

**WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON**



**THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS**

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~

(Andrew: First to Follow)

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

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

God Gave to Us this Glorious Day

Walther

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 Judith McLean

***OPENING WORDS**

Liturgist Judith

We hear the voice of Jesus.

Jesus calls us to be His chosen disciples.

We lift our voices to God.

We give all glory and honor to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are here to give thanks and praise to the One who created us.

We are here by faith and to go forth in Christ's love.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Christ Is Alive!"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Judith

Patient God, we ask again and again, “Forgive us for the mistakes we make; the divisions we create; the hurts we inflict.” We come to You, repenting of those things that have made us unfaithful to You. We come to You, repenting of our lack of love and our judgment of others. Help us, through Your forgiveness, to follow where You lead.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

Hear the Good News.

Through Christ rising from the dead, He shows us great love.

Through Christ’s presence in our lives, He shows us full forgiveness.

Through Christ’s words and actions, we can go on.

Thanks be to God for His mercy and grace.

***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

Pastor Roxie

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Proverbs 3:1-12 (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

My child, do not forget my teaching,
But let your heart keep my commandments;

**For length of days and years of life
And abundant welfare, they will give you.**

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

**So you will find favor and good repute in
the sight of God and of people.**

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

In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

It will be healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce;

Then your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Gospel Reading

John 1:35-42

Pastor Roxie

Matthew 4:18-22

Liturgist Judith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON Disciple Andrew: First to Follow

Pastor Roxie

***HYMN**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Judith

The Day of Resurrection

Henry Smart

***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 Judith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastor Roxie

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 "Called As Partners" (v. 1, 2, and 3) #343**

***BENEDICTION Pastor Roxie**

POSTLUDE Now Praise our God with Cheerful Voice J. S. 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. 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 Judith McLean. The greeters today are Barb Wright and Laura Nurnberg. Coffee hour host is Reta Zochowski and Evelyn Tinsley and her family in honor of Evelyn's 95th birthday. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Janet Hansen and family in Memory of Lee Hanson.

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.

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 May and June.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS: Janet Brown, Beth Shoffner and Megan Chrzanowski come before the church family in worship on April 30th.

Welcome to the family of God!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please be in attendance for a Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday, April 30th at 11:15 a.m. to elect those who have been nominated to fill the vacancies of the Elder and Deacons.

Elders: David Dunn and Anne Wilton

Deacons: Patricia Schattler and Starrla Opferman

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION: Ordination and Installation of Church Officers will be during worship on Sunday, May 21st.

PRAYER GATHERING: Starting this month there will be a prayer gathering on the last day of the month to pray for specific segments of our community. This month we will be praying specifically for musicians. Please ask those you know who are involved in music in any way for specific prayer requests, or praises, you can bring their requests to the prayer gathering or let Pastor Roxie know so they will be included if you are unable to attend yourself. The prayer gathering this month will be next Sunday, April 30th in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m.

LAY PREACHER TRAINING: Come and check out the Lay Preacher Ministry (people who preach when Pastor Roxie is out of town). You will be given many helpful hints as to how to pick the scripture, write the sermon and preach the Word. If you're interested, please come to the training in the church Parlor on Monday, May 1st or Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please let Pastor Roxie know you are coming. This is also for those who are presently Lay Preachers.

ADULT CLASS: "THE CHOSEN": Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m., to watch the video series "The Chosen" with discussion following the video clip (based on the Gospel of Matthew).

ADULT CLASS: "THE BACK STORY": Please join us every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. 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!

STITCH AND CHAT: Ladies- join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to Stitch and Chat. Bring your own project, i.e. sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc. or join in on our hand quilting project. No project- no problem, just come and chat! Sign up sheet on the office counter. Questions contact: Peggy Dempsey (810) 300-0429 or Gwen Spiess (308) 325-1317.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let the ushers know if you would like one for the service.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Be sure to pick up the children's activity bags before the church service. Feel free to take the children's bulletins home every week that are in the activity bags to further conversations at home. The bags are 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- God sends Manna and Quail from Heaven. "God guides 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/SIGN: On Mother's Day, May 14th, the children will be singing and signing. There will be practice next Sunday, April 30th and then again on May 7th following the worship service.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP: It's been a long winter! Let's walk the streets of our church neighborhood and clean it up! Meet in front of 826 Court Street on Sunday, May 21st at 3:00 p.m. *Bring your own gloves.* Garbage

bags will be provided. Clean-up will take about an hour. Sign up sheet on the office counter. Questions? Call or text Michelle Fisher (810) 841-6072. SOUP POTLUCK: Following the neighborhood clean-up on May 21st, at 4:00 p.m., meet at Jim and Michelle Fisher's apartment, 826 Court Street, for a soup potluck. Sign up sheet on the office counter.

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./4-24: Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Tues./4-25: Worship & Music Committee	10:00 a.m.
Wed./4-26: Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./4-27: Adult Class: The Backstory	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:

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