# WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 25, 2023 — 10:00 A.M.

PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

# ~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~ (Preaching Series: Ordinary Objects for Godly Purposes)

#### **PROCESSIONAL**

#### 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.

**PRELUDE** Our Father in Heaven J. S. Bach (During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and

mind for God's presence in worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Jill Emery

\*OPENING WORDS Liturgist Jill

We come to worship Almighty God.

We come to praise God the Father.

We come to worship the God who sent His Son.

We want to be like Jesus, God the Son.

We come to worship the God who cares for us.

We are moved by God's power in the Holy Spirit.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (verses 1, 2 and 3) #138

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Jill

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Jill

Gracious God, we try to follow your Word; to follow You each day; to love others when it is difficult; to work for the common good rather than for our own comfort. But it so easy for our lesser selves to get the best of us. We succumb to callousness and indifference. In Your mercy, send Your healing to those whom we have hurt; send Your mercy to our misguided souls. Help us to follow You once more. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

# WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Jill

Let us be reminded that God's Son died for our sins, once and for all.

Each day, we can come before Him and accept His forgiveness.

Each day, we can know the love of God because the Father claims us as His children.

Each day, we can be empowered by the Holy Spirit to embody the love of God, in all that we say and do. 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**

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 Liturgist Jill

**Gospel Reading Matthew 3: 13-17** Pastor Roxie

**Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 15:3-8** Liturgist Jill

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Pastor Roxie

SERMON A Three-Strand Cord Pastor Roxie

\*HYMN "Bind Us Together" Insert

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Jill

Called as Partners in Christ's Service John Zundel (1870)

# \*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 Jill

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

"In Christ There Is No East or West" (verses 1, 2 and 3) #439

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Roxie

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress setting by Pachelbel

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>FRIENDSHIP PADS:</u> 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 returning 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.

<u>BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH:</u> 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!

<u>THANK YOU</u> for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Jill Emery. The greeters today are Dorinne Crowell and Laura Nurnberg. Coffee hour host is Jacquie Green. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Ann Murphy and family in memory of William and Martha Jean Cleland.

<u>PNC PRAYER TIME:</u> 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.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together)/NURSERY: The G.I.F.T. program will be on recess for the summer and will resume in September. The G.I.F.T. and Nursery Rooms will be open and available every Sunday with the Worship Service being live streamed. Feel free to bring your child/children to either of these rooms to allow them to play while you watch the service on the TV.

<u>CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS:</u> Please have children pick up their activity bags from the G.I.F.T. room on their hooks for use during service. Feel free to take the children's bulletins home each week. There are extra coloring/activity sheets and stickers in the bags throughout the summer to provide for learning during the worship for the children. Activity bags are available for visiting children- they are located in the baskets in the sanctuary.

BEACH WORSHIP SERVICES: Please pick up a Beach Yard Sign so that your neighbors know that a beach worship is available to them. They are at the Parking Lot door. The Beach Worship Service is at Lighthouse Beach on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for the summer of 2023! If you are not a Beach Worship person with contemporary music and being outside, encourage your friends and family to come to the Beach Service—a great way to introduce your family and friends to a worshipful experience outside. A blanket or chair is needed and comfortable clothes. There will be activity bags for the children. Of course, we will continue to hold our 10:00 a.m. traditional worship service in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church, as well. There are probably people in your circle of friends/family who lean more towards the sanctuary service—invite them also. Worshipping God on Sunday morning helps us navigate the rest of the week!

<u>PRAYER GATHERING:</u> Throughout the month of June we have been praying for Boaters. Please join us by praying at 7:00 p.m. tonight, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Lighthouse Beach for the Prayer Gathering. If you cannot come, please let Pastor Roxie know any concerns that Boaters have, who are in your circle of friends and family. Also invite those Boaters to come with you to the Prayer Gathering.

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! 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 2 (there are three seasons so far)- Lesson 3, 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. These study books are in the parlor. Please pick one up! We are adding people every Wednesday so come! 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. JOB OPENINGS: We have two open paid positions here at FPC for the Christian Education Director and Marketing/Social Media Specialist. We have the job descriptions available on the office counter. Please pick one up if you know of someone who would be interested in these positions. READY, SET, MOVE! SUMMER CAMP: Starting Monday, Aug. 21st-Thurs. August 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have our summer camp (Vacation Bible School) from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The Christian Education Committee is looking for

volunteers. Please see the sign up form inside this weeks bulletin on the back of the insert to see where they need volunteers and sign up! Please put your sign up forms in the offering plates. If you have any questions please contact Laura Nurnberg.

NAME TAGS/BOXES: We now have mailboxes in the office vestibule! These mailboxes will be labeled, one per family. Inside you will find a nametag for each adult in your family. Please pick up these nametags prior to each worship service here at the church, and then put them back in your box when you leave for the day. This will be implemented next week.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION FAMILY NIGHT: This is a FREE family event during the Blue Water Fest (during the Mackinac Sailboat Race Week). The event is on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00 p.m. the lawn just Northeast of the 10th St. Bridge. We will have a table and will be handing out flyers for the rummage sale and our Ready, Set, Move! Summer Camp. Come help spread the Good News! If you would like to sign up for a time slot to volunteer, speak with Mark Schian, Laura Nurnberg or sign up on the sheet on the office counter.

YARD SALE: As our spring cleaning frenzy continues, please keep the Mission Committee's annual summer "indoor-outdoor" yard sale in mind as the new home for your "stuff." The sale will be August 4th and 5th, but you will be able to drop your items off at the church the week of July 16-20th. Drop off hours will be July 16th after worship and July 17th-20th from 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Either Bill Briscoe or a Mission Committee member will be available those days to lend you a hand with your things. *Please note: These are the only times items will be accepted for the sale.* All sale proceeds benefit various mission projects.

<u>CHURCH PHOTO ALBUMS:</u> The Church Photo Albums are complete. Look in your e-mails for an electronic copy. If you are interested in donating to

the cost for a hard copy, it is \$17 for each copy. Please sign up at the church office so we know how many hard copies we need.

<u>LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS:</u> 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.

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

<u>SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR/USHERING:</u> 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 July and August.

<sup>\*</sup>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 your children to sit in the front pew with their back facing the congregation or remain in their seats with you. In the summer we have the Beach Worship Service at Lighthouse Beach at 8:00 a.m., and there is no live streaming at that worship service.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sun./6-25:	Prayer Gathering at Lighthouse Beach	7:00 p.m.
Mon./6-26:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Tues./6-27:	Worship and Music Committee	10:00 a.m.
	Christian Education Committee	11:00 a.m.
Wed./6-28:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./6-29	: Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- July 4: Office Closed
- July 13: Operation Transformation Family Night 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- July 14: Memorial for Janice Bradley with Luncheon to follow
- July 16: Yard Sale Item Drop Off after worship
- July 17-20: Yard Sale Item Drop Off 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- July 30: Prayer Gathering 7:00 p.m.
- August 4-5: Annual Mission Committee Garage Sale
- August 21-24: "Ready, Set, Move!" Summer Camp (Vacation Bible School)
- August 25: End of Summer Celebration
- August 27: Prayer Gathering 7:00 p.m., Farewell Party for Jim and Michelle

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Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

Our mission is know the Love of God, grow in the Christian faith, and go share our faith in Jesus Christ.