

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(CHOSEN: DISCIPLE PETER BECOMES A LEADER)

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

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

Christ is Arisen

Fischer

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

Pastor Roxie

Janet Brown, Megan Chrzanowski, and Beth Shoffner

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust in Him?

I do.

Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His word and show His love?

I do.

Do you renounce all evil and rely upon God's love and forgiveness?

I do.

Do you intend to be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

I do and I will.

Prayer (in unison): Oh, Lord, help us to be filled with gratitude for Your blessings. Let Your message of love richly dwell in us. And may whatever we do or say, be done in Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Alex Ruthven

***OPENING WORDS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Alex

We come to worship the Risen Christ.

We come to give praise to the Ruler of the Universe.

We come to bring our joys and concerns to God the Father.

We come to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, so we can go forth with joy and peace.

Thanks be to God that we are “chosen” to share God’s love.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#276

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Alex

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Alex

God of this world, You call us to live a life of kindness and generosity. But too often we want to express our views at the expense of working towards reconciliation. We have a hard time, forgiving others as You have forgiven us. Unfortunately, sometimes we are unkind when we want our way. Help us to see Your way of generosity and kindness. Help us to follow where You lead, even if it uncomfortable.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Alex

Christ, our Lord and Savior, bore our sins in His body on the cross.

**He stretched out His arms on that cross and visually said,
“I love you this much.”**

May we be mindful of the everlasting forgiveness of God and the constant love that God bestows on us.

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.

***JOYFULLY GREET EACH OTHER**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Roxie

SCRIPTURES

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-29

Pastor Roxie and Liturgist Alex and the Congregation

Matthew 16:21-23

Pastor Roxie and Liturgist Alex

Matthew 18:21-22

Liturgist Alex and Pastor Roxie

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Liturgist Alex and Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON DISCIPLE PETER—A LEADER?

Pastor Roxie

***HYMN**

“Fight the Good Fight”

#307

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Alex

Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving

Brahms

***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 Alex

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Roxie

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

THE SINGING OF 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" #142**

***BENEDICTION Ephesians 3: 20-21 (in unison) Pastor Roxie**
Now to Him, who by the power at work within us, is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or think of; To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE Chromatic Fugue 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.

BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH: Church Members- If you see someone new or someone who has come back after a long absence, please make them feel welcome by sitting with them or greeting them.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Alex Ruthven. The greeters today are Barb Wright and Laura Nurnberg. Coffee hour host is Jacquie Green. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Reta Zochowski in memory of Philip Zochowski.

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.

DIRECTORY/CHURCH PHOTO ALBUM: Please see the insert to provide the church with the most updated contact information for the Church Photo Album and the Church Directory. If you would like to fill out the directory form online, please go to <https://forms.gle/a9pebcFpRwqUTh1X8> or email the church (portpresby@gmail.com) for the link. The Directory and Church Photo Album will both be printed the week of May 15th.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS: Janet Brown, Beth Shoffner and Megan Chrzanowski come before the church family today. Welcome to the family of God!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please be in attendance for a Special Congregation Meeting TODAY, 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.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together): Lesson for the day- God give the Ten Commandments. "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.

PRAYER GATHERING: Starting this month there will be a prayer gathering on the last Sunday of the month to pray for specific segments of our community. This month we are 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 TODAY, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

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.

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). We will provide a study/reflection book, for those desiring to go deeper in their faith journey.

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!

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.

CHOIR MEMBERS: The choir will be singing on Mother's Day, May 14th. We will be singing the chorale "Now Thank We All Our God" #555. Rehearsals will be Sunday, May 7th and May 14th at 9 a.m. for as many of you as possible to join. If you have any questions, see Knight in church or call him at 847-533-5121.

CHILDREN SING/SIGN: On Mother's Day, May 14th, the children will be singing and signing. There will be practice TODAY 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.

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.

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./5-1:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Lay Preacher Training	7:00 p.m.
Tues./5-2:	Properties Committee	3:00 p.m.
	Christian Education Committee	4:00 p.m.
	Membership and Outreach	7:00 p.m.
Wed./5-3:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./5-4:	Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.
	Finance Committee	11:15 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.**