

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON

FOLLOW
JESUS



SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR DAVID ASH

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(Preaching Series: ??QUESTIONS OF FAITH??)

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

Passing the Friendship Pad helps us to know who is here and to know whom we need to reach out to and say: "We missed you in worship." Please take a moment to sign-in and if you see that there is someone missing who usually sits close to you, take the time to call them this week and make sure everything is OK. For those of you who are visiting, please give us your contact information so that we can keep you informed about the ministries of this particular church family. To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.

PRELUDE

Now Come, Savior of the Heathen

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 Dorinne

***OPENING WORDS (Responsively)**

Jesus says: "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

Those who follow will have the light of life."

Jesus proclaims: "Whoever serves me, must follow me.

Where I am, my follower will be also."

**When we choose to honor Jesus,
we choose to worship God.**

Let us worship the One whom we follow.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

We confess that we do not always follow Jesus in all that we do and all that we say. Too often we love with conditions. We judge with harshness. We condemn others, casting the first stones; not being able to acknowledge our own sin. Help us Lord, to turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to be followers of Christ, in our love and service to You. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Dorinne

Because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

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 David Ash

SCRIPTURES

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 16-20

Pastor David

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor David

SERMON

JESUS SAYS: "FOLLOW ME"

Pastor David

***HYMN**

"I Danced in the Morning"

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Dorinne

Our God, to Whom We Turn

Harmonized by J. S. Bach

***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 David

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**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor David

POSTLUDE

Toccata in A Minor

Sweelinck

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please sign the Friendship Register. Make sure others around whom you are sitting have a chance to sign it, also. We welcome all of you to the worship God, especially those who are visitors. We welcome you as part of our church family; please give us your e-mail or phone number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church. The Friendship Sheets go in the Offering Plates. The sharing of our Friendship occurs at the Fellowship Time, following the worship service. You are all invited to Fellowship Time following worship. *No one sits alone at Fellowship Time.*

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Dorinne Crowell. The greeters today are Judith McLean and Sid LaFrance. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Barbara Seymore and Family in memory of Christina Kemerer and Gerald Kemerer.

PNC PRAYER TIME: Prayer is critical as Churches and Pastors discern what is in their future. Please pray each day for insight and energy for the PNC: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

JOB OPENINGS: We have two open paid positions for the Christian Education Director and Marketing/Social Media Specialist, starting in September. We want to have the new people overlap with Michelle (C.E. Director) and Jim (Marketing Specialist) over the summer. 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.

NAME-TAGS: Please don't forget to leave your nametag here in your mailbox so you will have it next Sunday.

BEACH WORSHIP SERVICES: If you are not comfortable with Outreach or Evangelism, then try a soft sell. Pick up a Beach Yard Sign so that your neighbors know that a Beach Service is available to them. They are at the parking lot door. Reaching out can be as easy as putting the sign in your yard.

GUEST PREACHERS: On July 30th, Pastor Roxie will be with her family and Pastor Tom Seppo, retired Director of Operation Transformation will be preaching at both services. He will bring a new perspective on the Word of God. Come and hear what he has to say. Pastor Roxie will be around during the week.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together)/NURSERY: The G.I.F.T. program resumes 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.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Please stop by the G.I.F.T. room and have your children pick up their activity bags 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. 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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES TO REMEMBER

STITCH AND CHAT: There are a group of women who meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to Stitch and Chat**. They are looking for more stitchers and chatters! Whatever your project—crocheting, knitting, sewing, helping with the hand quilting project, or just chatting, come! This is a fun and motivated group. If you have questions contact: Peggy Dempsey (810) 300-0429 or Gwen Spiess (308) 325-1317.

ADULT CLASS: "THE CHOSEN": Every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor, there are new people added to this wonderful study group that watches "The Chosen" film series together. We talk, we watch and we listen to each other. This coming Wednesday, we are on Season 2, Lesson 6. If you want the story of Jesus to come alive for you, mark your calendar and come, whenever you can! Join us. If you want to go deeper in your faith, a study/reflection book is also made available to you, located in the Parlor.

FOR THE CURIOUS MIND: "THE BACK STORY": **10:00 a.m. on Thursdays**: Next Thursday, July 27th, there will be No Back Story Class because Roxie will be with her family who have come to visit.

YARD SALE: The yard sale will be **August 4th and 5th**. All sale proceeds benefit the mission project for the homeless. If you can help, please volunteer by signing up in the binder on the office counter.

DISTRIBUTION OF DOORHANGERS/FLYERS: On **Sunday, July 30th, following Fellowship Time**, we will be going around our neighborhood to distribute doorhangers providing information about the upcoming Yard Sale and Ready, Set, Move! Summer Camp (VBS). Please talk to Mark Schian if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a memorial service for Evelyn Tinsley on **Tuesday, August 1st at 11:00 a.m.** at First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron with a luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall. A memorial has been set up in her name.

OPEN HOUSE: On **Sunday, August 13th** following worship we will be hosting an open house revealing the two new redecorated Christian Education rooms. Please join us for fellowship time in both rooms.

READY, SET, MOVE! SUMMER CAMP: Starting **Monday, Aug. 21st-Thursday, August 24th**, 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./7-24:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Wed./7-26:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 30 (Sunday): Pastor Roxie will be on vacation
Pastor Tom Seppo preaches on July 30 at both the Beach and Sanctuary Services.
- August 1: Memorial for Evelyn Tinsley at 11:00 a.m. at FPC with luncheon to follow
- August 4-5: Annual Mission Committee Yard Sale
- August 13: Open House for Christian Education Rooms 11:15 a.m.
- August 21-24: "Ready, Set, Move!" Summer Camp (VBS)
- August 25: End of Summer Celebration for Children and Adults
- August 27: Farewell Party for Jim and Michelle Fisher
Children's Swim Party at Pastor Roxie's home,
later in the day

**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.*

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

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**If you need to talk with Pastor Roxie, don't hesitate to call her
on her cell phone: 586-838-9053**