

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 28, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(The Three Ds on the Day of Pentecost)

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

(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 Sid LaFrance

***OPENING WORDS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Sid

We worship an abundant God.

Who comes along side us through the Holy Spirit

We worship an amazing God

Who empowers us to speak the truth in love.

We worship a generous God,

**Who has granted us the privilege to know Jesus Christ
as our Lord and Savior. Thanks be to God.**

***OPENING HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (verses 1 and 3) #563**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Sid

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Sid

Infinite God, You come to us in many colors, shapes and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit You in our lives. We tend to like our control, rather than Yours. Forgive us, and set Your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to Your power and will in our lives. We want to follow You more faithfully, and love You more fully.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Sid

The Word of God is clear:

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be forgiven.

God draws us together and offers us His love.

God draws us together and gives us His forgiveness.

Alleluia! 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

Psalter Reading Psalms 104:24-35 (Responsively)

Liturgist Sid

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.**

²⁶ There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. ²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works—

³² The Lord who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.

Gospel Reading John 7:37-39

Liturgist Sid

Historical Reading
Acts 2:1-13 (Responsively)

Liturgist Sid and Pastor Roxie

Liturgist Sid:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue

rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Pastor Roxie

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking, Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

Left Side: “What does this mean?”

¹³ But others sneered and said,

Right Side: “They are filled with new wine.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

The Three D’s

Pastor Roxie

***HYMN**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Roxie

Special Music

Sid LaFrance and Gary Rhody

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Insert

(Congregation sings the Refrain and the Last Verse)

***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

Pastor Roxie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Roxie

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

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**

“God Bless America”

Insert

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Roxie

POSTLUDE

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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 or returned worshippers. 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 organist today is Gary Rhody, thank you for stepping in for Knight who is on vacation. Our liturgist today is Sid LaFrance. The greeter today is Gail MacBeth. Coffee hour host is Linda Hall. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Barbara Seymore and family, in memory of Alma Seymore.

THANK YOU: The Deacons would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Mother's Day special offering benefiting the Pathways Shelter for Woman and Children, and Carolyn's Place for victims of domestic abuse. The Deacons collected \$590.00 which will be given to the shelters.

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): The G.I.F.T. program has concluded for the school year. The G.I.F.T. program will be on recess for the summer and will resume in September. One option for families in the summer is the Beach Service, starting on Father's Day, June 18th, each Sunday at 8:00 a.m., Lighthouse Beach.

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.

PENTECOST OFFERING: During worship TODAY 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: Tonight, at 7:00 p.m. please come to the Prayer Time so we can pray for current teachers, retired teachers, school administrators and support staff. 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.

T-SHIRT INTEREST: Are you Team First Pres? Or are you Team Port Presby? Actually, it doesn't matter. What does matter is that the Membership and Outreach Committee is looking to revive an old favorite: FPC t-shirts. But it first wants to know how much interest there is among the congregation in owning one. To gauge the interest, a sheet has been placed on the office counter-- all we need at this time is your name and how many shirts you would like (don't forget the kids). We will take this information and put together a pricing package. Watch this space (or The Challenge Newsletter) for further updates!

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 before and after the video clip (based on the Gospels). We are in Season One (there are Three Seasons)—on Lesson 6, if you are watching the free series on your own. 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. You do not have to be a Biblical scholar to attend this class. Questions are welcomed.

LAY PREACHER/LITURGIST TRAINING: Monday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. for all those who would like to explore being a Lay Preacher (when the Pastor is on vacation) or Liturgist during the Sunday Worship time. You don't have to commit; you only have to be open to the possibility!

DETROIT TIGERS GAME "HOME PLATE": Tickets are still available for Saturday June 10th! 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.

BEACH SERVICES: The beach service is returning for the summer of 2023! Beginning Father's Day-Sunday, June 18th at 8:00 a.m. on Lighthouse Beach. Follow the sidewalk to the beach and you'll see the cross! Bring your blanket or chair, wear comfortable clothes, and enjoy a worship service with contemporary Christian music in a beautiful setting by the lake. We will continue to hold our 10:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church, as well. Come worship God together!

DETROIT ZOO FIELD TRIP: G.I.F.T. Children and their families end of year field trip will be Monday, June 19, 2023. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and caravan to the zoo. Tickets for zoo entry and lunch money will be provided! The zoo is open 9 -5 pm. Feel free to leave as needed or stay the whole day. Questions or to sign up, please call/text Laura Nurnberg (734) 642-6883. Or sign up on the sheet at the front desk.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./5-29: *Office Closed for Memorial Day*

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| Tues./5-30: Financial Counters | 9:00 a.m. |
| Christian Education Meeting | 4:00 p.m. |
| Wed./5-31: Stitch and Chat | 10:00 a.m. |
| Adult Class: The Chosen | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs./6-1: Adult Class: The Backstory | 10:00 a.m. |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 5th: Liturgist/Lay Preacher Training at 7:00 p.m.
June 10th: Detroit Tiger's "Home Plate" Event 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
June 18th: Beach Services Begin at 8 a.m. and Father's Day Nail Sale (at both services)
June 19th: Children's Detroit Zoo Trip at 8:00 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. In the summer, starting on June 18th, we have the Beach Service at the Lighthouse Beach at 8:00 a.m. and there is no live-streaming at that worship service.*

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