shelley Kamer. Altar flowers are provided by Gwen Spiess in memory of Lowell Spiess.

**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.

**WHITE ROSE:** A white rose can be found on the communion table in memory of Adeline Wyckoff who passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

**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:** Today, following worship, at 11:00 a.m., come enjoy a talent show with spaghetti dinner! Donations will be accepted to fundraise for the children to go to the Detroit Zoo in June.

**CHOIR:** Please meet for rehearsal next Sunday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. to go over the anthem for Easter.

**40 DAYS OF PRAYER:** The Blue Water Area Churches are hosting 40 Days of Prayer daily until April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Blue Water Area Churches' website, [bwchurches.org](http://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](http://bwchurches.org). We hope you can join several of the prayer times in person!

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. They will be 8 inch pots with 2 lilies in each pot and they cost \$17.00. If you are interested in ordering lilies, please contact Helen Weston (810-984-2406) or sign up at the church office.

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRESENTATION: On Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

EASTER BREAKFAST: On Easter Sunday between the 8 a.m. sunrise service and 10 a.m. worship there will be an Easter breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Please stop by the office desk to sign up if you plan on attending so we have an idea of how much food to have prepared.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

ADULT CLASS: "THE BACKSTORY": Join us every Thursday morning from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Parlor for an adult class led by Pastor Roxie. This class will give you the opportunity to discuss in depth the Scripture passages that will be proclaimed and preached on the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

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: The children were provided with Fish Offering Boxes last week. If your child was not here and would like a Fish Box please pick one up from the church office counter. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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- Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. "We celebrate Jesus." 5 years-5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, the children will sing the song "Lord I Lift Your Name on High." There will be a practice March 26<sup>th</sup> 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./3-20:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Mission Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	Deacons Meeting	3:45 p.m.
Tues./3-21:	M&O Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wed./3-22:	Adult Class "The Chosen"	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./3-23:	Adult Class "The Backstory"	10:00 a.m.
	Lenten Lunch at St. John's	12:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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:	W.I.N. Class (Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers)	11:15 a.m.
	Southern Gospel Concert at FPC “Justified Quartet”	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18:	P.A.C.E. fieldtrip	10:00 a.m.

*\*Families with children: Please be advised that our worship service, including the Children’s Message, is streamed live online. If you would not like your child’s face in view, please instruct them to sit in the front pew with their back facing the congregation or remain in their seats with you.*

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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.***