

WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 26, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
**(The Last Sunday of Preaching Series: The Hands and Feet of Jesus  
First Sunday of Lenten Preaching Series: The Chosen)**

**PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE**      **O Lamb of God Most Holy**      Pachelbel  
*(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind  
for God's presence in worship)*

**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**      Liturgist Steve Ahlquist  
In this worship, we come into the presence of God.  
**With confidence, we trust that God will meet us here.**  
Where there is sadness, may we find joy.  
**Where there is weariness, may we find refreshment.**  
Where there is despair, may we sense God's love.  
**Where there is lack of certainty, may we find hope.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**      **#487**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**      Liturgist Steve

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**      Liturgist Steve  
**Merciful God, we are easily tempted to live life on our own. We turn away  
from Your Word so quickly. We seek anything that would claim to save us  
from our discomfort, fear, and emptiness. Often, we rely on earthly things to**

**dull our pain. But You generously hand out hope to us, through Your love and forgiveness. We confess our transgressions; forgive our waywardness. Help us to live in Your hope and in our salvation.** (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Steve

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

**God does not count our sins against us.**

But God rejoices to show love towards us.

**Let us remember, through Jesus Christ, God loves us always.**

**God forgives every one of our sins. Thanks be to God.**

**\*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**

**"Cards of Hope"**

Pastor Roxie

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"My Song Is Love Unknown" (v. 1, 3 and 5)**

**#76**

**Verse 1:** My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to loveless shown That they might lovely be.

O who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?

**Verse 3:** Sometimes they strew His way, And His sweet praises sing,  
Resounding all the way Hosananas to their King.

Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.

**Verse 5:** Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine:

Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.

## SCRIPTURES

Readings on Hope from the Book of Romans,  
New Testament (New International Version):

*Romans 5:2-5*

Liturgist Steve

*Romans 8:24-25*

Pastor Roxie

*Romans 12:12*

Liturgist Steve

*Romans 15:4-6*

Pastor Roxie

*Romans 15:13* (In Unison)

The Congregation

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Handing Out Hope”

Pastor Roxie

\*HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

#379

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Steve

The Glory of these Forty Days

J. S. Bach

\*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 Steve

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Roxie

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## 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.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

#485

## \*BENEDICTION

Pastor Roxie

*Romans 15:13*

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## POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Pachelbel

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Steve Ahlquist. Greeters today are Dorinne Crowell and Sharon Levine. Coffee Hour is hosted by Jim and Linda Hall. Altar flowers are provided by Judy Hall and her daughter Kim, in memory of Bradley Hall.

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.

HANDS AND FEET IN OUR COMMUNITY: Today, following worship, Laura Nestle, from the Council on Aging will speak to us about the Foster Grandparent Program in our schools: older adults helping children/youth with their learning skills. She will also present on the Senior Project: fresh vegetables, a program connected to the Farmer's Market. After Coffee Fellowship time, we will gather in the sanctuary.

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

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.

FUNERAL TEAM: Your Funeral Luncheon Team is looking for members who could occasionally 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

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. Please talk with Tom Andison, Treasurer, if you are interested.

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.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together): Lesson for the day-Moses talks to God at a burning bush. “God takes care of us.” 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.

RENEWAL WEEKEND: Come away on March 10-12, 2023 to Echo Grove Camp and Retreat Center and...be renewed in your faith...be blessed by God's Grace...be open to God's word. The Spiritual Renewal Weekend is an opportunity to Come Away and spend some time with God, and with others. For more information, there are brochures on the table in the Gathering Room. If any of these ideas resonate with you- talk to Pastor Roxie who is one of the Spiritual Advisors for the weekend. There are scholarships available.

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

40 DAYS OF PRAYER: The Blue Water Area Churches are hosting 40 Days of Prayer February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 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! We are hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> day on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> day on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Mon./2-27:  | Financial Counters          | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Tues./2-28: | Worship and Music Meeting   | 10:00 a.m. |
| Wed./3-1:   | 40 Days of Prayer           | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Thurs./3-2: | Adult Class “The Backstory” | 10:00 a.m. |
|             | Finance Committee           | 11:15 a.m. |
|             | Lenten Lunch at             | 12:00 p.m. |
|             | St. John’s Church           |            |

*\*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.***