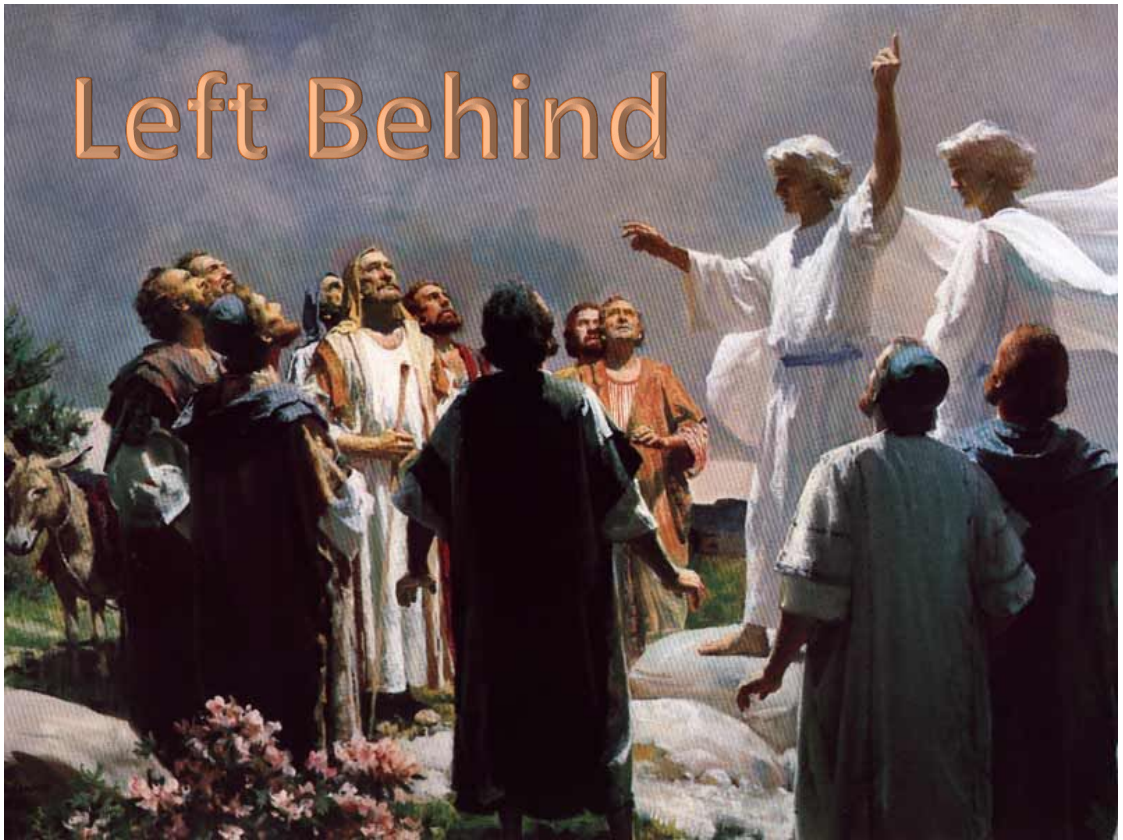


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SUNDAY
MAY 21, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(ASCENSION SUNDAY—"LEFT BEHIND")

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Roxie

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 WORDS**

We may not know the time or place of Christ's return.

But we know the Risen Lord and see Him before us.
We may not know what will happen in the future,
But we know God's Spirit will lead us into the future.
We may not know what God is doing next,
But we come as Christ's Church, trusting God for the future;
excited to discover it together.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Liturgist Dorinne

**Christ our Savior, as you ascended from this earth,
You left this earthly work to us.
You called us to keep Your movement going.
You called us to witness to the ends of the earth.
You called us to pray and heal.
You called us to give You all the glory.
But we have fallen short of Your call.
We have sought our own agendas.
We have resigned ourselves to the status quo.**

Forgive us. Strengthen us to do Your will.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Dorinne

Hear the amazing truth.

God in Christ Jesus is the One who has all the power.

Christ is the One who can judge and forgive.

Christ chooses to love us and to forgive all 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

Pastor Roxie

SCRIPTURES

Gospel Reading John 17: 7-11 (NIV) Liturgist Dorinne

Historical Reading

Liturgist Dorinne

Acts 1: 8-12 (Responsively)

Jesus says to the disciples: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

Epistle Reading

Pastor Roxie

1 Peter 5: 1-7 (Responsively)

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the

oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly.

³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must be subject to the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because God cares for you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Left Behind”

Pastor Roxie

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders: Steve Ahlquist, Sid LaFrance, Judith McLean, Anne Wilton

Deacons: Starrla Opferman, Pat Schattler

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Liturgist Dorinne
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 Dorinne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Roxie

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(The Singing and the Signing 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**

“The Church’s One Foundation” (v. 1, 2 and 4) #442

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Roxie

1 Peter 5: 6 and 7—(In Unison)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because God cares for you.

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress is our God Walther

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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. Invite them to Fellowship time. No one should be alone at Fellowship!
THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Dorinne Crowell. The greeters today are Sharon Levine and Gail MacBeth. Coffee hour host is Judith McLean. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Anne Wilton in memory of her husband, Bob Wilton, and their 42 years together on their anniversary 1977.

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.

NURSERY: Nursery Attendant Elizabeth Block is serving in the Nursery today, 9:30-11:30 a.m. She would love to care for your little one while you enjoy the service!

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together): Lesson for the day- God tells his people how to build the tabernacle. "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'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.

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 TODAY 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, TODAY 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Next Sunday Worship, May 28th is a very special worship service. Please wear "RED" for both Pentecost Sunday and for this Memorial Day Weekend.

PENTECOST OFFERING: Next Sunday, May 28th during worship the Mission Committee is having a special offering for Pentecost. The offering will be divided with 40% being retained to support our church's 'Ready, Set, Move!' Summer Camp (Vacation Bible School) in August. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

PRAYER GATHERING: Next Sunday, May 28th, at 7:00 p.m. please come to the Prayer Time so we can pray for current teachers, retired teachers and school administrators. If you cannot come, please let Pastor Roxie know any concerns that teachers in your circle of friends and family have so that we can pray for them. Also invite those teachers to come with you to the Prayer Group.

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!

DETROIT TIGERS GAME "HOME PLATE": Tickets are still available! Membership/Outreach Committee has booked and paid for a bus, and Sid LaFrance will drive. The bus will have a bathroom, and holds up to 54 people. Cost will be ONLY \$29.00 per person. Leave approx. 7:00 a.m. - arrive back in church parking lot approx. 5:30-6 p.m. A ticket to this event includes a program of athletes speaking about their careers in professional sports and faith in Jesus Christ at 9:30 a.m., an on-field Baseball Clinic at 11:00 a.m., AND a Baseball Game at 1:10 p.m. Invite your neighbors, friends and family! Please sign up and pay for your ticket ASAP at the front desk Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or call/text Michelle Fisher (810) 841-6072.

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.

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

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 June and July.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sun./5-21:Neighborhood Clean-Up	3:00 p.m.
Soup Potluck	4:00 p.m.
Mon./5-22:Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Tues./5-23:Worship and Music Committee	10:00 a.m.
Wed./5-24:Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./5-25:Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.
Sun./5-28:Pentecost/Memorial Worship	10:00 a.m.
Prayer Gathering	7:00 p.m.



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

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