

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON

PALM SUNDAY



The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Matthew 21:9

PALM SUNDAY, SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 2, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~*Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship*~
(The Chosen—Disciples James and John)

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

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

Christ Lay Enshrouded by Death

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF PALM BRANCHES

Children and the Bell Choir

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118: 25-29** (Paraphrased) Liturgist Linda Hall
Lord, Hosanna—Save us!

Lord, grant us goodness!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

From the house of the Lord, we bless You.

The Lord is God and He has made His light to shine on us.

With palms in hand, join the festal procession....

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love lasts forever.

***OPENING HYMN**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Linda

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Linda

Christ, our Savior, try as we may, we do not follow Your example. We do not humble ourselves; we pursue power at all cost. We try to be obedient but we stumble. We fail to show love and kindness; rather we are judgmental and condemning. Forgive us and help us to heal and to follow.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Linda

Even in the face of our sinfulness,

Christ shows us love.

Even in the face of our mess-ups,

Christ forgives us.

Even in the face of our harshness towards others,

Christ treats us with kindness.

Thanks be to God for sending Jesus Christ into our world.

***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.

JOYFULLY GREET EACH OTHER

CHILDREN’S SONG

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Roxie

GOSPEL READINGS

Matthew 20: 20-23

Liturgist Linda

Matthew 21: 1-11

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Chosen: Brothers James and John”

Pastor Roxie

*HYMN

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

#91

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- The Invitation
- The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsively)
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- (Prayer of thanksgiving...) And so we lift our voices in joyful praise with the choirs of angels who forever sing to the glory of your name:
- **(Sung #383) My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine; Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!)**
- The Communion –Sharing of Bread and Cup
- Moments of Meditation
- Prayers of the People after Communion Together
Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring Your grace and peace to those around us...

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

Special Music

“A Lenten Meditation” (Powell)

Liturgist Linda

Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist Linda

***CLOSING HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth; the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father; brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment; and live each moment
In peace eternally; let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Roxie

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel



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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. You are all invited to Fellowship Time following worship for us to get to know each other.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Linda Hall. Greeters today are Laura Nurnberg and Barb Wright. Coffee hour is hosted by Jane Penzien. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Jane Penzien in memory of her parents and sisters.

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, Jacque Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

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

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship after worship to celebrate those who have an April birthday/anniversary!

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRESENTATION: On Maundy Thursday, April 6th, there will be “The Last Supper; Twelve Disciples, One Jesus” drama presentation. We

still need a few male volunteers for this presentation. Please contact Pastor Roxie if you are interested or need more information.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: On Friday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m. there is an Ecumenical Service at Colonial Woods Missionary Church located at 3240 Pine Grove Ave.

GOOD FRIDAY MOVIE: Faith in Film returns with “Jesus Christ Superstar” (the 2012 version) on Friday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. This will be presented on the big screen in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be having a potluck dinner and dessert together. Please sign up at the church office for what you will bring.

EASTER SERVICES: There will be two worship services offered on Easter Sunday, April 9th. The first will be the sunrise service in the Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. and the second will be the Sanctuary worship service at 10:00 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST: On Easter Sunday between the 8 a.m. worship 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 prepare.

ADULT CLASS: “THE CHOSEN”: Join us 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 BACK STORY”: The Back Story will meet this week but not be meeting on Thursday, April 13th due to Pastor Roxie’s Vacation.

SESSION MEETING: Please make a note- it was voted upon during the last session meeting to move the date of April Session, the new date is Monday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m., the same day the Deacons meet at 4:00 p.m. Between the two meetings from 5:15-7:00 p.m. there will be a Goal Setting Gathering,

with dinner included. It will be in the Fellowship Hall for *both* Deacons and Elders.

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.

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. Some special items are in the bags for Palm Sunday.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together): No G.I.F.T. today. They will resume April 16th.

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

PASTOR ROXIE VACATION: From April 10 to April 14th, Pastor Roxie will be on vacation. Rev. Randy Bennett will be her back up, in case of pastoral needs.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./4-3:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Properties Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Tues./4-4:	Christian Education Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Wed./4-5:	Adult Class "The Chosen"	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./4-6:	Adult Class "The Backstory"	10:00 a.m.
	Finance Committee Meeting	11:15 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, April 6:	Maundy Thursday Worship Service ("The Last Supper" Drama)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 7:	Ecumenical Service at Colonial Woods Good Friday Potluck Dinner and Movie	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 9:	Sunrise Easter Service Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service	8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 16:	W.I.N. Class (Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers) Southern Gospel Concert at FPC "Justified Quartet"	11:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 17:	Deacons Meeting Dinner and Goal Setting (Deacons and Elders) Session (changed dates)	4:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18:	P.A.C.E. fieldtrip Mission Meeting	10:00 a.m. 11:30 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,
Go share our faith in Jesus Christ.***