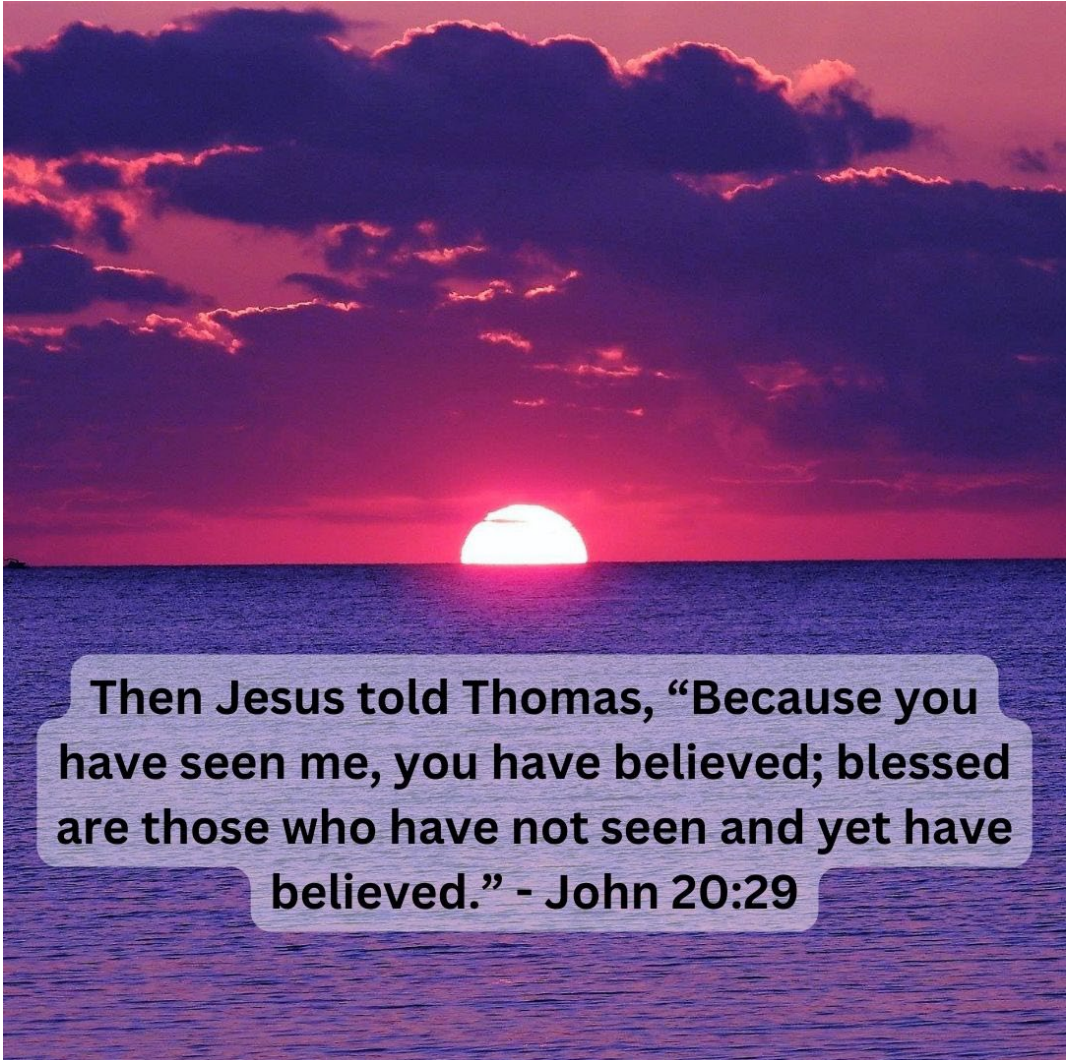


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



Then Jesus told Thomas, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” - John 20:29

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Roxie Davis

~*Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship*~
(The Chosen—Questioning Thomas)

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

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

The Blessed Christ is Risen Today

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**

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

***OPENING HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

Almighty God, You pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, showing us Your patience with us. We experience Your presence. But too often we are quick to be impatient with others. We judge those who do not believe in Your Son, Jesus. We look down on those who ask for proof. We scorn those who have questions about faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own questions, that we might have compassion for all. Help us to show Your kindness to others.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Dorinne

God helps us rise to a new day in our relationship with the Risen Lord.

We desire to walk this life with Jesus as our companion.

We trust in God and in God's goodness.

We are grateful that our sins are forgiven and

God's love, in Jesus Christ, sustains us throughout our days.

***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

***Psalm 16: 5-11* (Read in Unison)**

Liturgist Dorinne

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

**⁷I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

**⁸I keep the Lord always before me;
because the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

**⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

**¹⁰For you do not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

**¹¹You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Gospel Readings

Pastor Roxie and Liturgist Dorinne

John 11: 11-16

John 14: 1-7

John 20: 19-29

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

CHOSEN—QUESTIONING THOMAS

Pastor Roxie

***HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (v. 1 and 2)

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Dorinne

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing The Pilgrim Hymnal (1958)

***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 Dorinne

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**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Roxie

POSTLUDE

Christ is Risen

Johann Fischer

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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 Dorinne Crowell. The greeters today are Barb Wright and Laura Nurnberg. Coffee hour hosts are Helen Weston and Jerrydeanna Pretty.

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.

W.I.N. (Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers): If you are interested in knowing more about the Presbyterian Church, please come to the W.I.N. class TODAY. Or if you know of someone who is not a member and wants to be a member this is a great opportunity. The class will be today, Sunday, April 16th at 11:15 a.m. Anyone desiring to join the church will be welcomed by the Elders tomorrow, Monday April 17th, 7:00 p.m. during Session.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT: Please join us in the Sanctuary on TODAY at 4:00 p.m. for a free gospel concert by “Justified Quartet.” Bring a friend!

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 tomorrow 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, provided by Rob Williams. The gathering will be in the Fellowship Hall for *both* Deacons and Elders.

P.A.C.E. (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly): This rescheduled field trip to tour the facility is now on Tuesday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m. Please meet at 5229 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot. Everyone is welcome!

ADULT CLASS: "THE CHOSEN": Join us this Wednesday, April 19th and every Wednesday until the end of May 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- Starting this Wednesday, April 19th and every Wednesday morning following at the church from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. come 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 usher 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- Jesus Dies and Comes Back to Life. "We celebrate Jesus." 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 Mother's Day, May 14th, the children will sing. There will be a practice April 30th and May 7th following the worship service.

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./4-17:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Deacons Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Dinner and Goal Setting	5:15 p.m.
	Session	7:00 p.m.
Tues./4-18:	P.A.C.E fieldtrip	10:00 a.m.
	Mission Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	Membership and Outreach	7:00 p.m.
Wed./4-19:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./4-20:	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 is know the Love of God,
grow in the Christian faith,
and go share our faith in Jesus Christ.*